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## 1. John Allard

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is a time when we must get on and invest for the future with worthwhile projects. It is not a time to hold back.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'd be happy with a higher level. Wellington city has low residential rates. This is a time to invest. Whilst sympathising with those for whom a rates increase is more of a burden, there are rates relief schemes.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above. There is so much to be done. Now is the time to get underway.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Good, important projects.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?** not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?** not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 2. Chris Quirke

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The overall approach of the Annual Plan is very hard to assess given the lack of detail in the annual plan but it is not a positive step forward for Wellington. The lack of detail in the plan is even more concerning given the terrible financial position that the council has found itself in ("Borrowing is forecast to be \$871m at the end of the year"). One additional concern is the lack of any coherent plan for the Central Library. This is a key service for Wellingtonians, and a rate rise cannot be justified without there being a rapid re-opening of the Central Library (and whatever is required to achieve that). The convention centre needs to take a back seat to the re-opening of the Central Library.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council must review the rise in operating expenses. It is difficult to see how the council could justify a \$53 M rise in operating expenses when inflation is at record lows, and when we pay \$400K annual for a Wellington City Council CEO. Anyone paid that much must be expected to produce exceptional results, a \$53 M rise in operating expenses is not an exceptional result. Given all this I struggle to see how this rate rise is justified at all.

Furthermore a key council service is the Central Library, which is currently closed. The Council cannot justify a rate rise when the city is doing without such an important Council service.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See above.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Central Library must be the main priority for the Wellington City Council. None of these initiatives will have the same impact on Wellington as reopening the Central Library.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Please see the comments previously against the increasing rates; the same comments apply to the increase of fees.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

This draft annual plan does not include enough detail to properly assess the performance of the Council and the appropriateness of the Council's plans. The lack of a coherent plan for the Central Library is entirely inappropriate. The plan needs to include specific dollar values for each of the projects that require capital expenditure, e.g. how much is being spent on the conference centre.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

### 3. Curtis Nixon

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support most of the operational spends but I do not believe it is the Council's business to stimulate economic growth by building a convention centre or funding WellingtonNZ to support business. Business needs to be exposed to financial realities and sink or swim on its own merits. I also oppose the Council supporting or owning shares in Wellington Airport. The Council should sell the shares and let the airport's bloated, carbon-heavy operations undergo a natural die back. For example the proposed extension of the airport onto Miramar Golf Course is now totally inappropriate. I don't believe any of the forecast GDP numbers in any of these projects are real in any way.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council needs to strike a balance between keeping the rate's increase to an affordable amount for ratepayers while recognising the Council is under heavy financial pressure from a number of extraordinary areas such as the library, sewage sludge pipe repairs, and Covid-19 effects.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Going away from a 'rubbish' dump system to a resource recovery system makes sense in many ways, especially from an environmental one, but including for major financial reasons. All plastic waste including car tyres can be recycled using catalytic pyrolysis. All burnable wood/paper/cardboard waste can also be treated this way. Sewage sludge and all organic green waste can be processed in a waste digester to make methane gas, which can be burnt to make electricity. The current problems with these methods is that they aren't supported by business. The syn diesel needs a distribution system but since it is in direct competition with fuel companies the only way forward is for councils and government to use this fuel in its vehicle fleet, bypassing the fuel companies. The methane digester method needs to be setup by Council and shown to be viable when it can be taken over by private business in the same way the existing landfill methane capture and use as a fuel was developed by Council before being handed over to Nova Energy. The weed program is extremely important to recover lost biodiversity values in the cities parks and reserves. Council has done great work replanting areas with natives but there is a serious issue with invasive weeds, mainly tree and vine weeds that have the growth habit of forming impenetrable monocultures. This is undoing the good work of replanting, and is detrimental to native bird and animal life in the city. I

suggest leveraging off the predator-free volunteer trapping initiatives with Council supplying equipment, materials, training and leadership as required.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

While increasing landfill fees has the upside of creating funds for waste reduction initiatives it has the downside that the more people have to pay for rubbish disposal the large the degree of fly tipping or rubbish building up in the urban environment.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council libraries
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

**Additional information provided by email:**

Work Program

**Waste Diversion:** Home composting needs to be prioritised. As a flat dweller who has no private backyard I have been researching the most unobtrusive and least smelly method of composting, since I need to use the common garden area of my flat complex. The method that I have decided is optimal is a buried wheelie bin system that is promoted elsewhere as a method of disposing of pet faeces. A wheelie bin has the bottom cut out and holes drilled in the sides from the bottom to halfway up. The bin is buried with about 10cm above ground. This has the advantage that it is animal proof, with a tight fitting lid that has a handle for easy access. It is also fly-proof and smell-proof. As the food waste builds up soil, coffee grounds, or sawdust can be layered in to further prevent smell.

**Wellington Zoo:** Snow leopards. I totally reject the concept of keeping large animals such as big cats, giraffes and chimpanzees in confined enclosures such as at Wellington Zoo as a cruel, unethical and outdated practice. If they are to be kept in captivity they need to be in open-range game reserves. Wellington Zoo should phase out its large

animals and focus on small animals that can be kept in limited space in a reasonable simulation of their natural environment. Wellington Zoo should also focus much more on New Zealand birds and reptiles.

**Basin Reserve:** As part of the toilet refurbishment can I ask that these toilets be open for the public at times when there is no scheduled event at the Basin, for the standard times WCC opens its other public toilets. At present they are closed when there is no event there.

**Cycle network:** With the Covid-19 outbreak and ongoing social distancing on public transport cycling and walking need to be prioritised immediately. I have quoted from the Annual Plan below, in italics, with my critique following:

*"By 2028 the cycle network is expected to see connections developed to the south through Newtown, Berhampore and Island Bay; to the outer eastern suburbs, including Miramar, and Strathmore Park. This year work will continue on Evans Bay and Cobham Drive projects, and on developing the business case for the Southern Connections cycleway. This work will include the investigations on the Berhampore Village upgrade improvements following the engagement that occurred with the community during 2018. It will also enable the consideration of appropriate budgets to be allocated in the upcoming Long Term Plan."*

2028 is forever away for this work. It needs to happen within two years. In Berhampore we have been consulted for so long people have given up trusting anything WCC says about the cycleway/village upgrade. I doubt that WCC will be able to find any locals willing to participate in the next consultation about this, which inevitably will come, instead of getting on with the work. It is galling that the Island Bay upgrade is on the Council's list of ten shovel-ready projects for central government funding. Any other part of the cycleway network is a higher priority than that. The fact that it is NZTA money, not WCC funds is irrelevant to the perception that Island Bay has a high quality, functioning cycleway but WCC wants to spend more money there under cover of a village upgrade project.





## 4. Iman A

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Removal of the rate remission for the 2020-21 rating year and beyond is in direct conflict with your announced strategy of "stopping the majority of planned fee increases". It will also have an immediate impact on housing shortage and rental market by removing those incentives as fewer people will be encouraged to build new dwellings.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres I use Council swimming pools
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email and Newspaper

## 5. Neill Law

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

5.1% rates increases are outrageous! What planet are councillors on? Hidden in that plan are pet projects and giveaways that are totally unnecessary and inappropriate in the current environment. Councillors need to get real and actually make some hard decisions around priorities rather than just pumping citizens for cash. Disgusted.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's outrageous

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because it still doesn't involve not spending as much - which is the problem

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These luxuries would be great IF council had had its financial house in order previously. Unfortunately, years of profligacy means we simply can't afford them.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't care. I worry that the waste initiatives will be ineffective nonsense/another example of pet projects that waste money

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Your constituents aren't an inexhaustible well of money. It would be lovely to have some cash to splash around in times like this, but that opportunity has been wasted by years of poor decision making and even poorer spending decisions. Council failed to get its financial house in order during the good times, now it doesn't have the resource to help out in the bad times.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 6. Lester Young

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council needs to focus on core essential services for the local community and ensure ratepayers needs a meet before expanding into more ambitious plans

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not agree with any rate increases in the current financial climate

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not agree with any rate increases in the current financial climate

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 7. Muhammad Houqe

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is not the ultimate solutions to increase rates.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's reasonable. Council should explore alternative income sources.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 8. Sue Eayrs

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There are good points on both options.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Option 2 works out a less increase for rate payers over the 2 years.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Option 2 works out a less increase for rate payers over the 2 years.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I couldn't believe how much it costs for a car with general waste when I read your information.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It is vitally important to keep the rates rebates for first home owners and for low income rate payers. I was going to apply for the first home owners rate rebate last year but the code of compliance didn't come through in time so I am applying for it this year.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other (please specify)

## 9. Jackson Noble

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The 2 options provided are for a rates increase of 15.65 and 16.6% over the next years, these should not be options given the current environment. This needs to be revised to more acceptable level.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is a 15.6% increase over the next 2 years, this is not acceptable given the current environment and we're looking to be entering into a depression, something that we have not seen for decades.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is a 16.6% increase over the next 2 years, this is not acceptable given the current environment and we're looking to be entering into a depression, something that we have not seen for decades.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's too cheap and easy to take things to the dump, increasing fees might encourage people to recycle or sell things that could be reused. At the same time if you increase fees to much then people will dump rubbish in road reserves etc, so it's a balancing act.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

REVISE YOUR RATES INCREASES!!! Both options are not acceptable

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 10. Rebecca Fisher

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Given the present circumstances I oppose ANY rates increase. The council needs to cut it's expenses to fit income not raise it's income to meet expenses! This is what private enterprises are required to do and will have to continue to do for the next 2+ years! we reduced our rent on our property since L4 to assist our tenants who both work in hospitality - we heard the Govts call to be kind. why isn't WCC being kind? we have lost over \$850 in rent during this time when we hold a large mortgage over the property and our home we live in. we are by no means rich just trying to make ends meet WCC need a 0% increase option and focus on storm water and waste water - forget cycle ways and paly grounds they can be deferred as essential items need attention not nice to haves!

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Need 0% increase this is what i support + a rebate - WCC haven't provided services for 6 weeks of 52 - where is our 11.54% refund?

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Prefer 0% but this is better than 5.1%!

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

forget arts - that helps no one People can fund their own energy audits - the Govt has already required us to insulate for get that! why do a green infrastructure stormwater demonstration project? don't demo it just do it in future years when we have the available funds Heritage buildings need to go they are EQ prone and always will be The council lets road sides boom with weeds so weed seed grow a lot - get groups to control in their area. that's what we do inc rodent control. i would rather see an increase in rodent control and funding for the Sanctuary Roads are fine currently and safe

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

user pays is good. we don't use the dump only tip shop

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

yes families in wgtn and local people are amazing and will suffer - consider curbing your spending and 0% pay increases as the public servants have done in fact some could also do with a 20% pay decrease - then get on with the essential services not fluffy stuff around the edges we need to re build the economy not take from hard working kiwis and increase rates to won a home is hard enough - we pay over \$6k to WCC for our two properties and i fail to see the direct value we get from this. buses are also a shambles- how about pick one thing and figure it out eg storm water and do it right and well then you will have our support. VOTE 0% Increase!!!!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

**Additional information provided by email**

Why is WCC doing the canvassing of a survey now when so many of our Wellington community are very distracted and busy trying to survive the impacts of Covid19? I STRONGLY urge WCC to extend the consolation and halt the process! also publish data on amounts of \$ spent on consultants and staff

do a plan and costing for actual rate SAVINGS (ie rebates) for what it would look like and cost if the council provided baseline essential services ie water / road maintained no arts and nice to haves - this is what 1000's of Wgtn businesses and families will be doing and have done over the last 8 weeks and will need to continue to do for probably the next 8+ months!

## 11. Peter Nicholson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A 5.1% increase is just unbelievable in these times. WCC get your head out of the sand 0% or a rates cut are the only options. Stop being tone deaf. Look at your cost base and stop bleeding ratepayers at a time it's your job to step up and serve

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Refer above comment. Tone deaf wcc council. Cut your own costs

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See previous comments. 0% increase only option at this time. How ignorant can councillors be

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 12. Jim Bowler

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

To increase rates in this environment is absurd No consideration given to the fact that fewer rate payers will/are able to meet that financial commitment A moratorium should be held on rates 5 percent increase in today's economic environment is not on! Please reconsider and act responsibly for those that pay the account for rates!

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Lack of support! Refer to previous comment

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

No support! Refer to previous comments

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

No support Refer to initial comment

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

### 13. Bronwen Shepherd

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am happy to pay higher rates for better water quality infrastructure, shift for climate change adaptation and environmental initiatives supporting entities like Zealandia adapt to reduced tourism, but also supporting community efforts, wider pest control And weed control

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think a rates rise is practical at this time. Home owners even with debt are actually more wealthy, and everyone can benefit from the investment right now.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think we should stick to 7.5% increase

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Infrastructure spend is focused on EQ resiliency, water upgrades rather than building roads (ka pai!)

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Regardless of covid we NEED to reflect actual environmental costs when we charge fees. The earth can no longer absorb this for us

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

House prices in wellington have grown more than 7% in the last year, so why would we not continue to increase rates accordingly ...

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 14. Laura Jamieson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Agree with all the main points. Prudent that rates do increase, a sensible amount, to ensure no decrease in service

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As high a rates increase as possible, within the current climate, makes sense long-term and makes good financial sense for the future of the city

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not happy with the financial situation this would put us in

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All of them are super important areas for investment

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Would be fine with some fees increases, but like the ring-fenced and specific approach. Prefer a user-pays approach to southern landfill

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

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## 15. Courtenay Jamieson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Mainly in regards to the rates increase. Given the current financial situation and also the current rent freeze I am not sure council expect rate payers to be able to afford the proposed higher increase.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Due to already constrained financial situations, loss of income and rent freezes, I believe this is not the right decision. Rate payers are already under a lot of financial pressure, adding an extra 5% to rates will only make things worse as we are still coming out of covid 19, and I gather that the worst is yet to come. Now is not the right time to increase rates and increase pressure on families.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The opposite reasons of what I outlined above basically. As we are only just coming out of covid 19, and the worst may yet still be to come, putting less pressure on rate payers at this point in time, where there is still so much uncertainty is much preferred.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 16. Georgina Lewis

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I haven't read it, I do not have the head space whilst dealing with a global pandemic and working as an essential worker, however I am here to respond to the proposed 5% increase.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Nearly everyone is hurting from the financial crisis. As a single person who owns a house, rates form a huge financial burden on me. Knowing my income is falling and rates are going up blows my mind. The timing seems really off. Latest figures I could find online for staff pay at WCC are from 2016: \$100,000 - \$119,999.99: 78; \$120,000 - \$139,999.99: 43; \$140,000 - \$159,999.99: 35; \$160,000 - \$179,999.99: 13 ; \$180,000 - \$219,999.99\*: 10; \$220,000 - \$339,999.99\*: 11; \$400,000 - \$419,999.99: 1

In comparison: Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand. Salary - NZ\$471,049 WOW! Just wow at these huge pay packets of the WCC team! I can't believe the Exec team has only taken a 10% pay rise. I am disappointed more people are not taking pay cuts and I am very disappointed the executive team is only taking a 10% pay cut. AND you want me to shell out an extra 5%. Talk about greedy!

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

You guys need to get a LOT more creative with your figures and tighten your belts in other ways.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These could be partially funded by greedy staff taking a pay cut!!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

'polluter pays' is reasonable

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 17. Leila Jamdar

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The removal of the rate remission for the 2020-21 rating year and beyond will have an impact on the housing crisis and rental market as fewer people will be encouraged to build new houses.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 18. Josh Briggs

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

How can you mention you're aware of families struggling then on the other advertise such a high increase? There should be no increase at this time. Cut costs, toll roads, whatever it takes. No increase.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Better than the higher rates increase but needs to be lower still.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 19. Kara Isaac

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the general approach but disagree with some of the detail e.g. the Central Library has been vacant for over a year now, why has progressing redevelopment/decisions not been treated with more urgency?

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellingtonians are facing rising unemployment and reduced incomes. Many of our businesses are making staff redundant or cutting their hours/pay. The council needs to respond appropriately and keep rates rises to a minimum, ideally nothing. It needs to focus on core business and cut any expenditure that is "nice to do" but not critical. Focus must be laser sharp on what only council can provide and deliver - core infrastructure (especially waste water), libraries, facilities, playgrounds, waste collection, roading maintenance etc. Things that are not core business should not be funded. For example, the Sexual Abuse Prevention Network and other community groups while incredibly worthy causes doing important work are not core business and ratepayers should be allowed to decide for themselves if they want to support them.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rates rises should not increase dramatically in future as a result of this option. Like households all over New Zealand who need to dramatically slash discretionary expenditure to make ends meet the council must do the same with an intensive line by line review.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All of these are discretionary nice to have projects. In times of economic prosperity they are fine, but when faced with a recession/depression they should not be funded.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Shows awareness of the economic situation, feels are ring fenced to those particular areas.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Redeveloping/strengthening the Central Library must be the #1 priority for the council. It has a hugely important and sorely missed community asset used by families, students, workers, the elderly, freelancers, the homeless and thousands of others. It is appalling that it has now sat empty for over a year and a decision still has not been made about its future. It is a far bigger asset and resource to the whole of Wellington than things like the Town Hall which predominantly serve the privileged elite.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

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## 20. RJ Laris

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Very vague

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A slightly higher increase will help prevent debt

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Less debt for future generations

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

User pays... Library, pool and sport fields charges should increase... For those who use them. Why should one pay through rates when one does not use them. Cyclists should also help out for cycle lanes.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 21. Ben Nistor

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The spending and projects look like a good balance

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It will be hard for ratepayers to accept the proposed 14% increase in rates next year if we were to only adopt a 2.3% increase this year.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It will be very difficult to have a rates rise of 14% in the subsequent year as currently outlined.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Weed management and road improvements - absolutely! Although I would prefer to see cycle projects given greater priority in this annual plan (especially given how many more people want to be able to safely use their bikes as shown during level 3 and 4)

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Agree that polluter pays is signal that needs to be sent. This should be expanded into wastewater and water consumption. Parking should also be subject to an increase as we look to get people out of cars and back onto public transport.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Level 3 and 4 showed us what our city could be if we made it truly centered around active transport and how popular it can be when the routes are safe. Let's make this a reality for more people on a daily basis and continue to provide safer options for active transport while discouraging individual car use.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- E Newsletter, Email and Social media

## 22. Shane Crowe

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rates should be increased as much as sustainably possible to reduce future debt. It ensures the cost and benefits to run the city is evenly distributed for everyone rather than taxing soft targets such as parking or landfill costs.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Ratepayers need to pay the highest sustainable amount possible to reduce debt and provide improvements. The current COVID-19, significant Water utility, transport and other expenses, as well as unforeseen ones, will be primarily funded from and for the city.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is untenable to defer or pass these costs to future generations who are generally struggling financially trying to purchase a place to live.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The annual marina fees are low and the annual increases are nominal. The tip fees are moderately high but may help discourage unnecessary waste.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please consider carefully the loss of parking. There is a significant risk of killing the goose that pays it's way and reducing the benefit to all users. Many cyclists and wheeled transport users park-and-ride for work and recreation, especially around Oriental Bay and Evans Bay. As well as many ocean users. Removing parks is likely to discourage those you are encouraging to enjoy the city. Common sense suggests the formed public roads provide functional transport space for all considerate users.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 23. Andrea Black

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I really want more cycle lanes.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 24. Simon Louisson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to invest in our community to make our city the most liveable it can be and rates are a fair way to do this as the more valuable your land the more you contribute.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>
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Definitely Support
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**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I fully support the concept of polluter pays

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I believe the council must have a top priority of restoring the central library. This should be above building the Convention centre. The whole of the Civic Centre needs to be fixed ASAP. This council needs to get things like done now, not tomorrow. One of the things the Lockdown has taught us is the joy of restoring our streets to people rather than cars. All streets that are not thoroughfares should be deemed "People Priority Streets" - meaning pedestrians and bikes have priority and motor vehicles would be liable to ensure their safe passage. It is well past time the Let's Get Wellington Moving plan was enacted as agreed (with no reprioritisation of the unnecessary Mt Vic tunnel). We need liveable streets, not fast moving streets.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

## 25. Ali Abroudi

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

mainly due to Covid-19, it is unfair to ask for rate increase as many people have been directly/indirectly impacted by it.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

mainly due to Covid-19, it is unfair to ask for rate increase as many people have been directly/indirectly impacted by it.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with improvements as long as the costs are not supposed to be paid by ratepayer this year due to Covid19 problem.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

One of the important areas related to rates that I want WCC not to remove is the Rate Remission for New Builds because due to Covid19, there has been a lot of pressure on people especially first home buyers (first home builders). Therefore, the rate remission should definitely continue to exist.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 26. Patrick Wilkes

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

- maintaining the level of services the council provides - borrowing to cover loss of income - balance of lower rates increase now with higher increase next year - maintaining the work programme - COVID-19 recovery package

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Seems like a reasonable compromise.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Defers too much to future years to cover the shortfall. Infrastructure spending is crucial, we must continue to make Wellington a more resilient city, the risks posed by climate change and natural disasters have not gone away.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These projects are good, but the money allocated to them is very modest. This amount of investment isn't going to get us much 'better building'. I support the council doing much more in this area.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I understand the compromise here but if Wellington is going to make any impact on its waste problem we have to strongly discourage people from putting more and waste in a huge hole in the ground. Landfill charges have to increase to reflect the true cost to future generations of our 'throw away' culture.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please be bold and courageous in your decisions, show leadership and push for change where it is needed.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 27. Nick Ruane

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'm not fully convinced that the Council didn't look at Debt financing in this low interest rate environment to finance long term infrastructure spending.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Govt is currently arguing that the current time is the cheapest time to borrow money to Debt finance, Why isn't this a Good time to Debt finance future infrastructure spending?

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am very dissappointed that WCC has for a long time failed to support, as many other Councils have supported building Accessible infrastructure such as Universal Design compliant Council Housing, improvements to roads and footpaths to make them accessible to people in wheelchairs and for parents with prams.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I definitely support increasing charges at the Landfill as I think that the creators of waste should shoulder the cost of at least a partial solution to the storage of that waste. I'm not happy with the increase in user charges as they disproportionately impact those Wellingtonians who have the least ability to pay, namely those on low incomes, Disabled people, Maori, & Pacifica peoples.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I'm not happy with the way that WCC engages with communities when formulate policies such as the Annual Plan. The way that the Council has engaged with, for example disabled people, for years has left the community feeling talked to and at by Council staff and Councillors.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Through a Ward-inar
- Word of mouth

## 28. Daniel Warsaw

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Given the current economic climate, I support the prudent use of debt funding to ensure current service levels and limit future rates increases.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Given the current economic climate, generally the lowest rates increase possible would be most preferable, however it is clear the future impact from Option B will see even greater rates increases in coming years. Therefore I feel Option A is the most prudent and balanced option on offer, upon reviewing and considering the limitations of Option B.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am concerned about the pop-up cycleway proposed between Greta Point and Cobham Drive. While I'm wholeheartedly in support of a permanent cycleway being developed between these points, as a resident of Evans Bay Parade I am concerned the temporary cycleway may not take into account issues such as resident parking, impact on existing pedestrian amenities, and potentially may not be aesthetically designed to fit with the unique cultural and natural heritage along this route. I ask that a suitable consultation and design process still occurs, albeit sped-up, so that we can ensure another Island Bay cycleway situation does not disrupt our community, as a result of this well-meant temporary measure.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

not answered

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

not answered

## 29. Andrew Wharton

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Core infrastructure: roads, three waters, community assets, need to be upgraded to a reasonable level of use.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

**Change requested:** In the Transport work programme, Wellington City Council should amend the Long Term Plan to include building a footpath along Onslow Road from Hutt Road intersection to 80 Onslow Road (on the eastern side). Current situation: This busy road currently has no footpath at all except in a few short stretches, forcing pedestrians onto the narrow car lanes. There have been several near-misses of cars almost hitting each other trying to safely pass pedestrians and cyclists going along Onslow Road. **Rationale for the footpath:** A footpath here will connect the Hutt Road footpath with the footpaths further up Onslow Road and into Khandallah, encouraging walking by local residents. A footpath up this stretch could also be used by less-confident cyclists. As well as increasing the amount of walkers by increasing pedestrian safety, this footpath would also reduce the risk of cars crashing into other cars, cyclists or pedestrians. This is consistent with the Council's goals of increasing alternative transport modes and reducing dependence on cars, and increasing connectivity for vulnerable residents.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

### 30. Graham Dray

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Whilst we all understand that council needs to provide the essential services we all require, they must also understand we are in difficult times with people losing jobs and having no pay increases going forward in the next year. Big ticket items like the convention centre will be good to have going forward, but the simple idea that people will not be able to visit pay for attractions and those nice to have things like lunch out and coffee in a cafe. i will be receiving no pay increase this year. That equates to giving up certain things or not being able to pay for some things. Therefore the simple fact the council is asking for 5.1% and 10% or possibly higher in year 2 will be too much for some people. Go back to basics, start with a new spreadsheet and cut out the nice to haves.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As per my previous comments. However 10% is totally unacceptable into next year

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As per my previous comments. However 14% is totally unacceptable into next year

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Some of these i agree on and some not

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Increasing landfill runs the risk of people disposing elsewhere

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please think about what and how these sort of increases impact on people. This is a time to go back to basics, push aside the large ticket items that are not essential services for another two years. This is a time to consolidate your finances, do the essential work like infrastructure. People will remember this prudent approach and how the council- notably the Mayor and Councillors- have acted during these unprecedented times. They will also come election time remember the not so prudent approach.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 31. Russell Tregonning

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Need more than 'minor' roading improvements . No mention of cycle lane construction. Need widespread , physically- separated and joined up cycle lanes to encourage this healthy and climate friendly transport option. It will take cyclists and scooters off footpaths, thus relieving pressure on footpaths making them safer.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please find an alternative use for the \$ spent on a new convention centre. It will likely never pay its way as international travel for conferences is likely to markedly diminish as the need for climate initiatives are so vital. Air travel should be strongly discouraged until climate-friendly fuels are developed. The need to speed up 3-water infrastructure & fix the pipes, open a central library and the associated precinct and get the town hall project finished are all much better ways to spend our money. Please don't build this convention centre--a white elephant in the making.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 32. Neil Anderson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't believe that Wellington City Council understands the financial pressure upon ratepayers - particularly after Covid 19 collapsing our businesses.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This level of rates rise does not recognise the financial pressures now upon ratepayers and small businesses in Wellington.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellington City Council needs to live within a fair budget - at present the city offers more 'bells and whistles' than is necessary' For example: - Endless road works around Khandallah and surrounding areas - for berms and other items with no value - Maintaining underused facilities such as the Khandallah Library - Offering a public programme that is not focused on the public nor able to earn reasonable income (I am not suggesting door charges) - for example: at the City Art Gallery - Running duplicate services/amenities in a range of separate buildings - whereas other places like Horowhenua, Upper Hutt and others provide multiple services/amenities in one location e.g Te Takere Although we note that WCC has provided the new Johnsonville hub facility. - It is time for a complete review of the city's strategy and budget. - Rates increases need to match the CPI - no more - as now many ratepayers/landlords/tenants have collapsed incomes and Kiwisaver.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These are 'nice to have' options.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A focus just on fees is not enough - reconsider the business and operational model for most services. I am not advocating a thatcherite slash and burn - but rather ensuring that the services and amenities are truly focused on the full public and where possible, bring in income streams to help do this.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

### 33. Di Berry

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There's no vision in the plan for Wellington's present + future. It's light on detail and doesn't address the core issues for Wellington: it's extra-ordinarily poor waste collection policy, lack of clear roading + transport policy, and badly-focussed rebuilding policy (how many years is it since the earthquakes? A convention centre, when WCC can't even provide a plan to rebuild the library!) and thus doesn't adequately focus on the fundamentals, now very necessary given the economic climate for NZ + the wider global community.

2. The emphasis on ratepayers being a cash cow, always able to be squeezed for more financial input, is poor. WCC should live within its budget, not rely on annual rating and other increases in its spending each year.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I would prefer to see WCC live within its budget and not assume rates can be increased every year to provide for its expenditure. Given the uncertain economic climate, it should focus only on fundamental expenditure - waste, water, transport, housing, etc. If however an increase occurs, it's preferable to minimise its impact by spreading it out over some years, rather than sharp increases whose impact will be damaging

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

For the same reasons I've entered immediately above. I support WCC 'living' within a budget and not increasing rates at all. If however they occur, the wider impact over more than one year is important to minimise damaging ratepayer expenditure, which has an impact on the entire community, both commercial and residential ratepayers and non-ratepayers.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I would prefer to see WCC focussing only on the fundamentals of its role. However the overall amount is not substantial so I'm not opposed to them. Like many WCC proposals, there's a lot of emphasis on investigation ('business case', 'audits', 'demonstration project', 'investigations') and not much input into solid projects with an immediate benefit. Wellington + NZ are overwhelmed by projects and community groups doing good works; how much more expenditure is needed on reports.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because the increases are tagged. Let's hope that's where the money goes. Provided the focus of the landfill fees is positive, then its a good initiative. If however - like the policy of charging for WCC yellow garbage bags - the result is more rubbish discarded in public places, and streets, outside the landfill (as I see on my frequent walks through the parks, streets, and hills), then it will need to be revisited.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

1. WCC should work to live within a budget rather than assuming annual rate increases are its means to management.
2. It should focus on core activities and when funds permit provide the nice-to-haves. 'Core' includes provision of facilities beneficial to the community, including concert halls, libraries, recreation centres, but not convention centres. If the latter was needed, major sponsorship should have been sought.
3. WCC should be much more agile and clear in its policy areas - it's one of the least transparent authorities.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 34. Helen Lomax

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Ratepayers will spend more if they have money to spend...increasing rates won't achieve this. Need to review and reduce costs and make service level reductions such as marketing, economic development, public events and revisit the capital programme particularly delay the conference centre, library and town hall, but not the infrastructure work e.g. water care. Establish shared services with other Wellington region councils to reduce region's council staffing and governance costs. Review rents model for social housing proposed reductions are too large, make more modest and lobby central government, and it should only be for people who can't afford market rates.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Too high, no rates increase as new valuations won't be sustained so inflates value. Services need to be cut and capital building works deferred unless they have funding partners

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Prefer no increase as rates and this option makes insufficient cost savings like canning a conference centre, staffing efficiencies ..these won't be desired post covid will become white elephants

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Totally support, we need to pivot to more environmentally sustainable options, these align well with that

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21
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Somewhat support
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**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Council needs to do more to ensure recyclables and compostables can be better sorted at the landfill

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Masks should be compulsory on public transport and school buses for foreseeable future. Metered parking fees should rise to encourage use of public transport.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recreation centres
- Other (please specify)
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

### 35. Chris Jerram

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council can't afford not to receive appropriate levels of funding to maintain the city assets, infrastructure and facilities like the Zoo. While an increase in rates is unappetising, it is necessary to ensure the city doesn't go backwards

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As previously commented - the city can't afford not to continue to invest in capital and infrastructure spending to ensure we don't push the problem down the road for another 5-10yrs

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I can understand why others would support this with the current economic climate, but this is counter-productive to what we need to be doing as a country to get the economy back on track

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I believe the Councillors who put these recommendations forward have been voted into Council because of their strong values around sustainability and supporting Wellington's natural environment. These initiatives are a great way to make Wellington an even more green and liveable city for future generations

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In the same way that I have supported the higher rates increases, I think if it is required and costs have increased, the fees charged by council should reflect these increased costs accordingly. I also strongly support increasing landfill fees.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- Other (please specify)
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 36. Zach Andrew

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In the current climate, many people are jobless, on reduced income, unable to meet mortgage repayments or pay the rent, unable to put food on the table, and face so much uncertainty. I strongly oppose any rates increase and urge the WCC to take a compassionate, considered approach, especially given you put up the parking rates for the CBD and take a unique approach in requiring residents to purchase rubbish bags (whereas other councils build these costs into rates). If you are absolutely required to increase rates, I urge you to take option B. Even though it puts pressure on future ratepayers, future ratepayers are the ones who face greater financial certainty and benefit from the economic recovery. Please think long- term.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As per my previous answer

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't support any rates increase, but I understand that these are difficult times for everybody. If there absolutely MUST be a rates increase, it should be as little as possible. But I want to reiterate that I don't support any increase this year.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support the \$150k increase in funding for Home Energy Audits to improve the energy performance of Wellington houses for this year. However, the remainder of these projects could be deferred to another year. The perception is that these other projects, particularly investment in the arts are just vanity projects that won't create meaningful employment or improve wellbeing. These are unprecedented times and require a rethink. You can't expect to simply follow through on the draft plan and proposals developed before this crisis. You need to be agile in responding to the changing needs of the Wellington community. People need financial security and well thought out proposals. For example, a great idea would be ensuring homeless have places to stay safe as we head into winter, ensuring our footpaths and cycle paths are wide enough to maintain social distance.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support keeping the fees where they are. I oppose increasing landfill fee to help fund polluter pays. Your residents (ratepayers and renters) already pay through the, quite frankly, ridiculously expensive \$12.55 per 5 pack of WCC mandated rubbish bags. This is a huge cost for some families. Wellingtonians in general are a very green conscious bunch. You should be thinking about other ways to help us reduce

waste and recycle, rather than hitting us where it hurts the most; the wallet. Especially in these times. Increasing landfill fees (and how much rubbish bags cost) won't change the amount of waste that households have to produce. Most people are doing the best they can. By increasing these fees you're punishing, rather than rewarding, good behaviour. It's not a good argument to say "polluters pay" because waste generation is inevitable. Your efforts should be focussed on stopping the waste produced in the first place. Look at the businesses producing excess packaging,

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I urge you to really think about the decisions that will kick Wellingtonians while they're already down. Those that hurt the wallet are those that hurt your community the most. Of course there are many worthy initiatives and it would be great to fund them all as quickly as possible. But the world has changed. This year needs to focus on recovery within existing baselines. Subsequent years can focus on rebuilding and improving.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

### 37. Peter Stewart

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

During these Very difficult times for all including councils etc I would think we all need to prioritize all spending and only do what is absolutely necessary. That said we still need to keep the money moving around to keep the economy going. but local and we need to spent money on the basic infrastructure that has been neglected of TOO Long...And I have a special interest in getting the library fixed as it is TOO important to the city to remain as it is currently with no future..

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

see earlier comments

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

see earlier comments- need to limit any increase but provide basic needs of the city without any of the nice to have extras

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

only do the things that wont be done without council involvement ie central government needs to cover more of these items

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I would not want to see people not using the tip and just dumping rubbish cost may influence dumping to increase

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

See my other comments

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

### 38. Derek McCorkindale

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because proposed rate increase alternatives are provided

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This level is unacceptably high. The annual rate of CPI for the year ended 31 March 2020 was 2.5%. To propose a rates increase which is double the rate of inflation is not appropriate.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This level is below inflation and will be a more affordable burden for ratepayers.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is not a time for new initiatives. Priorities should be on repairing and maintaining core infrastructure.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These questions are bizarre! they contain contradictory positions!!! "I support or oppose...". In any event I support increasing landfill fees and i support not increasing the majority of fees and charges.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Yes the financial impact of borrowing should be spread over more than 10 years as infrastructure assets have a much longer life than this therefore benefiting several generations of ratepayers. To achieve improved intergenerational equity the debt burden/costs should be spread over a much longer time frame than 10 years.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

### 39. Aine Meek

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The rates increase is less than previously forecast. We need to ensure that our basic services are maintained and enhanced as in the case of our Three Waters project. I approve of the attention given to ensure that future projects are environmentally friendly.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is less than previously planned and ensures less onerous debt repayment over the next 10 years.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See previous comment

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

re the Build Heritage Incentive Fund: I think we are overstating the heritage value of some of our buildings which should instead be razed and rebuilt- eg The Central Library and The Council buildings.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As long as the increased fees for the Southern Landfill do not result in waste being dumped elsewhere.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

What is happening with the proposed development at Shelley Bay? Re recycling: Is WCC co operating with other Councils nationwide to develop a national recycling programme so that we in NZ can deal with our own recycling products effectively and efficiently?

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

## 40. Sophie Richardson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not agree with the proposed rate increase of 5.1%

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

My view is that, like central Govt, the WCC should look at other funding options at this time, such as raising debt. WCC has borrowings of less than 10 per cent of it's assets and has access to very cheap funding sources. This is no time to increase rates when a lot of people's income is going to take a hit.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I recognise that an increase may be necessary but think WCC is in a good position to borrow money to see Wellington through this tough time.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other (please specify)

## 41. Aime Lightbourne

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that we need to keep basic service levels, and I don't want WCC to borrow too much against the future. I think we have to accept that 2020 has been a bad year in terms of reduced council income due to COVID, and the draw on our spend is high due to water issues, transport system upgrades, earthquake strengthening. There are examples of previous councils leaving it to future councils to cover the cost of problems that arise. Let's not do that to our future generations. My uncertainty around agreeing with the overall approach is that many people have lost their jobs or have reduced income due to COVID, and that will continue to be a problem in a recession that will last at least 18 months, likely longer. I think any increase in council projects and costs + rates rises needs to be done gradually.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't like it, but I agree with it. 2020 and 2019 have been tough years, we have to suck the lemon.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

a lower rates rise stands with my thoughts on a gently gently approach to helping us deal with the water, transport and earthquake issues we are dealing with.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think we might need to shelve the 'nice to haves' in favour of 'what we need' - water pipe issues, cycleways...

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As much as I appreciate cheap disposal at the tip, and I have used it often, COST & FEES are the sometimes the only motivator for change to environmentally sustainable activity for many.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** E Newsletter

## 42. Hugh McGuire

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a difficult decision for Wellingtonians because with the first option preferred this would recover impacts of COVID-19. I'm looking forward to seeing more shovel ready projects such as Civic Square revamp and the bus lanes rollout as part of Let's Get Wellington Moving. This will cost millions but each part of the city area would be targeted when it comes to projects that not all households and business owners would have to pay for because it's where infrastructures are held nearby such as water, wastewater and stormwater to manage as opposed to invest in a decade of treating water in the capital.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This option said that further rate increases would significantly impact the ratepayers because this council should be flexible with funding tools such as targeted rating for projects for instance. While it's important to minimise the impact of COVID-19, the council is going to rely on the borrowing before repaying it's debts. We can't neglect projects, services, and marketing for Wellington because Wellington is one of the competitive metropolitan cities with Auckland, Christchurch and Hamilton. We must attract locally, nationally and internationally. The bottom line to that is we must take account of recovering COVID-19 and get on for Wellington.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is not the council's option and would not recover debts and cover costs. Otherwise, Wellington will go backwards being competitive. So we must make sure that this capital is not a dying city as this rumour's been a wake-up call in the last decade. We must protect Wellington by all means with industry hubs so that'll complement with other cities in the country.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a feasible package because Wellington deserves plenty of chances to get things done in the community as mentioned about how will this impact the council rates. One of the important things include subsidizing power for Wellington while we pay bills to stakeholders in the country and it would minimise the impact of power bills we get every month. Built-in heritage fund is vital because Wellington has a significant unique character, and if there's more to be done, there's more to be done. With minor roading improvements, it's important to segregate pathways to make it convenient for people. I want to also acknowledge that after years of controversy with the Island Bay cycleway, I didn't only want the council to get on with it, I wanted NZTA to get on with it. Island Bay deserves much more amendment to make it safer in this neighbourhood. More arts is needed when it comes to festivals and hosts in council facilities such as art gallery in the civic square to keep attracting people in Wellington alongside neighbourhood councils on what they've worked on in the region. I look forward to having these initiatives on what will make the difference in Wellington.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Every time we go to the Southern Landfill in the Happy Valley, we pay at least \$10 to empty rubbish when we take them in vehicles. When it comes to charges, I would recommend that we can comply with this policy at about roughly \$15-20-ish to recover the shortfall of COVID-19 when the council is proposing to borrow money and repay debt in the next financial year while we'll deal with this matter. I expect no higher fees to any council facility such as the Southern Landfill, otherwise, it's not user friendly. I, therefore, welcome no hikes on green waste and organic kitchen waste but now is the time they'd be distributed somewhere such as organic farming etc to reduce the dependence on wasting as an initiative to go waste-free on what the levy would be used for. We will recover the costs with the council.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags I use Council libraries
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

### 43. Nigel Charman

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Well rounded plan with some initiatives for post-Covid-19

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I strongly support the Tipu Toa package. I am concerned for businesses and homeowners who are strongly impacted by Covid-19 and would prefer a higher rates rise overall with more rates relief (rather than just deferment) for those strongly impacted.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Increased amount of borrowing. The difference from 102.3% to 105.1% is immaterial compared to the level of inequality brought on by Covid-19.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These small steps are in the right direction for our current climate emergency. Large areas of our city are being threatened by pest plants. We are making progress on dealing with pest animals, but pest plants are insufficiently funded. Community groups are clearing pest plants in patches, but need WCC to do more - eg. clearing inaccessible sections of reserves, parks, road reserves and providing advocacy and support to landowners to clear their sections of pest plants.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

## 44. Kenneth Munro

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I can not see a reappraisal of large projects or the likely impact of post covid-19 slowdown in migration and tourism related income and jobs

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I expect the financials to be better assessed by experts

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It does defer some of the pain but postpones the accounting to a future (uncertain) period

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There seems to be a consideration of low-CO2 projects but I do not accept that projects "as we planned in the Long-term Plan or based on decisions Council has already made" means they are off the table for review.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Need to keep all residents engaged with services so freeze fees. Landfill increased charges seem reasonable and have been signalled but WCC must act on flytipping at Charity Shops.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The projection of 50,000 plus new residents in the next 20 years will be dependent on recovery and a return to tourism and should be reviewed. The annual plan may not be the place for this review but the plan should indicate a willingness to do this in the Pandemic Response Section. There will be another disruptive event in the next 10 years and we must be more agile in responding. As an example WREMO had NO strategies for pandemic...get together at your ERC??

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar  
Email

## 45. Merio Masters

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the increase however there should be also an incentive for ratepayers for their contribution in the growth of Wellington and their rates meets those needs for expenses to keep our city going however I think ratepayers should get an incentive of free WCC rubbish bags as we know that the cost of 5 yellow bags is currently at \$12 however if free bags become available to ratepayers then that's a form appreciation from local government. It shouldn't always pay, pay, pay, it should be a partnership between all even ratepayers

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A lower option is always best especially if communities, homeowners, ratepayers and users of WCC facilities are not charged an arm and a leg at a later stage, like our current waterways. It is always a consumers view to save money for themselves and WCC should not look like its only here for the money, central government pays too and all monies should be used according to need for our city. However, the low option always means higher charges at a later date. No thanks.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 46. Ryan Graves

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A rates increase is not tenable at this time. Strongly advocate for an option of reduced operating costs by the council (in particular management and Councillor costs). Reasons for this are two-fold: 1. plenty of leaders are taking pay cuts at this challenging time to help organisations financially. 2. The debacle of the sewerage lines poor maintenance record and blow out of repair costs is very poor management of our city (i.e. a poor performance pay reduction).

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not see the essential need of most of these projects. Where are the cycle lanes. Where are the climate change projects.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I do not see enough in the plan to put in decent infrastructure to support cycling in the city. In particular, the cycle lanes from Island Bay, Berhampore and Newtown are very poor and dangerous. I would like to see an increase in parking charges to disincentivise people using their cars (pollution, traffic and get people exercising).

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Radio

## 47. Terence Peters

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There should be an option "C" No rates increase

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See above - No rates increase

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See above - No rates increase

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See above - No rates increase

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See above - No rates increase

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

If you cannot produce a zero increase under the circumstances - I would welcome a commissioner.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

Not answered

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other (please specify)

## 48. Wayne Stevens

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

5.1% rates increase when pole are having no wage increases or businesses failing due to COVID is nuts.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Too high. Use debt financing to finance aspects like renewal of water infrastructure or roading (ie these assets will exist for many years so benefits will be over many years too so spread cost over many years to match benefits) Also some of the proposals seem nuts - non core or essential expenditure needs to be removed Suggest wage freeze for council staff and fixed budgets Don't have confidence that any capital expenditure by council will be within budget anyway based on past cost blowouts

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Still too high - but better. Suggest more attention to cost saving and reducing low value expenditure to make increases much lower

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Some of these items are just nice to haves and not really worth the cost to ratepayers considering the pressures on ratepayers at present

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think there is a need to look at how much some services are used that charge fees - if they are really low usage then put fees up or stop them being provided

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

WCC rates increases seem high in comparison to other cities. Think there is a need to pay more attention to costs and ability for people to pay at present

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 49. Frances Pearson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I think WCC should look into upgrading the hataitai park facilities, lighting at the velodrome and over Hataitai Park would benefit the rugby and softball clubs plus the cyclist and reduce any H&S issues that may impend. Currently there is only lights, lighting up Hataitai Park which is owned by Wellington Softball but these too need to be upgraded.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 50. Julian Light

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rate increases are too high. Particularly during COVID-19 and huge economic downturn, WCC should be tightening its belt and doing zero increases. If we have to live without our means, you should too.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Absolutely ridiculous to raise costs on families and businesses by 5.1% and think that's fair and reasonable during one of the biggest economic downturns we'll endure as a country. Cut wasteful spending and get your books under control. 0% increase is what you should be aiming for.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Absolutely ridiculous to raise costs on families and businesses by 5.1% and think that's fair and reasonable during one of the biggest economic downturns we'll endure as a country. Cut wasteful spending and get your books under control. 0% increase is what you should be aiming for.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

None of this is core council work - its all fluff and nonsense. It seems incongruous to impose a 5.1% rates increase during an economic downturn to fund a bunch of initiatives that have no economic benefit at all. Fine if you want to fund this stuff but do it within your own baselines - just as every household and business does.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Biggest economic downturn in 100 years - what more reasons do you need? Stop imposing costs on families and businesses!

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

NO RATE INCREASES.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other (please specify)

## 51. Patrick Foster

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Fees follow the costs-by-cause principle, whereas rates simply socialize the council's expenses. Accordingly, I prefer a fee rise over a rates rise.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Fees follow the costs-by-cause principle, whereas rates simply socialize the council's expenses. Accordingly, I prefer a fee rise over a rates rise.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Sensible infrastructure capital investment rather than a fancy prestige project (refer to Movie Museum & Convention Centre).

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Fees follow the costs-by-cause (or polluter pays) principle, whereas rates simply socialize the council's expenses. Accordingly, I prefer a fee rise over a rates rise.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 52. Scott Russell

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the approach of maintaining a limited rate increase this year, to avoid placing unnecessary burden in the outyears. However there are several places where I think the council needs to give further consideration to delaying or reducing expenditure in the current fiscal year to offset some of the rates increase this year.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The economic impact of COVID-19 should not interrupt the communities long-run development too significantly. However, the Council should maximise the utilisation of it's balance sheet over several years to reduce the need for immediate cost increases. It is unclear to me why the alternative proposal (with a significant rates rise in 2021/22) is the only way to structure borrowing / rates increases. The council also needs to consider it's ability to defer projects that are not a) already past the point of sensible deferrals (i.e. really significant sunk costs are incurred), or b) critical enablers of other strategically important projects.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See answer above to 5 (effectively I would like to understand whether there is a middle ground between the two alternatives).

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The polluter pays model of landfill fees increases could probably be even more significant, and staggered across the year to avoid massive price shock.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Online

## 53. Christoph Martens

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Balanced increased of rates at a later point. Funding needs to be covered at some stage unless risking vital investment in key infrastructure and building projects

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Infrastructure should be a main priority and is already underfunded

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Focus on green strategies, resource recovery centre should be prioritised as should be waste-minimisation. Home Energy Audits are definitely projects the city needs so are green waste options, compulsory recycling in all apartment buildings in the city. Investment into better cycling and walking infrastructure is long overdue

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It needs an overhaul of waste management in the city and hopefully those fees reduce the landfill. An extension to the landfill should be avoided at all costs

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The rate increase needs to target green and sustainable solutions and projects as well as key infrastructure projects before any prestige buildings

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 54. Jonathan Coppard

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is not appropriate to replace rates increases with borrowing. Borrowing should be used to fund additional investments in infrastructure and services while maintaining planned rates increases.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support this option as the best presented, but I disagree that a 5.1% rates increase is high enough. Rates should increase by 9.2% as forecast with support for people who have trouble to pay. Given the atrocious state of our three waters infrastructure and numerous other projects requiring funding reducing rates increases is not acceptable.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This proposal is incredibly fiscally irresponsible.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support any increase in rates and funding. 0.12% is however a joke. The only mention of improving dangerous roading infrastructure is to "investigate" minor improvements for walking, with no money attached? come on.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 55. Robert Cox

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Plan is ok, but you need to start work on 2nd Mount Victoria tunnel.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These don't seem important initiatives in current economic situation. Council should investigate actually recycling recyclables rather than sending them offshore to make them someones else's problem

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Landfill fee increases are too high.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 56. Jacqueline Fuller

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This stated approach makes no mention of Climate Change and yet that should be front and centre of every policy and action of the council.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't pay rates.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't pay rates

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Where is the initiative for managing Climate Change? Where is the initiative for ensuring that there will never be homeless people on the city streets ever again?

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support nor oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Service fees will always rise, so asking what we think is an empty gesture. A landfill of any description in a capital city is a disgrace and to use the phrase 'polluter pays' to justify raising the fees is an insult: with virtually no proper recycling the residents have no choice but to use the landfill. Perhaps you should divert some money from the vanity projects and invest in a full recycling system which would remove the need for a land fill.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

You have produced a plan that has completely ignored Climate Change, it should have been its framework. All your initiatives and projects will count for nothing if the city becomes unlivable.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 57. Ali Forrest, Owhiro Bay Residents Association

Online submission (OBRA also #275)

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Too high for many of us after Covid 19

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support green initiatives

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not agree that user fees should be frozen when our rates go up. I am happy that the extra fees from the Landfill will bring the council \$3m which should help improve waste and sludge minimisation

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

**'Southern Landfill Extension'**. - On behalf of Owhiro Bay Residents Association (OBRA)

The decision on the landfill extension is presented as a fait accompli. OBRA does not accept this for the following reasons:

a) The public engagement was inadequate; the public were not given the full picture because the sludge was never mentioned. Furthermore, council officers have told OBRA in writing that the Council made its decision to extend the Southern Landfill when it adopted the current long-term plan: 10-Year Plan 2018–28. This plan was adopted on or before 1 July 2018. If that is the case then the public engagement sessions were a sham.

b) The Tonkin and Taylor 2019 report on which WCC based its decision did not give all the possible options such as removing the sludge from the landfill. The AP states 'Closure of the Landfill would result in waste and sludge being transported to other landfills'. This is based on the premise that the sludge de-watering plant is not closed and sludge keeps getting piped from Moa Point, by no means a given. The report has also neglected to adequately address the new technologies which are dismissed for not being cost-effective, without eg. considering a regional plant giving economies of scale.

c) The current sludge disposal process whereby approximately 15,800t of sludge is buried at the Southern Landfill, requiring mixing of 4:1 to achieve site stability, creates an incentive to attract at least 63,200t of waste annually. The process was admitted by the Council 11 years ago to be unsatisfactory and stated to be a short-term solution only. It will be addressed in September this year in the Wellington Water options paper 'Sludge Minimisation Utilisation and Reclamation Facility', and if a more practical solution is found the requirement for such a large landfill extension may well disappear. The Council's 14 April 2020 submission to the Government, which included under "Significant Future Project Examples" a "Wellington Sludge Dewatering Plant" and their comments imply that such a plan

exists. The futures of the southern landfill and sludge management are intimately linked, and a decision on any extension must logically wait for the decision on sludge management.

d) The Landfill extension requires a large proportion of Owhiro Stream tributary to be buried underground. It is not good enough in 2020 to propose an extension designed to last 25 years that will inevitably un-wild a significant stretch of an Owhiro Stream tributary and damage a valuable ecosystem very close to Zealandia.

e) OBRA is also concerned at the prospect of the Council treating an expanded Southern Landfill as an income generating asset and ultimately allowing waste to be trucked in from outside Wellington City, as smaller regional landfills reach capacity in the next 20-30 years. Making the Southern Landfill a regional hub for waste collection is unacceptable. On the positive side, Owhiro Bay Residents' Association acknowledges the big hike for tip fees of \$185.60 for wet sludge/screenings. However, there is only a small \$8 increase for contaminated soil and \$10 for commercial general waste, in line with domestic waste, which in our view should be higher.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have applied for a resource or building consent I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 58. Celia McAlpine

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Stop the convention centre and focus on rebuilding the library first. It's a big slap in the face to prioritise the convention centre, which is something that just has NO benefit to the majority of people who live here— you should be prioritising the library, which is the heart of the community and is so important to our homeless community and other underprivileged people.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

You could go further and raise the rates more in order to provide us better public transport, a speedily rebuilt library, etc. etc.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

You could go further and raise the rates more in order to provide us better public transport, a speedily rebuilt library, etc. etc.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Your built heritage incentive fund is a bit of a waste of money, if a building is old and crappy you should tear it down and build something useful in its space instead (maybe medium or high density housing??) Also could do with some more focus on reducing car dominance in the CBD rather than some token "minor road improvements" which probably won't do a lot to redress the car dominance overall and doesn't do anything for buses and cycling.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support nor oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am disappointed with your decision to bring landfill fees up without any visible initiatives to help people with composting and without offering any improvements to our crappy recycling system. I am concerned this will just result with more litter around the city if lower income households can't afford to throw their waste in the landfill. Maybe you could use the increase in fees to help improve our recycling services and to maybe implement free composting-greenwaste pickup like they do in Auckland?

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Can you please improve your recycling and composting offerings - it's very disappointing that you don't pick up people's compost or greenwaste and it goes in the landfill. We are so far behind in this area (and in many other areas) compared to Auckland and Christchurch it's embarrassing.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation? Online**

## 59. Wendy Armitage

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not believe WCC's business as usual approach is appropriate

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council needs to be more serious about cutting their costs

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I accept this may not be realistic.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I object to the \$200 million convention centre going ahead I object that there is no consideration of making the library safe and getting it opened as soon as possible. Any further upgrades could be done in the future as the city can afford it and post-covid the library is vital as a community space for Wellingtonians. I object to the Climate lab as this should be a a national initiative funded by Government As a member of the public I am frustrated at the council's inability to truly involve the public at the beginning of projects and instead WCC focuses on delivering information that they want to present, rather than information that properly informs the public and this often usurps the role of credible and useful informed consultation.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation? Email**

## 60. Joanne Davidson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that service levels and daily operating work shouldn't change (though in some cases they should improve!). I also support reviving the central library as it is a vital resource and the intentions of LGWM in that anything that encourages more choice and safety in modes of travel should be prioritised.

However I believe NOT reviewing and rationalising the capital programme when so many people are struggling financially and many businesses and individuals are having to cut back is wrong. I work for an organisation that is a lot less affected by COVID 19 than many and even we have stepped back, taken a good hard look at what were thought to be crucial projects and put some of them on the shelf in this current environment. We are not in a "business as usual" situation and won't be for a very long time. Particularly things like the convention centre, which will have nowhere near the planned demand with business and international travel reducing drastically and likely to stay that way with new ways of working - it will just be an expensive white elephant, crippling ratepayers for years to come. Same with other vanity projects. Council should only be investing in the core infrastructure needed to make the city resilient and liveable, such as wastewater, roading improvements and community facilities (e.g. libraries and rec centres).

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As mentioned, I don't agree with forging ahead with the convention centre just because it was on the plan (the plan needs to change), particularly with the current global and local uncertainty. However there are some things that need more investment than they've had previously if we truly want a liveable, resilient and sustainable city and this will no doubt mean an increase of some sort. One is obviously the waste and stormwater infrastructure which has suffered from years of under-investment and now we are paying the price. A lot more funding needs to be diverted to this area and any fixes should also be long-term and future-proofed, not bandaid fixes with the cheapest materials. Another thing that needs serious investment is waste management - the ridiculous situation with recycling not being able to be collected during level 3 or 4 has shown that Wellington's waste system is completely broken. Recycling is the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, and the landfill "consultation" showed no effort to deal with the problem at source, only the outputs. A real focus needs to be on reduce and reuse, and that requires actively educating residents on ways to reduce, and promoting and funding businesses and groups that are already doing this work or have ideas that would reduce waste and create jobs in this area. A kerbside food waste collection to divert biological material from landfill and reduce methane emissions is way overdue - even Hamilton is ahead on that one! I do support a Building Back Better package as long as it will achieve exactly that.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It depends. If there is no way a 2.3% rise could support the critical upgrades such as wastewater infrastructure and building/investing to suit new ways of living and working, then my preference is for the 5.1%. But whichever it is, I also expect to see council cutting back on frivolous spend, fat executive salaries and "nice to haves" in tandem. The rest of us have had to, our council should be no different.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

100% support additional funding for biodiversity and weed management, but much more is needed. There is also predator management and protection of biodiversity includes protecting habitats against human development and restoring other areas to a more natural state. I work with some community restoration groups but we are fighting a losing battle. Resource recovery centre - awesome idea, let's just do it. Funding home energy audits also great, but this could be covered by central government's "shovel-ready" (ugh horrible word) projects and again this needs to go further to support residents to actually be able to make some of the recommended energy improvements. Healthier homes mean healthier residents which has a flow-on effect to jobs and health, increasing productivity and reducing sickness. The "demonstration project" sounds vague but open to this IF it will improve our poor wastewater infrastructure, I just want a commitment to bringing our infrastructure up to standard. Finally, why are only minor road improvements being proposed and only for safer walking? Lockdown showed how much our nicer roads were without congestion, being able to walk and bike freely etc and also have much cleaner air. I would support more investment in things like connected cycleways (designed properly, not the Island Bay one), pedestrian-only areas in the CBD (would be a much nicer retail experience and there are many cities already doing this successfully) and increasing bus and cycle priority lanes to encourage uptake of public transport and different transport modes safely. To really reduce emissions and go any way to upholding climate commitments, the reliance on cars to get everywhere needs to be reduced and this means making alternatives easier and more attractive. I drive but at the moment you couldn't pay me to cycle for safety reasons!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The first question is badly worded, can it not just saying "keeping fees the same"?? I totally support increasing the landfill fees with the exception of green/organic waste, however the increase actually needs to be higher, at least double the proposed amount. Low fees encourages landfill to be the first alternative for many, which is just adding to the strain of too much rubbish and not enough space to put it. The focus should be on reduction, repair, reuse and recovery. And there needs to be way more emphasis on polluter pays, starting with the excessive packaging.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I would like to see WCC support the local economy by reviewing procurement practices to see if products or services could be gained from local businesses instead of big corporates or businesses located elsewhere - where practical. Buying local supports local producers and manufacturers who then have more income and can stay and build their business in Wellington, which in turn means more income for council so keeping the money in our region and creating a circular economy. I think this would really help with building back better and creating a vibrant city for Wellingtonians to live and work in.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Social media and online

## 61. Hannah O'Malley

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

not answered

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I call on Wellington City Council to align with the C40 Good Food Cities declaration by committing to:  
Aligning food procurement to the Planetary Health Diet, ideally sourced from organic agriculture.  
Supporting an overall increase of healthy plant-based food consumption in our cities by shifting away from unsustainable, unhealthy diets. Reducing food loss and waste by 50% from a 2015 baseline. Within two years of endorsing this declaration, working with citizens, businesses, public institutions and other organizations to develop a joint strategy for implementing these measures and achieving these goals inclusively and equitably, and incorporating this strategy into our Climate Action Plan. The health of the community and the environment could be improved significantly through this initiative. Equity must be at the heart of any such work and it is crucial that local iwi are involved.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

Online

## 62. Finnigan Illsley-Kemp

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to invest in our city and I'm happy to contribute towards that.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A resource recovery centre is really important to me, I want to have the peace of mind that as little waste is going to landfill as possible. The weed management programme is also very exciting for me, our city's biodiversity is improving but still needs so much more help.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Increasing landfill fees will be an important incentive for reducing waste.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

### 63. Libby Finkle-Vern

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 64. Colin Bloomfield

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

E Newsletter

## 65. Sam Whitburn

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A balanced approach based on current financial situation regarding covid-19

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Necessary to keep debt levels low without burdening the ratepayer too much in light of covid-19.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

the borrowing levels would be too high.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Would have liked to see more funding towards the build heritage incentive fund.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Would love to see more investment in safe cycle lanes!!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 66. Jon Harris

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council appears to be completely disconnected with the rate payers and the real world. Proposing an increase well above inflation during the toughest economic time in generations, then a MASSIVE increase next year when (10-14%) when we will still be in extremely difficult times is illogical and cruel. And the plan involves blindly continuing with no plans to cut back to core services - stating that there will be no service cuts (as if that is a good thing while making rates unaffordable) and continuing with speculative vanity projects like the convention centre. When will the council ever work to a budget. There should be no increase this year and massive cuts in projects and significant cuts expenses (eg there should be no international travel) and services where necessary to get the budget and resulting rates forecast for the next 3 years down to an affordable level

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There should be no rates increase due to the unprecedented economic situation and lending minimised by cutting non core projects (like the convention centre), expenses (there are plenty of expenses like international travel than can be slashed in these times), and services where necessary.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There should be no rates increase due to the unprecedented economic situation and lending minimised by cutting non core projects (like the convention centre), expenses (there are plenty of expenses like international travel than can be slashed in these times), and services where necessary.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Hello, has the council not realised that their plan is WAY OVER BUDGET. Finding new things to spend money on is the opposite of what the council needs to be doing, it should be spending all it's time at the moment finding projects and expenses to cut until the rates forecast is in line with inflation

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The priority should be on cutting costs to maintain rates like real world businesses have to do, they can't just whack up their prices

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The council obviously needs a mindset change - even before the COVID economic hit, the council was not working to a budget based on rates and user charges rises within the rate of inflation. This is clearly a bigger challenge now but the council needs to make this a real priority and not a taken effort before whacking up rates well above the rate of inflation - that is simply not affordable for the ratepayers and

no way to run any business. And one note on the central library. The council has proven it is not capable of providing the city a central library building - the last one it built lasted less than 30 years and the council was the owner and approved of the building standards. And the same story house for the council offices. The current plan to rebuild at a higher cost than a new building is non-sensical, but the council should do neither. The building should be outsourced to a capable landlord so the ratepayers are not at risk from any more financial disasters due to the council's incompetence. Just rent the space for a new main library, even sell or lease the current land to a developer or commercial landlord to build a new library and use that cash to reduce the short term debt problem caused by the Covid situation.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 67. ET Reedy

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

need to take a zero based approach to the annual plan process from this year because of Covid 19

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Go back to zero based approach to setting the annual rates bill and justify every cost centre: it is the ratepayer base that has to carry every stupid decision carried out by council and cronies

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

refer to answer in ques 5

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

refer to the answer in ques 5

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

refer to answer in ques 5

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The current council is a mishmash of incompetence and egocentric grandstanding. Councillors and council staff need to remember that their incompetence is paid for by the ratepayers of this city - not the 3 year fly- by -nighters who use other people's money to get fat. Time for the councillors and council staff to get their snouts out of the trough and go back to zero based rates discussion because of Covid 19 and the incompetence currently being displayed in the public media. Start with water, roads and sewerage and then go to the electorate with any further fancy ideas.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

Not answered

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

## 68. Patrick Morgan, Cycling Action Network Inc.

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is close to the right balance. But I think Council should not delay fee increases at this time.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Let's not delay fee increases e.g parking, waste, marina fees. Why forgo that income?

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I prefer option A. It's fairer now and in the future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Let's not delay sensible fee increases.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I want to see Council make urgent steps to implement its Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Through a Ward-inar
- Online Social media
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

## 69. Christopher Fung

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

seemed reasonable

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I play sport on Council fields or courts I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

## 70. Jane de Lisle

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A good balance of projects during this pandemic-some agreed with more than others

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

So many people will now not be able to afford their rates, yet a rate increase is essential

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not sure that all the above are necessary for this years plan. They do not seem as essential as many other categories.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Additional money has to come from somewhere. Recycling type initiatives are necessary.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I feel that the most essential expenditure should be on 'Environment and Infrastructure', at present, and improving the Central Library. Reliable water, sewage, stormwater etc are essential. Please do NOT make a cycle lane, thus removing essential carparks, right next to the very popular Hataitai Beach-for safety reasons, as so many families with young children use the beach. Nor extend the airport, nor build a Chinese Garden at Frank Kitts Park (it doesnt need upgrading), nor proceed with the huge proposed Shelly Bay development. Something needs to improve there, but not the current proposal, and the suggested one way system around Scorching Bay/Shelly Bay would be very unpopular, unwieldy and increase travel time hugely. Also, I suggest that for future buildings-apartment blocks etc, underground parking becomes essential. That should have happened with the totally unnecessary Convention Centre. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Through a Ward-inar, Newspaper and Word of mouth

## 71. Leanne Arker

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a balanced approach

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Walkers need to be protected and I support the green/sustainability improvements.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I do not support repairing the Wellington City Library - I support a new build. I like the streetscape around the current building and the nikau palms and light, but I've never liked the current building, which is diabolical to find anything in, and consider it wastes a huge amount of space. It's not a nice building for the staff. And a cafe with limited views to the outside is just dumb. I like the pop-up libraries (even if you only keep some of them) and I support there being a main central library, but not this one. I'm not sentimental about it at all (but I do support repairing the town hall and St James). Don't get me wrong, I like modern buildings, just not the current library on Victoria St. I think we could do a lot better and have a library that better supports users over the next 25-30 years.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 72. Alice Orchard

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to make up the costs somehow. It's either a gradual rates increase now or a huge spike later to make up for it. 5.1% on average seems fair, considering individual property rates will vary.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a short term solution. The hit to the economy is not going to go away by the time we have the next rates increase, which means the following years will be even higher. This just delays the problem.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think a lot of thought has gone into the things that make Wellington unique. Our arts, heritage buildings, and biodiversity are key to making the city not just livable but thriving and enjoyable. There is a lot of talk about footpaths/cycleways/pedestrians so i think more investigation is warranted to see what changes can be made to make our city easier to get around.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The fees are used internally for these areas, so I feel it's fair to increase them if needed, especially given most other fees are staying the same.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

### 73. Dona Brasseur

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't have the exact details of the situation your budget applies to so I cannot say I totally agree

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is better than the other option

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

don't like the financing plan for this

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the wholistic approach of your budget

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

While it is true for many that times are hard, this is not true for many others for whom lockdown had no impact on their financial comfort. On the other hand I do think that simplifying city administration in these times can free up means to focus on emergencies.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

On volunteerwellington.nz a disturbing number of volunteers is seeked to assist in care of the old and the disabled. This is a troubling indicator of a lack of means. Is enough of your budget going to those areas?

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation? Other (please specify)**

## 74. Janet Hollow

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Need to review very real impact of Covid19 on residents and businesses. While it will not necessarily impact on property owners and rate payers increases will be offset by charging more for rentals both commercial and residential. This will have very negative impacts over time. The extreme measures the government has taken in extending assistance to small businesses and workers needs to be mirrored at local body level. If not, the income gap will increase to the longer term detriment of our way of life in New Zealand and in this case the Wellington area. Right now, is not the time to be charging more for rates or any other services. Even if this means borrowing more to pay back later. No one knows what 'later' will look like. However 'later' will look a lot worse if we don't act and get it right now. Thank you

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Refer my previous comment in this regard. In light of Covid19 I support the least possible if not no increase in rates for the next year. Businesses will struggle. Any increased rates will be passed on to tenants. This coming year is NOT the time to raise rates. If the Council cannot move quickly and consisively to follow the governments recent moves and offer financial respite by keeping rates the same or lowering them for the coming year then they are indeed lacking in understanding their responsibility to the people they serve.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council should be keeping rates the same this year or reducing them in the face of Covid19. This surely should be a no-brainer. Thank you

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All new initiatives should be put on hold for the coming year except those deemed essential and these should be in a limited capacity to hold rates at the current rate following Covid19. Surely this should be a no brainer.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

No increases of any kind this year. We are shrinking economically following Covid19. How can you realistically increase anything?

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The new Wellington City Council needs to show they have the ability to turn on their heel in support of those they serve in light of Covid19. The Government has certainly done this In recent months for New Zealand and received praise from around the world for their effort. It will be very interesting to see if

Wellington City Council has the wisdom and tenacity in the aftermath of the pandemic to do the same. 'Accountability' will be the catchword for this new decade. Those who miss this will do so at their own peril I believe. Thank you

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 75. Kathryn Martin

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's pragmatic and not too drastic.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think it's taking into account a loss of income for people, but also realising that we do need to increase rates to make some real necessary changes for the long run. The Tipu Toa is so so necessary!

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I really think we need to invest now or there will be bigger costs later, particularly to the environment.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is just so extremely necessary. Foremost, I cannot adequately communicate how dear the natural environment is to myself, and how necessary its health is to the health of our city. - We can't keep going in a linear economy where we build stuff, use it for a bit, and throw it away. We need to use our resources responsibly, which means in a circle. Build, use, recycle, build again. Landfills just don't make sense. What are we leaving for future generations in a hundred years, 500 years? Toxic piles of waste that can't be used. - I think everyone has been enjoying more walking and cycling in the lock- down. Right now, we have a good start on accessible infrastructure in the city. But if you build it, they will come! Safe cycle lanes, safe places to walk. If it's there, people will use it. - I am so excited to see an expanded weed management system. We need to share Wellington with the flora and fauna which have called this place home for millennia. We have a responsibility to be kaitiakitanga, to take care of the environment here so that animals have habitat and food access, and our native plants can thrive. - I appreciate that artists have been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn. I'm very happy to see them get support. In addition to this, though, I do believe so much more is needed. I support improved representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision making processes. As well, we need urgent steps taken on Te Atakura - First to Zero. It can be delayed no longer.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is insanely cheap to take stuff to the landfill in Aotearoa. It just does not make sense. It provides zero incentive to take care of our waste in better ways. One thing about increasing fees - we need to PAY people, not CHARGE people, for responsibly recycling. So electronics, whiteware, etc - it is insane to disincentivise people from recycling these by charging people to bring them in. I would love to see this incentive come from the manufacturers themselves. They created the stuff, they need to take care of where it ends up. But really, in the end, the solution to our landfill problem must include the

manufacture of stuff. Nothing should be made that cannot be rotted or recycled. Nothing should be manufactured that could only be destined for the landfill.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I think you guys are doing an all around great job. I love this city! There are some seeds for great change that have been planted. Caring for our environment, moving towards a circular economy, supporting artists, good infrastructure, safe homes, wholesome activities and celebrations, tackling climate change head-on, collaborating with mana whenua. We just need to keep taking care of these seedlings so they grow strong.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 76. Ian Turk, Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

NCDRA appreciates that the Covid-19 response will have a significant effect on WCC performance. We note that this financial year will run from July 2021 to June 2020, which hopefully extends well beyond our national response but realising the economy will remain significantly changed during that period. It is our view that WCC appears to have the overall balance correct, while looking forward to the return of "normal" activities, while overlaying requirements for support and recovery which will impact future years.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The information provided by Council does not enable a full informed submission to be made. The Council's website selects general areas where change has been provided for (eg valuation of infrastructure, \$10m of funding adjustments), but no means to compare in any detail with • Budget set in the 2018/2028 10yr plan (7.1% increase), • The proposed 9.2% rates increase signalled earlier this year, or • The actual result from the 2019/20 financial year. Therefore there is little detail on what the proposed annual plan means for the day to day operation of the Council.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See answers above

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

not answered

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We note that the Central Library will be a significant budget item, whichever decision is made. We are disappointed that progress with this important Wellington service has been so slow, and that having Wellington Public Library feature in the annual plan for next year only resulted after significant public pressure.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recycling bags I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online, E Newsletter, Email, and Word of mouth

## 77. Jo Randerson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because we need to build back safely, we need to prioritise better futures, address inequality and the imminent threat of climate change. The environment should be the ultimate bottom line which we prioritise in all decisions.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to address our environment urgently so sustainability needs to be our top priority.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is crucial work - building towards a green future supported by adequate infrastructure. This needs to equally be met with a commitment to ensuring financial equality in our city. Living Wage was a good first step but we need to make sure that new spending doesn't continue to go to shiny new companies but look to community and indigenous solutions which have been working for decades or longer and support those. Also - what is proposed needs to go further than this, we need to work even harder and faster towards this goal. We want to see improvement in representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in decision-making processes. We also want to see WCC make urgent steps towards the Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse emissions goal.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Waste needs to be taxed to encourage people to reduce waste.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Thank you for the work you do, and the general direction you are moving towards. As artists, we know our sector needs urgent infrastructure support for independent artist's which we encourage you to support - these programmes need to be artist-designed in collaboration with council. Secondly, please ensure that as part of building back fairly, we redress inequality in our city to keep a fair-er range of salaries for our people. Pōneke can be a leader in showing the rest of the country and the world how we can live fairly for all members of our society, and place our mana whenua at the heart of decision-making.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 78. Stephen Fullelove

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All about how the rates keep going up way above my income which doesn't.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There should be a rates drop, not an increase following Covid and the impact to the communities income.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There should be a rates drop, not an increase following Covid and the impact to the communities income.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Nice to haves. People are struggling now. Heritage, some arts and these other items are not essential. Spend only on essential services.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not the year to do it. Don't WCC realise what people are going through? This will increase fly tipping and council costs will go up cleaning up.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please consider peoples situations due to Covid. You need to be radical. Rates went up last year way beyond your headline amount since many houses were re-banded. My rates went up 10.1% but I have no extra income to pay that. this year I have less income.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 79. Daniel Spector

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Given the timing, I think capital spend should be re-opened for consideration

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

9.2 was likely the right number

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

9.2 was likely the right increase

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These initiative should be BETTER funded than .12%

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Covid doesn't stop the need for funds

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Wellington is still painfully neoliberal in attitudes in an era when even the UN has advised member nations it is a failed policy. Wellington is proud of it's approach to climate change, which is proud of putting a plaster on a shattered, bleeding limb. Climate must be brought in to every effort. THE way the recent parking survey was phrased was a debacle- the survey design was wildly biased to the needs of drivers and purely inconsiderate of the disabled. Wellington should aggressively tax land banking and penalize landlords that keep properties empty via extortive pricing such that any property empty for more than 3 months pays penalties equivalent to the retail cost of renting said property.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 80. Paul Bruce

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am pleased that the plan does not mean service level reductions and extra borrowing. However, I am annoyed that the convention centre is still being constructed at considerable cost. In order to justify the expense, it should be repurposed as the central Library. If this is not done, and the decision is to still build a new library as well, then a new library should be situated in a place at least 3 metres above sea level, to ensure that it gets the 100 year life time it deserves.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is important to continue the present service levels, and also to address the infrastructure deficit in water and waste. I strongly support raising the waste levy to a level which will provide an incentive for a circular economy. I would also suggest Council encourage compost toilets, by removing any resource consent fees, and by specifying them in new builds. The amount of water that is used in conjunction with the disposal of sewage is criminal. Council must also seek a better use of sewage sludge that is presently dumped at the Careys Landfill.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am worried about future rate increases. It is important to continue the present service levels, and also to address the infrastructure deficit in water and waste without excessive borrowing. I strongly support raising the waste levy to a level which will provide an incentive for a circular economy. I would also suggest Council encourage compost toilets, by removing any resource consent fees, and by specifying them in new builds. The amount of water that is used in conjunction with the disposal of sewage is criminal. Council must also seek a better use of sewage sludge that is presently dumped at the Careys Landfill.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All of these projects help to increase resiliency and offset the impacts of the climate emergency. If anything it is too conservative, given that the impacts of rising sea levels and the increasing severity of storms and flooding events will raise costs significantly if we dont invest in infrastructure which will mitigate the impacts. There is also the commitment to reduce GHE by 60% before 2030. Building back better supporting active modes, green buildings and a circular economy will diminish costs for future rate payers.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I strongly support raising the waste levy to a level which will provide an incentive for a circular economy. I would also suggest Council encourage compost toilets, by removing any resource consent fees, and by specifying them in new builds. The amount of water that is used in conjunction with the disposal of sewage is criminal. Council must also seek a better use of sewage sludge that is presently dumped at the Careys Landfill. I would also like to see a transfer centre closer to the CBD, in order to make it more accessible and to also reduce transport costs to the existing landfill. The transfer centre would include a shop for exchange and recycling of goods.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media, Online, and Email

## 81. James Sergeant

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There is insufficient detail of the various budget lines to have a positive view of the proposals laid out in the draft annual plan

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There is insufficient evidence in the draft annual plan of the shortfalls which require this increase, and no evidence of cost cutting.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council should be able to operate within closer financial discipline.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These line items are extremely small in relation to the overall budget. The council should be reconsidering much larger projects and programmes.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There is no reason why fees and charges should not rise by the rate of inflation to keep a balance between charges on users and charges on ratepayers.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The draft annual plan should be much more closely related to the promises and commitments in the ten year plan - which projects are still running, what is new, which are running ahead or behind in terms of profiled spend. The draft plan highlights a few individual funding lines for certain projects and programmes but does not break down the budget into that level of detail. It feels like the document only highlights the figures the council wants us to know about - e.g. there is no figure for the proposed spend on the convention centre in 2020-21. It is also strange that the convention centre is described in the 'economic development' section but the capex figure is included in the 'cultural wellbeing' number. Why the discrepancy? There is no discussion of costs to progress repair of the central library, which was supposed to be a top priority for the council. I know this has now been progressed, but it was very poor to leave it out of the draft plan. For future years, I think the council should provide much more detail of where the money is being spent and how it is being funded. There is no simple diagram showing in one place operational and capital expenditure plus finance charges on one side and rates, other revenues and borrowing on the other.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

Social media

## 82. Dominic Lane

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Becasue I don't feel that you're presented the information in a way that lends itself to providing effective feedback.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Taking on increased debt, and increasing rates, and signalling further substantial rate increases suggest a Council that does not know what it's doing. No capital works other than critical infrastructure needs to be stopped until the long term revenue streams are understood.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above, the premise is wrong.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Housing costs should lie with central government. Biodiversity protection should come from an aggressive compliance regime, including fines.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'd rather the marinas were sold into private ownership

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Lots. There should be a deferral of significant decisions, eg capital works. Not only due to COVID 19. The library decision is likely to come back and haunt us, the science is far from settled. I'm far from satisfied that council officials have the right skills to deal with COVID, EQ, and population growth. These are area where they can't rely as they usually do on developers to tell them what to do.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

### 83. Dr Sea Rotmann, sustainableenergyadvice.org

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is not the time to reduce service quality or to engage in rate hikes or austerity programmes. Increasing borrowing and finding operational efficiencies is the right approach to recovery

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

What would be good is to find a way of progressive rate hikes - some of your land owners are significantly more able to deal with higher rates than others (those who've just lost their jobs). Though they may be taken care of by government policies like mortgage holidays?

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Higher hikes in future years will cause uproar and infrastructure funding is critical and shouldn't be ignored

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All make sense but I think we need a lot more money towards improving energy efficiency in housing and energy literacy programmes. This can actually help those most vulnerable, including those suffering from respiratory illness due to poor housing who are also more susceptible in pandemics like COVID. And it will reduce utility bills, which helps householders recover. I'd also want steps to improve representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision-making processes, and to see Council make urgent steps to implement its Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan. This includes taking care of its problem child, the airport and its continued expansion plans and drain on its neighbouring communities and ecosystems. Might be time to take over the majority shareholding so that it can motivate the airport to buy into greening its operations, not extending them beyond what is now clearly feasible.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Higher landfill charges may mean less refuse going to waste. On the other hand, the Council needs to ensure it doesn't get dumped into the environment either!

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We need to move Wellington towards a circular or donut economy: one which strengthens our community, helps to make our city more equitable for all its residents, and ensures that Wellington lives within local and planetary ecological limits. We are one of the most creative, progressive and prosperous cities in the world and need to provide leadership how this terrible pandemic, which we have managed so amazingly well, can also lead to positive change where we ensure greater equality for our people and the environment. I think the Council should show leadership and start with a 4-day work

week and giving their staff a living wage so they can use the 5th day for community projects such as replanting, pest trapping, insulating homes, helping essential workers e.g. with child care, help out in shelters, take decolonisation workshops etc.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 84. Brian Whetton

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

My concern is related to the maintenance of roads, footpaths and curbing. In my opinion, if the Council is really interested in saving money, a review of the method in which re-surfacing footpaths and streets are assessed and curbing replaced is overdue. I think that money is being wasted through footpaths and streets being resurfaced when it is not really necessary and onmly being done because it is scheduled. Another issue with resurfacing streets: why reseal the "parking" lanes of streets when there is minimal "wear and tear". It is not necessary to spend the amount budgeted annually when savings van be made. One's personal spending is not controlled in this manner where there is no flexibility; time for a rethink of the way the Council Departments operate. Thanks and

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The increase is greater than the rate of inflation but the Council must seriously reconsider spending on "wish list" items that are not "vital" to the efficient running of the city.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not like the thought of the Council increasing debt. Once again, I suggest that "wish list" items or projects be set aside until the Council's finances are such that they can proceed.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In my assessment, these are "wish list" items that can be set aside for a number of years until the Council's finances have recovered from the impact of Covid-19 .

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Ratepayers have no choice in using these services and already pay a "surcharge for household waste removal through the cost of bags. The Council should approach the Govt to have a joint / National initiative to process plastic waste into a reusable product. "Tip" fees are already prohibitive in my opinion. .

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I think that it is easier for Councillors to increase fees and charges than to fully investigate a more economical and efficient method of transacting business and controlling maintenance. Time to think outside the box rather that continue with the way things have always been done.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

Email

## 85. Peter Deacon

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is striking the right balance between addressing immediate and longer term problems and while achieving our social, environmental and economic well-being goals.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We must maintain essential social services and infrastructure whilst minimising the immediate financial strain on households, and also address the looming climate and ecological crises which will affect all of us for decades to come. The economy will recover in future years and so enable repayment of the extra short term borrowing. Wellington must also become a truly sustainable and clean place to live and work with reduced air and water pollution, a circular economic system, less waste and energy consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate destabilisation.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We must stop wasting resources and polluting our environment with plastics and greenhouse gases. Make all polluters pay for their polluting behaviours and use the funds raised to develop and roll out clean, sustainable alternatives. Put a price on carbon emissions and use the funds for electrified and active transport options in the city, put a levy on all plastics sold, especially single use plastics and use the funds to set up proper recycling programmes and facilities and develop fully compostible alternative materials.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is utter madness that landfill is still a thing in 2020, especially when we know how harmful plastics and toxic wastes are in our environment - particularly when landfills are exposed by flooding and slips etc - and when we know methane from landfill is exacerbating global heating. We must develop a circular economic system quickly so all materials are recycled and we stop plundering the biosphere

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We are in the sixth mass extinction - and humans are causing it through our explosion in numbers, our consumption of natural resources and our pollution of the biosphere. We are also in a climate and biodiversity crisis. We cannot deliver social and economic well-being for people, unless the environment is healthy and thriving. This must become a priority area for WCC to consider when making its future plans.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 86. Warren White

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

- Increased borrowing to offset revenue loss is kicking the can into the future and creating a debt burden for future generations. - We need the revenue now to support WCC climate change initiatives now.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

- We need to minimize additional borrowing; let us face our debt head on and not create a burden for future generations - Future rate increases to repay borrowing will be easier to manage and achieve

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

- Critical infrastructure spending is an essential cost to the city and must be maintained. - Future rate increases to repay borrowing will be harder to manage and achieve.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

- I strongly support the biodiversity protection weed management programme. Without it, our native plants will be destroyed, leaving nowhere for our birds to live and feed. - I also support the roading improvement and the investment in the arts, and would accept reduced support for the remaining initiatives.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to minimize additional borrowing; I would prefer us to face our debt head on and not create a burden for future generations - I support increasing marina fees because I believe boat owners can afford it. - I support only modest landfill fees in order to avoid incentivizing dumping.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Prioritise critical infrastructure spending before all else. It is essential spending and not an optional "nice to have". - Be brave enough to halt low priority projects (like the Chinese garden project planned for Frank Kitts Park that few people support and is not financially sustainable).

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 87. Liz Springford

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

WCC is taking a considered approach post pandemic, by maintaining most services and a mix of borrowing and rates increases. I am especially grateful for Tipu Toa - Build Back Better, and for the leadership WCC has already shown by reducing management salaries and donating ten percent of councillors' remuneration to community groups - well done! But I believe we as a city could do more to support those in greatest hardship and protect ourselves from rising climate debt before that becomes impossible to pay.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support WCC balanced approach in increasing debt, but also having current ratepayers help with the shortfall in income. Residential ratepayers have homes that they own in part or full, so mostly better off than those who rent. I also support even more social housing being created urgently, to increase affordable rental supply, and stop landlords and landladies passing on rate increases as rental increases. Wellington rents (and house prices) are already far too high and hurt the younger generation and those in hardship. I strongly support Tipu Toa Build Back Better and hope that WCC can do even more to make our city fairer and able to halve our climate-damaging emissions well within this decade. As an older home owning boomer, I'm grateful for our lock down but conscious that there was a high cost for many, and it's time now to recognise that in how we build back much better, fairer and safer for our future. I note that the airport, landfill and CBD car parking revenue streams are challenging for WCC in seriously becoming "First to Zero". From a climate protection perspective and the future well-being of Wellingtonians, we need to plan for and encourage these revenue streams to virtually disappear. More plane flights, more fossil-fuelled cars parked and more rubbish dumped will not create the future we need and deserve.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Current ratepayers need to front up to some of the costs now - not leave to the future. Pandemic protection seems to already disproportionately cost the younger generation and those already in hardship. Property owners, who are for the most part, more well-off Wellingtonians, need to step up help by paying increased rents - this includes our household.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I strongly support Tipu Toa, but I would like to see WCC go much much further. We need to understand that measures that make Wellington fairer by supporting households and individuals in hardship, and reduce our climate risk by taking strong steps each year to halve our city's emissions well before 2030, are investments - social and climate investments. If we don't seriously invest now, the social and climate debts get harder and harder to repay. We need climate changes that are humanly adaptable, and the time to act is now. I strongly recommend that Wellington develops a Do-Nut framework for our future, of which First to Zero is an important part. This means we prioritise everyone in this city thriving

within our environmental limits and act as a socially and environmentally responsible global city citizen. Here's economist Kate Raworth's DoNut refined for Aotearoa NZ - the basic rights of people within our environmental limits <https://www.projectmoonshot.city/post/an-indigenous-view-on-doughnut-economics-from-new-zealand>

The hundreds of thousands being spent on Tipu Toa seem quite small when contrasted with up to \$25 MILLION available for the airport to borrow anytime till June 2022 for "comfort" (albeit at commercial interest rates to incentivise fast repayment). Likewise, I feel uncomfortable about the amount going into one convention centre, compared to a similar amount going into social housing over five years. Can we lift Wellingtonians out of housing hardship much much faster?

Is a city's character best measured by how well those in greatest hardship are supported? As one example, I would like to see WCC exponentially promote and increase the availability of "community cars". Cars for sharing within a community, with a modest hourly charge, within a few minutes' walk of everyone. These enable people to get around our city mostly on foot, scooter, bike, public transport and car pooling - but car convenience a few times a fortnight. Each community car removes the need for around ten privately owned cars, cutting car ownership costs from tight budgets, increasing health, fitness and well-being, clearing road and parking space for everyone, including space for safer walking, scooting and cycling routes.

Overseas research shows partnership is needed - for example, between local council and community car provider - to quickly reach the scale needed for widespread uptake. Community cars are not for everyone, but they are the critical third component along with good public transport and safe active transport routes, for efficient transport use of scarce city land.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I want Wellington council services to be accessible for everyone, especially with likely increasing levels of hardship. As an example, I love that our pools are free for little children, even though my children are well and truly all grown up. I strongly support increasing Landfill fees as "polluter pays" and I strongly encourage waste reduction initiatives that remove the need for any more land used to store rubbish. I would like to see recycling bins everywhere that WCC currently provides public rubbish bins - Oamaru and Queenstown do this, why not Wellington? It should be easy for CBD residents and businesses to recycle their waste with weekly collection and convenient places to drop recycling off. I would like to see organic waste collection around all our suburbs - Christchurch residents have had this for years. Could WCC partner in developing a recycling service for construction sites? So many street-side skips seem to contain reusable and recyclable products that surely shouldn't be dumped. Likewise the Southern Landfill still seems to end up with products dumped that are reusable. Years ago, Kaikoura was able to divert three-quarters of resources otherwise destined for the dump, and they did not offer a regular household rubbish collection service. Personally, as a household of two adults, we've just put out our second bag of rubbish for street-side collection this year - and around half the contents were related to recent visitors.

Admittedly, we are able to compost organic waste onsite - which is why I support organic waste collection for Wellington residents, like Christchurch. I also support increasing Marina charges - and any other WCC charges that are likely to be predominantly paid by better-off Wellingtonians, with scope for hardship relief as needed. Could WCC also consider a campaign to get Wellingtonians to help with

services? For example, looking after local park areas. This could be an experiment to see how much Wellingtonians are interested in volunteering to help care for our city. As well as landscape care, perhaps WCC could promote community volunteer needs too for various groups supporting people in hardship? Promote "How can we help our city build back better?"

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please ensure that every subsidy and stimulus to invigorate business, will also take us towards a safer climate future by helping halve our emissions this decade. The Climate Commission is currently recommending that central government cost all shovel-ready proposals with calculating climate emissions costs - local government must do likewise. The costs of borrowing money will fall disproportionately on younger Wellingtonians, the gains from spending that money must benefit them the most.

I'm really keen that the strongest voices in shaping this Annual Plan are from those in greatest hardship and younger Wellingtonians, and the groups that best represent them. I see WCC have been consulting widely, but before signing off the Annual Plan, can you make sure that those in greatest need have been heard loud and clear please? And that this Annual Plan is truly a Tiriti partnership? Thanks WCC officials and councillors for all your work during what has been an incredibly challenging time. NB: Thank you for ring-fencing Southern Landfill charges, I hadn't appreciated that this was happening, so please read my earlier comments re perverse incentives around airport, CBD car parking and landfill charges, in that light. The airport and CDB car parking are the remaining climate challenging income streams.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Online
- Email
- Social media
- Through a Ward-inar

## 88. Jan Bieringa

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think now is the wrong time, I would have liked to see council making cuts in salaries to meet residents  
1/2 way

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

not answered

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

not answered

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 89. Matthew Gibbons

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'd like to see the public library fully functioning quickly. There is potential for higher fees for charging for car storage on public streets in the suburbs.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Higher would be okay.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't want to see services cut.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Walking and the environment are important.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

There should be higher fees for on street parking. They are too low

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 90. Elizabeth Kay, Coolidge Street Reserve

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It follows the expected and necessary approach

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In the current situation post Covid 19, the council will need to focus on what is essential, and leave the nice to haves for the future.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is essential that the council proceed without delay doing important infrastructure work, viz the proposed new reservoir ensure supply to the hospital and city, work on the many leaking water pipes, stormwater etc etc.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not to fund the protection of biodiversity through an expanded weed control programme would be very short sighted, and in the longer term have a disastrous impact on both native flora and fauna. If the current lack of commitment and action continues, check out what happened to the native forest on the back road from Whanganui up the Whangaehu River. It is frightening experience, a ghost forest of dead trees absolutely covered in clematis vitabla. There is no option but to keep working on control otherwise Wellington's hillsides will end up the same. From there OMB will escape into the forest parks and ranges, and cause serious devastation to the forest plant and bird life. OMB is already flourishing on the Wairarapa side of the hill road, and will quite happily seed from there.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because increased fees will just lead to more roadside dumping, as already happens in the town belt road edge around here.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The council should focus very clear firmly on projects that will future-proof the city. These are difficult and unusual times, and spending money on things like painting bike lines on already safe, wide roads like Brooklyn Road is wasting it.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Email

Online and Word of mouth

## 91. Nicci Wood

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Tipu Toa: Build back better is great- but we need to build greener multi benefit solutions, not grey, single purpose out dated answers. Its not necessarily build 'back' or shovel ready, more shovel relevant for the future world we live in. By continuing to build a whole bunch of projects that were designed in for era that doesn't exist - we're not actually helping ourselves - become carbon neutral, improve our water quality aor resilience, or look after our wellbeing and coolest little capital status. I support many items in the AP. Applaud that water and drainage infrastructure is a key area of focus for 2020/21 and the up-coming 2021- 2031 Long Term Plan. I support the bringing forward of drainage works, that policy work in 2020/21 includes the regional waste management bylaw and pleased to hear the Sky Show will happen as part of Matariki in July. However there are many areas I think need affording more priority and haste- the central library work, new pedestrian walkways and pop-up bike lanes, food and green waste collection. There are some things I think can be deferred from this AP round -Zealandia and Wgtn Museum capex.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Delaying rates increases and therefore essential work does nothing more than push the costs and consequences onto our tamariki. There are also immediate consequences for our communities such more potholes, sewage leaks and overflows and burst water pipes. A reduction in spending by councils means a decrease in employment as a result of lay-offs and indirectly from eliminating future hiring – directly at council and contractors, suppliers and consultants. Reduced capital expenditure impacts tomorrows communities by reducing future ability for investments. Priorities such as sewage upgrades, emissions reductions, LGWM, and housing affordability all require significant expenditure to make up for previous inaction and ensure we leave future generations a world at least as good as the one we live in today.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Zero or meager rates rises have massive consequences. It is not a sustainable way of operating. They prioritise the status quo -congestion, poor water quality, poor road safety- and push the larger costs and consequences onto our young people.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support the majority of these initiatives, but would like to see the following included in the list- the central library work, achieving the actions of the regional WMMP especially food and green waste collection. The Miramar demo is a good first step, alas the anticipated go-live date and 12 month period means it will miss the LTP funding round, pushing it further and further from being rolled out citywide. Why did you not use the last year to put together a business case for this AP round for the urgent work to get the central library (and wider civic sq precinct) rehabilitated, open and running???? I support the

“re-frame and adapt [arts culture/recreation] projects, programmes and initiatives” And very excited to FINALLY hear commitment to a green infrastructure demonstration project.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund ‘polluter pays’ and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Surely polluter pays education initiatives should be undertaken by the enforcer of regulation, compliance, enforcement and pollution prevention education - GWRC? I would prefer ring fenced waste management revenue funding waste minimisation activities- green/food waste kerbside collection services. Actually I would prefer a wholesale rethink on the unique funding model for recycling and rubbish collection in Wellington. A move from users pays- to rates funding. Recycling rates in Wellington region are the lowest of the major NZ urban centres.

To achieve the regional goal of decreasing waste to landfill by 1/3 to 400kg per person by 2026, Wellington needs to change how it thinks about and delivers ‘waste’ operations. -A rates-funded recycling and green/food waste collection service is the best option to achieve this. -Rethinking the approach to public and private kerbside collection services, thinking about source separation and end markets. Alongside licensing waste collection operators and limiting the sizes of wheelie bins for rubbish.

-Shift thinking from waste disposal to resource minimisation and efficiency, and from waste to resources and embrace reduce, reuse, recycle and recover hierarchy. Move from waste management in a linear economy to resource management within a circular economy. And lobbying for leadership from the top-central government.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Build back better is great- but we need to build smarter to achieve our (carbon zero, resilient, etc) visions. Covid is a once in a generation opportunity to change how we think about our city and achieve that equilibrium.

The shovel ready, or wcc new initiative, lists don't represent the transformational shifts that the times call for. Immediate investment should be designed to stimulate local economies more generally and create/maintain employment. In the rush to stimulate economic response, it's crucial we dont create a bunch to assets, designed in for era that doesn't exist.

I urge you to take the opportunity in the next year, for the 2021 LTP, to create a master plan of a future, smart Wellington. We do have the Tipu Toa opportunity now- start that journey to a future Welly. Pop up the new pedestrian walkways and pop-up bike lanes quicker (surely the cycle network can be completed and operational long before 2028?). Achieve the LGWM early wins (bus priority has been on the talk fest since 2011 ). Close the roads. Be a bit brave. Talk a leap from Sadiq Khans London “we have rediscovered the joys of walking and cycling during lockdown.

By quickly and cheaply widening pavements, creating temporary cycle lanes and closing roads to through traffic we will enable millions more people to change the way they get around our city." He acknowledged that the changes would cause disruption for many Londoners but said he had no choice but to rapidly repurpose London's streets for people.

By ensuring our city's recovery is green, we will also tackle our toxic air, which is vital to make sure we don't replace one public health crisis with another." This year, take the bold steps to make Wellington an even better place to live, and move round. As well as bringing forward of drainage works- in fact please over-fund drainage and water capex.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Through a Ward-inar
- Social media
- Other (please specify)

## 92. Gillian Cameron

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'm on super and i'm concerned about any rates increases. Hence I see there is a need for the council to curtail its services where necessary.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because I'm not receiving a 5% increase in my income.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because my income level is not rising.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The roading improvements has my support but not the other projects

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

### 93. Emma Alcock

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rates needs to cover important work

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not enough money to WCC for essential maintenance and services

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Green infrastructure is essential for our future. Walking and cycling essential.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Library services are essential resource for an inclusive community and the restating of such needs to be fast tracked.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Through a Ward-inar
- Online
- Word of mouth

## 94. Felicity Wong, Historic Places Wellington

Online submission (Also sent the answer to Q3 via email)

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

### **Restore Built Heritage Incentive Fund**

Historic Places Wellington (“HPW”) calls for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (“the Fund”) to be restored to its previous level of \$1million per year.

- The Fund is a critical infrastructure support fund which is carefully targeted to ensure maximum return for its relatively modest level of investment.
- The Fund is crucial to assisting with the costs of earthquake strengthening heritage buildings.
- Significant projects are underway with contributions for historic buildings such as the buildings at the corner of Tory St (Athenic, National Bank and Noosons), the Wesley and St John’s churches and the catholic basilica in Hill St.
- Excellent progress is being made by Council with major work on the Town Hall, St James Theatre, and the Basin Reserve cricket stand.
- Much still remains to be done to earthquake strengthen Wellington heritage buildings.
- The level of the Fund was reduced some years ago and must be increased.
- Include additional resource in the WCC Annual Plan for the Fund in order to meet the goals of “Tipu Toa, Build Back Better”.

### **Eco-City Heritage Buildings**

2. The “greenest” buildings are those already existing, strengthened for restoration or re-purposing.
  - The Fund assists with efforts to address the carbon emergency, and shift to an eco-city.
  - Continue to support upgrades of the laneways which enhances pedestrian and cycle access to all city areas.

### **Extend Deadline for Strengthening**

3. HPW calls on WCC to ask central government to extend the deadline under which Wellington buildings must be strengthened. Heritage property owners are under extraordinary post Covid-19 economic pressures and will need more time.

### **Strengthen the Central Library**

4. Retain and strengthen the Central Library building in a cost effective project.
  - The building forms an important element in the Civic Square heritage precinct but should be separately listed under the District Plan in its own right.
  - The building was ahead of its time being designed for Wellingtonians to relax in a reflective “city living room”. The unique wave windows provide views toward the harbour and outdoor public space enjoyed during more than a million visits a year.
  - The important heritage nature of the building should be recognised by HNZPT.
  - Getting the building fixed and reopened is urgent for restoring the vibrant heritage precinct at the heart of the city.
  - Urgently fund the expedited process to begin work on strengthening the existing library building.

### **Capital City Heritage Tourism**

5. Support is needed for advocacy work to create a focus on capital city heritage. This would link with the compulsory teaching of Aotearoa/NZ history in schools. With international tourism

uncertain, this work would focus on promoting capital city visits. A restored Turnbull House could complement visits to Parliament, National library, and the wooden old government building (law school).

#### **Post Covid-19 Expenditure**

6. HPW acknowledges the difficulties for many Wellingtonians at this time but supports Council leadership with fixing our city heritage buildings. It is not the precise level of rates which concerns us but the quality of the expenditure of that income in order to protect the built heritage fabric of our loved city.

#### **Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

#### **Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

HPW acknowledges the difficulties for many Wellingtonians at this time but supports Council leadership with fixing our city heritage buildings. It is not the precise level of rates which concerns us but the quality of the expenditure of that income in order to protect the built heritage fabric of our loved city.

#### **Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

#### **Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

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#### **Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

#### **Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Historic Places Wellington (“HPW”) calls for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund (“the Fund”) to be restored to its previous level of \$1million per year. The Fund is a critical infrastructure support fund which is carefully targeted to ensure maximum return for its relatively modest level of investment. The Fund is crucial to assisting with the costs of earthquake strengthening heritage buildings. Significant projects are underway with contributions for historic buildings such as the buildings at the corner of Tory St (Athenic, National Bank and Noosons), the Wesley and St John’s churches and the catholic basilica in Hill St. Excellent progress is being made by Council with major work on the Town Hall, St James Theatre, and the Basin Reserve cricket stand. Much still remains to be done to earthquake strengthen Wellington heritage buildings. The level of the Fund was reduced some years ago and must be increased. Include additional resource in the WCC Annual Plan for the Fund in order to meet the goals of “Tipu Toa, Build Back Better”. Eco-City Heritage Buildings 2. The “greenest” buildings are those already existing, strengthened for restoration or re-purposing. The Fund assists with efforts to address the carbon emergency, and shift to an eco-city. Continue to support upgrades of the laneways which enhances pedestrian and cycle access to all city areas.

#### **Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund ‘polluter pays’ and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither support or oppose

#### **Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Strengthen the Central Library 4. Retain and strengthen the Central Library building in a cost effective project. The building forms an important element in the Civic Square heritage precinct but should be separately listed under the District Plan in its own right. The building was ahead of its time being designed for Wellingtonians to relax in a reflective “city living room”. The unique wave windows provide views toward the harbour and outdoor public space enjoyed during more than a million visits a year. The important heritage nature of the building should be recognised by HNZPT. Getting the building fixed and reopened is urgent for restoring the vibrant heritage precinct at the heart of the city. Urgently fund the expedited process to begin work on strengthening the existing library building. Capital City Heritage Tourism 5. Support is needed for advocacy work to create a focus on capital city heritage. This would link with the compulsory teaching of Aotearoa/NZ history in schools. With international tourism uncertain, this work would focus on promoting capital city visits. A restored Turnbull House could complement visits to Parliament, National library, and the wooden old government building (law school).

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council swimming pools
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- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 95. Nicola Cranfield

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There wasn't much detail in the plan.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There seems to be a lot of unneeded spending, would prefer council focused on key infrastructure like waste and water. Please hold off on LGWM before we see how the city looks after Covid. The city will be very different with many workers no longer coming to the city. Do we really need Cupa Dupa, Welly Christmas Weekend etc. they are enjoyed by a very small % of the city ratepayers and are a hassle for the small businesses in the area. Please economise and make some brave decisions.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

That seems an affordable rate rise for households that will be feeling the pinch after Covid.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Please investigate not using RoundUp in our city, especially parks - it's poisonous to everyone, children and dogs are at most risk. It also gets into our waterways and is dangerous for you staff to use. Thanks!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

User pays makes sense

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please try and save money internally. Please don't remove car parks in the CBD. Please improve our public transport.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 96. Pip Cresswell

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The plan is not taking the covid world into account well enough and it is not green enough. It is not sensible to continue with a convention centre. Conventions should not happen in the same way they have in the past - they are massively carbon producing as is building a convention centre. Who is going to hold conventions now that many people have worked out how to meet on line? The council should be encouraging a new green way not just more of the same. Really disappointing. Council needs to stop and think and examine this project. Have you surveyed to find out the likelihood of people having conventions here in the future?

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Needs to be more expenditure on pipes and outrageous expenditure like surveying people to see if it's all right to dump poo at dea needs to be stopped

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need more investment in basic infrastructure. Fix the pipes. Get more people working on pipes. Get more buses trains and drivers. So public transport is attractive again to people

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I dont know what the resource recovery centre means. If it means hiring more people to fix our existing problems that sounds sensible

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

People who can still pay for things should still pay. Lot of national and local government employees here who are largely unaffected by covid and can still pay

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Be more sustainable - dont tinker round the edges. Use this time to make Wellington green. Dont go back to the same old same old. The signage on tracks like ataturk to pass of branda needs updating

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
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- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 97. Lance Lones

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am astonished at the level of increase proposed by the Council, and believe that any general increase much above inflation is inexcusable. The Council needs to realize that most businesses can't just increase their fees at 2-4x inflation. Particularly when the rest of us are seeing decreases in income due to Covid19. The Council should review its' spending more carefully.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I continue to wonder what increasing level of service I'm getting for a plan that is more than double inflation. Particularly given a projected 10% increase next year. Really? The rest of us are having to cut costs to support this overrun in expenses.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council should go back to its' budget and find the budget to support this level of spend. I believe it's there, but suspect that Council isn't particularly happy to do so. Future rates raises should not be increased due to this level of funding. Again, find it in your budget.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Doesn't really impact the overall plan, does it. How about we focus on things that do impact the plan.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I honestly don't know what impact these fees have, nor is there any indication - too little information has been supplied.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Again, I would strongly recommend to Council that it goes back and reviews its' budgeting process. The apparent budget on everything council related appears to be spiraling out of control, with indicated rates increases many times that of inflation. I note that the only real indications of where capital is being spent in this survey are woefully inadequate, and that one of the questions was so insubstantial as to be laughable. Please be more responsible with our hard earned dollars.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 98. Robert Wright

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

What is wrong with reducing service levels? How much would that save? What services do you refer to? What are the factors that affect "quality of life in our city"? How do the proposed rates increase improve this? Why do future rates rises need to be high? This council needs to start THINKING. They need to start LEADING. They need to get their hands out of the ratepayers pockets and work out a better way to fund their grand plans.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council needs to start thinking SMARTER. Covid-19 is going to last for years. Best you get your thinking sorted. Why not write debt off over longer periods? Reduce costs. Reduce spending. STOP being profligate with MY MONEY.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Where is the REDUCE RATES option? What would the impact of THAT be? SPEND SPEND SPEND needs to be replaced with SAVE SAVE SAVE.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

You have not clearly shown the cost of these. NO TO NEW INITIATIVES. SAVE SAVE SAVE.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Reduce services and save money or increase user pays. Stop charging rate payers to support others using services that aren't crucial to life and living.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I voted solely for councillors that were not profligate with my money. You are letting us all down. Grand projects and grand spending meaning a grand on my rates. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 99. Duncan Campbell, Wellington Chinese Garden Society

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Post COVID-19, the plan reveals a degree of understanding of the need to give appropriate attention to the variety of civic infrastructure that a city such as Wellington requires.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We write to you as two long-standing committee members of the Wellington Chinese Garden Society and in connection with the recently released Wellington City Council Annual Plan. As you know, the proposal for a Chinese Garden in Wellington, to commemorate the contribution made to this city over the course of its history by successive generations of Chinese New Zealanders, has long been the aspiration of the Society, as representative of the wider Wellington Chinese community.

Over the past twenty years, the Society has worked closely with the City Council in the attempt to realise this proposal, with an agreed site and an approved design. And 21 December 2018 saw this proposal finally surmount all the various legal challenges that it needed to surmount.

We note however that although under the "Key Projects in 2020/21" section of the Annual Plan (p. 22) there is some discussion of the delays encountered with the renovation planned for Frank Kitts Park subsequent to the granting of resource consent, there is no explicit mention of the Garden of Beneficence that is to be a component part of this redevelopment.

The COVID-19 pandemic changes much, but we write to assure you that the Society remains fully committed to the proposal of a Chinese Garden for Wellington, and engaged with the community to raise the amount of funding agreed upon with the Wellington City Council and which would allow work to commence.

It strikes us that the hopeful message of the Garden and the manner in which it embodies something of both the connection between city and sea and the history of Wellington as it has been built by waves of migration and settlement seems a particularly timely one given the challenges we now face as a city.

Yours sincerely, Esther Fung ONZM Duncan Campbell

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Newspaper

Word of mouth

## 100. Friends Of Taputeranga Marine Reserve

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We wholeheartedly agree that water and drainage infrastructure is a key area of focus for 2020/21 and the up-coming 2021- 2031 Long Term Plan.

We are heartened to hear of a green infrastructure demonstration project., but want to see more nature based projects on the Tipu Toa agenda. During lockdown many of us used our local parks and beaches – appreciating these blue-green spaces more than ever.

It's made us realise how important they are: for exercise and a place to relax amongst nature. Tipu Toa: Build back better is great- but we need to build greener multi benefit solutions, not grey, single purpose out-dated answers.

Covid is a once in a generation opportunity to stop the treadmill, to change, to create urban environments that are kinder to us and our whanau and to our environment and ecology – now and in the future.

Places that allow more contact with nature, and all the wellbeing benefits and ecosystem services that brings. Be that the wild south coast, our tracks and trails, down town pocket parks or water sensitive features throughout our communities.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Billions of dollars are now needed to be spent in the short term – right now - to make up for previous inaction to fix the cities drainage problems. Delaying rates increases and this essential work does nothing more than push out the costs and increase the risk of sewage leaks and overflows.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Meager rates rises have massive consequences. Our aged and leaky drainage networks have been known about and underfunded for years. Failing to fund works adequately now will mean sewage discharges continue to put people at risk using our local beaches, offend culturally values and harm aquatic life and marine mammals.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support the initiatives in principle of economic stimulation and providing jobs, however would like to see greater focus on the following areas, which would also create employment - enabling achieving Our Natural Capital strategy – (coastal) biodiversity enhancement, pest control, and water sensitive principles being adopted to reduce impacts on receiving water environments, - ensure new development doesn't exacerbate existing issues in the wastewater network or treatment plants, - ensure appropriate licencing, consenting, monitoring, reporting and enforcement of discharges to the waste and stormwater networks.

We have to take a more holistic approach to ensure that the water flowing through Wellington into our marine environment is not a health issue, and does not impact on biodiversity, recreation and kai moana.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Whilst we support increased waste minimisation activities and polluter pays concepts, we would prefer ring fenced waste management revenue be directed to off setting the environment damage of landfilling. For example bush clearance and stream lost for stage four of the landfill extension, or eliminating discharges from all landfills, and the RMA enforced to stop leachate polluting waterways and our coast- specifically marine reserve.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Wellington, surrounded by sea on three sides, treasures our waters and respects the life within them. The sea and marine life is an important part of our culture, our identity and heritage. So why do we find ourselves with polluted beaches and streams resulting from failing drainage infrastructure? Water NZ has reported that Wellington's wastewater system is in the worst condition of all major New Zealand centres - with around a third of our wastewater pipes in poor or very poor condition.

Sewage is getting into our stormwater system every time it rains heavily, and pipe breakages (as well as constructed overflows) have resulted in raw sewage pouring into the streams, our harbours and coast even without additional pressure from predicted growth.

Data for Wellington Harbour show contaminants above guidelines for aquatic life. These illegal discharges ruin our recreational use of local beaches, are culturally abhorrent and harm aquatic life and marine mammals. Contaminants in sewage put people at risk when swimming or diving. All this affects the Taputeranga Marine Reserve on Wellington's south coast. Pollution and discharges impact not just the ecology and environment but the mauri life force and the kaitiakitanga role marine reserves offer. Taputeranga Marine Reserve is an amazing place right at our doorstep. Since it was established some 12 years ago, sea-life in the reserve has burgeoned and it's becoming increasingly popular as a destination for snorklers, divers and people enjoying the beaches and rock pools. It is also an important scientific and educational resource. Alas now its accessibility and proximity to our capital city, could now be its biggest drawback.

Toxic leachate from the several active and closed landfills in Happy Valley and former the Houghton Bay landfill, four "emergency" sewage discharges and all sorts of nasties sediment, heavy metals, chemicals and litter from the stormwater outfalls all end up in what would ideally (and legally) be a pristine marine reserve. It is a national disgrace to see the sewage pollution of the marine reserve and the coastal environments and other catchments around the city.

There have been plenty of ideas and words (e.g. Blue Belts, Biophilic Cities, blue urbanism, water sensitive design) but nothing has changed. Infrastructure upgrades are critical to ensuring the wastewater and stormwater networks function as intended- to protect public and environmental health, and these works will come at high cost. It will take time and considerable investment to fix the issues, but the aspiration for the council and expectations from residents is that in the long run there should be no sewage discharge into Taputeranga Marine Reserve or to any Wellington marine and freshwater environment.

Billions of dollars are now needed to be spent in the short term – right now - to fix the problem. It's time to deal with it effectively now.

We commend water and drainage infrastructure being a key area of focus for 2020/21 and the upcoming 2021- 2031 Long Term Plan. We Support the bringing forward of drainage works. Also support

the Mayoral Taskforce set up to better understand the state of Wellington's water network, and to provide a recommended to the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan. We appeal to you to – invest fully in Wellington Water's asset management plan renewals and upgrade programme -not cut any annual plan or long term plan funding to vital sewer and stormwater network renewals and upgrades. ensure long term funding to progressively manage and remove wastewater discharges to the environment- including addressing cross connections, leaks and overflows - ensure the upcoming district plan review requires low impact and water sensitive development, and protects coastal environments, freshwater and biodiversity.

The Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve Trust was formed in October 2009 to foster understanding and appreciation of the marine environment and reserve on Wellingtons doorstep; to help the Department of Conservation monitor, manage and protect the full range of the Marine Reserve's potential benefits and ecosystems and to give the community both a voice and an involvement in its kaitiakitanga.

The Trustees represent, or have had experience, in marine science and policy, the local community, commercial and recreational diving, central and local government, conservation and are marine users.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**      Online  
Social media

## 101. Chris Gianos

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The rate increase and lack of ability to say no to nice to haves.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Cut spending instead

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Cut spending instead

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

not answered

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives
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Definitely oppose
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**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It will promote illegal dumping

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Learn how to say no.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 102. Marion Leighton, Doctors for Active, Safe Travel

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think it strikes a balance between the upheaval of covid and the need for some serious maintenance of our city along with keeping us moving forward and improving the city.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think we need to take responsibility for the maintenance of our city and also all the services the council provides. previous councils have not increased rates to the level that this can be achieved so now we must pay the price. I do not want to see us push that cost into the future. I would prefer an even higher rise now to even out future rises.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Pushes our responsibilities onto future residents and is irresponsible

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to keep improving the city, especially with reference to the impending climate disaster and making our city a great place to bring up children and live in if poor, disabled or elderly.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Very important to have user pays systems for the landfill to disincentivise using it and it must cover the costs of preventing and repairing any environmental damage from the landfill. I support a slight increase in other payments as it always comes as a shock when payments are increased a lot after a long period of deferment.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use the city's cycleways I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar

Word of mouth

### 103. Kain Glensor

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In my opinion far more than "minor roading improvements" are required to have any significant impact on making "walking safer, more child friendly, and more accessible". And where is cycling left? Wellington is already years behind even Auckland (of all places) and decades behind other cities in making walking and cycling safe and enjoyable: more needs to be done!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Email

## 104. Tim Henley

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 105. Tessa Johnstone

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There's some good stuff in there, but overall I don't think you're moving fast enough on climate change resilience (eg. upgrading our three waters to manage extreme weather events) or reduce the city's carbon emissions (eg. extremely slow, patchy progress on cycleways).

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Seems a balanced approach

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Saving now means paying for it later, it's short-term thinking

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Particularly excited to see the investigation into a resource recovery centre, and more money for home energy improvements.

Overall though the Annual Plan (confused as to what the consultation is about if the work programme is based on 'decisions that have already been made?') still feels pretty unambitious given the goals set out in your zero carbon capital plan and the urgent environmental crisis we're facing. I'm continually frustrated by the glacial pace on cycleways.

Transport is the area that the council could have the biggest impact on reducing its carbon emissions, and it's still not being prioritised.

My child has just started primary school. I drive her 2km to and from school every day because I don't feel safe to cycle her. According to your plan, she won't be able to cycle safely by herself to school until she is starting high school - in 2028. I'm baffled by council pressing on with a multi-million convention centre when there are clearly a lot of other very pressing needs. I'm underwhelmed by your goal to aim to reduce stormwater and wastewater discharge into our seas.

Overall C+ could try harder.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

If anything the waste levy increases are too easy on people - commercial fees in particular need to be at a level where businesses are incentivised to reduce waste.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please, please hustle on cycleways, bus priority and walking routes - for our health and for our environment.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 106. Martin Hefford

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The reasons given are compelling

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Better to invest now in a liveable city

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The resource centre objectives and effectiveness are unclear, but I support the concept.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

There is inadequate investment provision for cycle lanes. This would improve the health and wellbeing of our inhabitants

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 107. Anna Scott

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The proposed rates increase makes sense to avoid long term higher rises

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Definitely support safer streets for children. There are areas in tawa that could definitely use investment.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I have reviewed the level of borrowing against the overall balance sheet position and I'm satisfied that council can sustain and service these borrowings.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar

Social media

Other

## 108. Melanie Vautier

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Lots of things need doing that need money to do them!

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

as above

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I strongly agree with all the measures that will contribute to lowering emissions and waste. It is awesome to see all the campaigning and engagement efforts from a whole host of groups in recent years be implemented into policy; and affirming to know you have our interests at heart beyond simple neoliberal economics. Great job on these measures- but would also love to see if go further!!! E.g more (paid) collaboration with mana whenua and Māori urbanism; a framework such as Doughnut Economics being an overarching framework for the city; more efforts toward waste reduction; more support for local urban agriculture / compost groups; and more pedestrianization of the CBD.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Go circular economy!

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Lots of awesome stuff in the mix but I urge you to go further, bolder, and more innovative!! So many very urgent challenges bearing down- such as climate change- that we need visionary leaders! Also would be awesome to have a chance to be more involved at much earlier stages - e.g. finding what the community wants and then implementing it, rather than ticking boxes at the end of it. (E.g. participatory budgeting, as many cities around the world do with great success).

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 109. Suze Keith

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is a time to prioritise public investment and support, not reduce it.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?-**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

because I like every one of the ideas listed - they describe a caring, sustainable city

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives
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Definitely support
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**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This question is a bit confusing - I support increasing marina fees and the landfill fees because in both cases it is important to ensure public funds aren't subsidising private benefit; plus the increased landfill fees may be sufficient to begin to change behaviours towards reducing waste

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 110. Hilary Fowler

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Now is not the time for austerity.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recreation centres I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 111. Ethan Tucker

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In the middle of huge economic and social upheaval it's not the time to cut spending.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There are many pressing demands on the WCC budget, and a smaller increase would tie the city's hands.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There are too many major infrastructure requirements in the immediate future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All good initiatives.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It makes sense to exempt the Landfill, given it's nearly full and its use should be discouraged.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I look forward to learning more about the options for the City Library, both restoration and new builds. The new Christchurch city library is smaller but a great asset to Cathedral Square, and if something like that cost tens of millions less than strengthening the existing Wellington library I think it's worth considering, even if it does take a bit longer to complete.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 112. Catherine Proffitt

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Most homeowners are doing fine and can afford this rates increase.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I like the green, sustainability elements

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 113. Ollie Sangster

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Better to spread the cost over multiple years then a small rate increase now then a big jump next year

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

seems like a very small rate increase for a lot of positive social and environmental outcomes

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support nor oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

User pays is a good model for rubbish (to incentivise the three R's) - reduce, reuse, recycle. Maybe fees could be discounted for those on community service cards as flat fees would be regressive for poorer community members. Marinas are exclusive activities so those people should pay their own way and not palm cost to wider ratepayers

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 114. Sophie Dia

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Council need to cut unnecessary costs

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Council needs to cut costs and remove unnecessary services that's how it can be all managed

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

If you simplified services and remove all unnecessary departments it will save you millions.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think it's just ridiculous :\$150k increase in funding for Home Energy Audits to improve the energy? This assessments is just waste of money. I can ordered one in a past and paid by myself and it was waste of my money. I believe you can spend those fund on much more useful things such as roading and lighting the walkways

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not sure

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Online

## 115. Marta Paunero

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think supporting the ones who need it most now is the right approach

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 116. Susan Hutchinson

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because we don't want our services levels reduced, and we need activity that boosts morale and generate liveliness in the city to stimulate the economy.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with some of the comments about councillors demonstrating leadership by offering to take pay cuts. I'm also concerned about the lack of commitment to recreating a decent public library space. Just an imaginative thought many

office buildings are now less likely to be fully occupied as people discover the benefits of working from home, from a physical, mental, social and emotional viewpoint. No to mention time savings and traffic congestion benefits. How much vacant office space could be repurposed for, for example council services such as libraries (as was done in the aftermath of the Central Library closure) pop - up art galleries and performance art spaces for art school students, Citizens Advice Bureau, budgeting support services and even places where people can come together to just "be." These were the some of the functions of Central Library. WCC needs to be more creative in their thinking about offering places for people, particularly those on limited incomes, who bring life to the city nonetheless.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

They all align strongly with my personal values, and appear to be relatively low cost.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Waste management is a key responsibility of council.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I fully support all zero waste initiatives, particularly anything that also takes us in the direction of Te Atakura - zero

/negative carbon. We want the people of our city to have better food security, resilience and empowerment. Instead of food bank handouts let's move the city to a model that empowers a community to grow their own food, and beautiful community spaces. It would be very forward thinking to allow Community groups being able to tender to help the council divert kitchen waste from landfill. In an interesting crossover with WCC's parking policy, I suggest the council actively frees up more land to do this. Take a look at this example from

Japan, where large spaces were transformed in earthquake parks.

<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/japans-disaster-parks-help-explain-its-coronavirus-response>

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

Social media

## 117. Paula Warren

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think rates levels should stay as needed to do the job. Many of us are not suffering significant financial effects of the pandemic, and should be contributing to the city. Targeted rates relief is more appropriate than an overall rates cut. Rates are a relatively small part of my annual costs and I get a lot of value from the council services. There is some rates money being wasted, including by Roads vegetation management contracts, but mostly we need more effort, not just continuation of past levels of work.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because it's better than the second option. But as I said, i want to see some activities increased. I would also support (at AL1) an increase in charges for parking.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to maintain services and continue to improve infrastructure. Many of us are not significantly financially affected by Covid and shouldn't be pushing our costs off onto future ratepayers.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is the opportunity to change the way we do a lot of things. We need green infrastructure, including stormwater retention wetlands, stormwater gardens, etc. We need to make the city truly walkable. It's about time we got some LGWM stuff happening, after what feels like decades of making submissions and attending working groups and having WCC and others pull the plug on every useful initiative. I was the pedestrian rep on the Thorndon transport project. The minute the retailers started making a fuss about parking places, the mayor pulled the whole thing, and the positive things that all reps wanted never happened. I've been asking for years for some greenways, and WCC makes nice noises and does nothing. We ran two very successful closed road days on Miramar Peninsula and people asked for a change to the road to open it up for walkers, but WCC did nothing, and have now only advertised a short term change. There are around 160 restoration groups doing great work, but WCC's support for them has reduced rather than increased. I used to be able to get wood chips and now can't. We need to stop trying to maintain a non-functioning BAU and start doing transformations to deliver the walkable, green city that residents are saying they want. But these initiatives aren't enough. We need more investment in making our water infrastructure fit for the future. We need to develop and implement nature-friendly coastal changes before sea level rise becomes a serious problem. We need more rangers to work with community groups.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I want to see charges for use of public road space for private car storage increased. The additional income can be used to improve the walking environment and subsidise bus fares for low income households.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

One thing I want you to stop spending money on is Downers contracts for road vegetation. I run a restoration project and despite having a no-cut no-spray agreement for Clifton Terrace and a "you will be notified before we do work" agreement for Tokyo Lane, they still come and make a mess. I wouldn't mind so much if what they did was useful, but it isn't. They damage trees, weed-eat plants Berhampore have provided, but don't deliver benefits for pedestrians over the longer term. For example where there are agapanthus taking up a large part of the footpath, they cut about twice a year, when what it needs is to have them dug out and replaced with something like renga lilies that will not need maintenance. The head of Parks and I discussed this one year and he agreed that there were much better ways to invest funding to deliver better CPTED, pedestrian and biodiversity outcomes. But year after year after year I raise this issue - in Annual Plan submissions, ERG, at functions, when receiving awards. But nothing changes. Why? Why do you go on with stupid expenditure and not listen? Why outsource things that could be done competently by a park ranger? Why can't you work constructively with your restoration groups? What do I need to do to get change?

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- E Newsletter
- Word of mouth

## 118. Peter Edwards

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There is additional "vanity" spending (i.e. convention centre and international tourism promotion) that should be shelved in consideration of the current situation. WCC needs to focus on core services for ratepayers and getting them right before going into 'nice to haves'

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

You are asking ratepayers to pay an increase well above a cost of living increase, when most people's salaries are stagnating or taking a substantial cut. Other entities are cutting expenditures, so should council. To also state that this is to maintain existing services is ridiculous.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

While this level of increase is more reasonable, there still should be NO increase in rates for the same reasons above. The threats of even higher increases in subsequent years is abhorrent. Council should be cutting expenditures in this period rather than maintaining business as usual (or spending even more).

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These projects are again, new spending. While not much in the scheme of things. WCC needs to consider whether these are core services to ratepayers, and adjust accordingly.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Green waste fees are going up by a greater percentage than general waste. This does not address 'polluter pays', particularly when WCC is able to recover some costs through the sale of compost. (incidentally, WCC contributes to the waste problem through supplying this compost in plastic bags). On one hand, I do agree somewhat with increasing the fees for domestic and commercial waste, WCC needs to realise that much of this waste is actually created by the commercial/industrial sector in the form of excess or non-reusable/non-recyclable packaging. WCC should perhaps look at efforts to address this issue, and not fob it off to citizens and community groups.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

With respect to the work programme, I have several comments. First, with respect to governance, when you create policies, plans and/or strategies, one would expect that WCC will actually follow these policies, plans and/or strategies. Case in point, WCC seems to simply rubber stamp many projects that are well outside of District Plan parameters, without community input. Get rid of the vanity projects, i.e. convention centre. WCC needs to learn to live within its means. Your strategy seems to be predicated on endless economic

growth, which is simply not possible. WCC needs to come up with more creative ways of achieving their goals without constantly reaching into ratepayers pockets, at rates higher than any cost of living increases.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recreation centres
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 119. Bernard O'Shaughnessy

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Option B is better: to suggest the high rates proffered is pure nonsense.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I didn't - the organisation should be restructured

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because many people in our city are hurting even before Covid19 tragedgy.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because that are small matters that must be addressed. The bigger issue is that Council Officers should advance the re build or new build of the CBD Library WITHIN 3 YEARS. Council went all out to fast track the build of the Sports Centre in Kilbirnie for \$50m to build it in time for the 'rugby world cup.' What nonsense then and now a white elephant.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Common sense

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Councillors employ ONE person - The CEO. Previous CEOs simply build empires. I hope our new CEO downsizes the organisation and also get a better management team.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recreation centres I use the city's cycleways
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 120. Lawrence Collingbourne

Online submission and email

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The nation and Wellington is facing a huge economic crises with many people suffering job losses and pay cuts (thanks to the councillors for recognising this), yet we have a business as usual planning approach, not an emergency budget cut. Please target 0% rates rise.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A 0% rate rise should be achieved by cutting expenditure on items that do not build an immediate benefit but can be postponed or cut due to reduced demand.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Deferring rate rises through financial engineering and borrowing is madness.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The council must decide what is appropriate this year, and that includes many major projects not highlighted in the annual plan wording, but present in the expenditure estimates.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As per rates, fees should be held, however by reducing expenditure, there is no need to threaten massive rises next year!

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

This is a pretty poor plan and even poorer set of consultation questions! Major cost savings are possible in infrastructure and transport budgets through deferment of projects, but even the \$9m cost of supporting councillors should be aggressively cut for this year. I will email a written submission.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

**Additional information provided by email**

## **Annual Plan Submission 7th June 2020**

For Wellington City Council

From Lawrence Collingbourne,

I have the following concerns about the Annual Plan:

- A. As a resident I want the Council to present me with an annual plan that reflects the new economic realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the emergency budget for Auckland City Council addresses. A largely business as usual plan that offers only financial engineering to achieve a lower rates rise, with catastrophic rises postponed for 12 months, is simply not acceptable.
- B. I appreciate the councillors reflecting personally that many Wellington residents face a 20% pay cut or loss of their jobs altogether, but what we really need is for you to target a council expenditure reduction of 10% to achieve a 0% rates rise. This is not impossible to achieve as has been suggested.
- C. The first target area should be the \$9m it costs to support council and the \$16m to support the new convention centre - simplify your working and simplify or delay the convention centre to achieve your target of 1% savings from this budget alone.
- D. The transport budget of \$160m expenditure this year could find a large expenditure cut by eliminating non-essential projects, something practised by UK councils continually. In particular the spend of \$12m on the Island Bay Cycleway recovery should be cancelled.
- E. The infrastructure budget should be cut by postponing non-essential work, but not at the expense of resilience projects that have been delayed too long already.
- F. The new library building should not be a fix up of the old building. Councillors need to stop getting sentimental about old architecture and commission a new build as it is cheaper. What would be even better is a public private partnership to develop the site to its full height with a new library on the first 3 or 4 floors.
- G. Economic development needs to leverage central government COVID recovery spending and be realistic about the huge hit tourism is going to take whatever the Council spends.
- H. COVID-19 has severely impacted the volume of council services and wherever possible the council should be reducing the number of library and recreational facilities it operates on a temporary basis to achieve expenditure savings from this downturn.
- I. 2020-21 is a year to get back to basics and do them well, a year to avoid borrowing to subsidise operational costs, a year to do some reflection on what a vibrant city looks like post pandemic and a year to stop gold mining property owners to pay for glamour projects, a year to use common sense and become show some unity about residents' real needs.

## 121. Rhona Carson, Newtown Residents' Association

Email submission

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NEWTOWN RESIDENTS' ASSN.

### Submission on the Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan, 2020/21

#### Introduction

The Newtown Residents' Association has been an Incorporated Society since July 1963. We are residents and business owners from Newtown and the surrounding area, who take a keen interest in the community and local issues. We are concerned with maintaining and improving our area's liveability, connectedness and sustainability and working to make our community a thriving, diverse, great place to live.

#### Submission

##### Overall approach to the plan

**We agree with the overall approach to the plan.** This is a pragmatic approach to providing support for recovery while being committed to continuing with essential services and plans for infrastructure improvements.

##### Rates increases

**We approve of the proposal to increase rates by 5.1%.** Although rates increases of any size have a detrimental impact on some households, the need to deal with water issues and also to repair important, earthquake prone buildings makes this a challenging time financially, and if rates weren't increased now it would increase the funding problems in the future.

**We approve of the proposal to defer rates payments without penalty** where this is necessary to ameliorate financial hardship caused by covid-19. We also recommend publicising the Rates Rebate available to low income households.

##### Tipu Toa – Build Back Better

##### We approve of these initiatives.

We are particularly excited about the potential for a **resource recovery centre** and for **green stormwater infrastructure**, and look forward to these initiatives being included in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan.

We are also pleased to hear about the **City Recovery Fund**. We have heard some discussion about this fund being used for innovative projects. This is attractive, but we are concerned that existing initiatives will need help to recover. Vibrant arts, events and festivals in our city are essential to the essence of Wellington. They are also the source of work and income for a whole range of artists,

technicians, and providers of infrastructure such as stages and lighting, who have been hard hit by the cancellation of so many events this year.

We have a particular interest in this because of our long association with Newtown Festival. As the country recovers from covid-19 it begins to seem that it will be possible to hold the Festival in March 2021, but if so there will be significant difficulties ahead. The majority of the usual funders and sponsors have had a dramatic decrease in income and are very unlikely to be able to provide the level of support the Festival has had in previous years. The City Recovery Fund could be a truly essential life-line to ensure the Newtown Festival can continue.

### **Support for improving Three Waters infrastructure**

The Newtown Residents' Association has been advocating for this for many years. It was in our submission for the 2018/28 Long Term Plan, and we hope that it will get high priority in the 2021/31 LTP. We agree with the extra support for Wellington Water proposed in this Annual Plan.

**Water storage and network improvements** - We continue to support the speedy development of the Prince of Wales Reservoir.

**Waste water network improvements** - We strongly support the urgent upgrade of the waste water network.

**Stormwater networks** - We are concerned about the management of stormwater across the city. There are times in our area when the existing infrastructure is clearly insufficient and the streets are flooded. This is exacerbated by the rain running off hard, impervious surfaces. We strongly support water sensitive urban design, and hope this will be required in future plans.

### **The City Library**

We are relieved that after a long wait there are now some options available for the restoration of the City Library. We look forward to being involved in the consultation about this in the near future.

**Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We would like the opportunity to speak to Councillors about it in the appropriate forum.**

**Rhona Carson**

**President, Newtown Residents' Association June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**2020**

## 122. Christine Davies

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A rates option of zero should have been suggested even with the service level drops.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The rates payers of today should not have to pay for the poor spending of the 3 waters depreciation and poor management over the last 50 years

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above. There are other services that could be reviewed. The Arts could take a back seat for a couple years to keep rates down the hideous hand for example.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Why pay for the arts recovery when people have no homes and the 3 waters are overdue for renewals. Individuals should look after own Home Energy audits why would the council or me as a rate payer have to pay for this. Support the weed management which is under funded at present for all the gorse in Newlands at the moment.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Due to the Turd taxi's due to the lack of proper 3 waters management the Southern Landfill. The landfill will be filled sooner. Rather than increasing the cost that will just cost us all. Invest in the resource consents for a new landfill.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

What happened to the large increase in revenue from revaluing residential value? There is no increase in rates revenue from revaluations, it just changes the way the rates are allocated across the rating base. This answer is not true I am paying an extra \$100 per quarter are you telling me that this money is just being wasted.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 123. Judy Hutt

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'm not sure what is meant by "overall approach to this Annual Plan". The question is unclear.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellington's infrastructure is crumbling due to incompetence and mismanagement over a long period. Funding is necessary to remedy this dire situation. If we put off spending any longer the situation will only get worse. No new reservoir in Mount Cook until all the ancient pipework and sewers are replaced. Use the increased rate revenue for this purpose before anything else.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

People are suffering financially during the current circumstances we are all living under. Any rate increase would be difficult for a lot of residents. However Wellington's infrastructure and transport has been neglected for a long time and money needs to be invested in that to prevent even more major work in the future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These are minor amounts of rate revenue for necessary items.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

An increase in tip fees will encourage people to recycle and repair before dumping.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please invest our rate money in the infrastructure of the city prior to building the massive reservoir in Mount Cook which will probably prove to be unnecessary if all the leaking water pipes are replaced. There will be less people living in Wellington after Covid 19 than was originally forecast. Will will need less water.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 124. Victor Anderlini

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't understand question

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

rates will go up higher during next year

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not enough funding for any new initiatives such as the Ocean Exploration Centre.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't know about issue

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Charges will deter visitors from coming to Wellington

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 125. Gradon Diprose

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with an approach that focuses on recovery for Wellington City but this needs to ensure we do not slow progress on tackling climate change and should also progress a sustainable transformation. New Zealand needs to cut greenhouse gases (GHG) by 50 percent by 2030. Investment decisions must be made that will create a low carbon, climate resilient and inclusive economy, and avoid carbon intensive development. I'm not entirely sure what is in the capital investment programme, but if this includes carbon intensive activities, or is designed to rely on carbon intensive activities (like international tourism), this should be revised.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support addressing the library issues and three waters. Wellington's three waters are in urgent need of upgrade, but this should be done in a climate proofing way, such as prioritising green infrastructure (particularly to manage stormwater), thereby managing predicted climate extremes (like heat, flooding) and helping support biodiversity.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellington residents on average have higher incomes than other parts of NZ. We need to address three waters issues now, rather than deferring or passing the costs on to future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I wholeheartedly support all these initiatives and would like to see future investment in these kinds of projects going forward.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Waste disposal is currently too cheap in NZ and externalises the true cost of our lifestyles. One way to help people shift to a more circular economy is to pass on the true cost of waste disposal, therefore I completely support increasing the Southern Landfill fees. The current situation with the Southern Landfill, where the sludge is disposed of to landfill, requiring four tonnes of general waste to be landfilled for every one tonne of sludge, is not environmentally sustainable and is seriously hampering progress on waste minimisation in Wellington. Urgent progress is needed on the analysing and progressing options for a Sludge Minimisation Utilisation and Reclamation Facility.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I would love to see the WCC developing local procurement practices to support local livelihoods and economy, especially if they have other social or environmental benefits. I also want to see WCC really leading the way in terms of building back better after COVID-19, and prioritising local projects that help connect people with nature and support people's wellbeing. Part of this for me involves further developing a regional food security strategy and supporting existing projects around urban farming and local composting hubs. Given Wellington's risk profile in terms of natural hazards (as well as pandemics), urban food security and better management and use of waste (particularly green waste) is really important.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 126. Camilla Anderlini

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think the water projects are a joke, every day there are pipes bursting in the city due to neglect and the council is pushing ahead with a \$68 million project for a reservoir and is continually seeking additional funding as the budget has been blown on this. How does it make sense to have a new reservoir if the pipes aren't even capable of managing the current water supply? This seems like someones vanity project which is being pushed ahead despite many objections.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think there needs to be more of a council focus on proper recycling. The lockdown showed us that the council doesn't consider recycling essential and hasn't invested in a good system.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

E Newsletter

## 127. John Kilmenko

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Lacking Detail on parts

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Need to get the infrastructure including buildings [library] back to an acceptable level of operation.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Cost to ratepayers in a time of serious recession.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Nice to have but not essential for continued operation of Councils services.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Money can be saved in more efficient operation rather than using polluter pays approach.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

How about the Council actually providing and ensuring that you provide essential services to a reasonable standard

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 128. Seamus Maher

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support nor oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use the city's cycleways

I use Council rubbish bags I use Council libraries

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** E Newsletter

## 129. Jill Ford

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I have real issues with amount spent on projects such as the Town Hall, do we really need a Music centre, the emphasis on arts and little on the outdoors, eg tracks or waste reduction, we need to have some user pays for things like the Art gallery, why is this free yet to go for a swim cost over \$5.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because of the way the '5%' is calculated, eg if your house value goes up you end up with more than a 5% increase.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Why always investment in the arts and not investment in our fantastic outdoors. We need an increase for track maintenance, during lock down thousands were out on the tracks, yet the funding is very low for the 350 km, consequently many are in poor state. The council relies heavily on volunteers to maintain many tracks, it has a golf course at berhampore that VERY few people play on but costs heaps to maintain, golfers arent expected to maintain it!.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The govt will be introducing a an increase in landfill levy from \$10- \$60 yet this does not appear to be taken into account. The council needs to invest in improved recycling - the situation is pretty appalling, we have no kitchen composting - we shouldnt need to spend \$200,000 on a 'business case' when ChCH has been doing it for 11 years, New Plymouth and Hamilton now have. Thats just delaying tactics. The council has to accept that in the short term there is a cost to organic recycling but given 30% of the waste in our landfill is organic this could save \$20 million being 'wasted on enlarging the landfill. Marina fees - these should be completely cost recovery, why should rate payers subsidize people who can afford expensive boats to moor their boats .

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

1. Waste -Wgtn has a waste problem, we lag behind many councils in NZ in failing to deal with our organic waste. Organic waste makes up at least 30% of landfill and is the largest proportion of waste disposed of to landfill. Wgtn is proposing to spend \$20M on enlarging the landfill which would not be necessary if we were to give every household a green bin for organic waste. Not only will it save money from extending the landfill it will save methane - organic waste dumped in landfill produces methane - if Wgtn wishes to achieve zero carbon then eliminating methane from landfill would eb a big step. Organic composting has been done in Christchurch for over 11 years and they have significantly less waste per head in their land fill than Wellington. Timaru has had organic since 2006 - The cost to compost is about \$100/T +GST compared to landfill (2013) at \$192.50/T. The current cost of the 3 bin service to residents is \$318, or \$2 per bin/week. Waste to landfill from the kerbside collection reduced 63% after the new collection service started in 2006. The Govt waste levy will soon increase from \$10 per tonne to \$60 per tonne so it 'pays WCC to invest in kitchen composting. There is no need to waste another year and spend \$200,000 on a business case, that is pure delaying tactics. Just send someone from your waste team to visit other centres where is already done - New Plymouth, Timaru, Hamilton, Auckland and then recommend the system that is best for Wgtn. 2. Recycling and recovery centres - lets aim for zero waste - Auckland has a goal of Zero waste by 2040.

Wanaka and Alexandra have created an amazing resource recovery centre - Wastebusters aiming for zero waste through reduction, reuse, and recycling. Wastebusters is a large employer, with nearly 50 full and part-time staff working on the two sites. Wastebusters goals are to:

- Reclaim resources and minimise waste
- Make communities resourceful, affordable, and fun places to live in
- Be an alternative to a disposable society
- Work for zero waste

Wastebusters core services are business and events recycling, drop-off recycling, reuse shops, education for sustainability, advocacy, and support of waste minimisation in the community and in our country. They recently did a survey (something Wgtn could / should do)

<https://www.wastebusters.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Summary-Resourceful-Communities-survey-results-201911.pdf> .

3. Waste communications by WCC - most people in Wgtn are confused, what can, what can't be recycled - relying on a sticker underneath the bin lid (many people bins are nowhere near their kitchen or where they actually sort their rubbish) and WCC e news plus Facebook isn't sufficient. This was clearly shown when WCC announced no recycling when we went to Level 4, Newtown's collection was within the next 2 days – obviously, the message didn't get through because there were recycling bags all over the streets! We need clearer communications using different channels, eg an App, (ChCh has just released one) a fridge magnet, a sticker for the TOP of the bin. Whakatane recently improved its recycling communications with simpler messaging and in different formats, this greatly improved their recycling.

4. Street rubbish – we need more bins – we have very few and what we have need to be more clearly marked with IMAGES of what goes on each bin, having it in English and Maori isn't sufficient – people don't read. Z stations are good examples of making it clear what goes in which bin.

5. Funding for the being active – much funding is directed to - Wgtn being the cultural capital. We make it free to visit an Art gallery yet charge for swimming pools- yet we have an obesity crisis and need to be encouraging people to be active. We have 350km+ of tracks which the council relies heavily on volunteers to maintain, eg Polhill, Tawatawa, Hawkins Hill, or concentrate on just one or two areas, eg Mt Vic, many of the remaining tracks receive little maintenance, –eg grass cut once a year and as a result some are getting very rugged. During lock down thousands of residents were out using the tracks and enjoying what truly makes Wgtn unique – the only capital city with native bush, tracks, and nature right on our doorstep. Our track network needs to be prioritised and given the funding and status it deserves.

6 . Making the city more liveable – during lock down hundreds more people were out cycling because there was less traffic. Sadly, the first weekend of level 2 when I cycled round the Miramar peninsula I saw NOT one family out on the road cycling, instead lots of cars. Newtown is now at grid lock from 3.30 – 6pm, free parking almost everywhere means residential streets are no longer safe for children to play. WCC has been consulting for over 4 years and yet all we have are small sections of cycle lanes, that invariably drop people into busy roads. Let's see WCC doing some real experimental stuff test, trial, adapt and prioritise safe routes to school and safe commuting routes. Roads are for transport not storing private property. Parking on a street should be a privilege not a right, all parking should be charged as roads cost millions to maintain.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I use Council swimming pools

I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use the city's cycleways

I use Council recycling bags

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I have called the Council call centre before

I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Through a Ward-inar  
Online

## 130. Natalie Crane

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We can't defer too much infrastructure spending or rely on borrowing and push debt repayments onto future years

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Improving the energy performance of Wellington houses will help us to reduce emissions and keep residents more healthy. A resource recovery centre is important to reduce waste and emissions, and move us towards a circular economy. Wellington's arts community is a key part of its culture and attractiveness as a place to live. The arts have been hit hard by COVID-19 and need support. I also want to see Council make urgent steps to implement its Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A lot of people will be struggling financially this year so keeping fees the same will help. I support the polluter pays principle.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 131. Ben Zwartz

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We have a rare opportunity to take stock and make changes to support a more sustainable city and speed up emissions reductions

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Tipu Toa demonstrates the direction of the majority of the Councillors (and their constituents) - Officials must follow this clear direction.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Like with the National economy, it is time to spend, not scrimp. Current debt levels and interest rates make borrowing a sensible option

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Great ideas with minor affect on bottom line. Action on the resource recovery centre is urgent. I don't understand why we started composting sludge and then just stopped, rather tweaking the process to mitigate smell effects.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The message to must be clear - find alternatives to landfilling

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The new Council impresses greatly - there seems to be consensus on lots of decisions about direction. Keep up the great work and implement Te Atakura ASAP! Please make sure that the elected reps keep governing the direction of the managers.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar, Online, Social media, E Newsletter, Email and Word of mouth

## 132. Jane O'Shea

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A plan that does not put climate change and ecological break down at the centre is neither balanced or pragmatic. Anything we do that does not help to mitigate or adapt to the changing climate are meaningless in the long term.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As long as the council forgets about 'vanity projects' and sticks to it's core functions, then I am happy for an increase in my rates, especially including and increasing environmental and climate mitigation and adaption spending.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Dropping environmental spending is short sighted and wrong.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

At this time I don't think that an increase in funding for the arts is a priority. Taking care of vulnerable people and the environment are the most important things.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think that we as ratepayers need to pay our way as we go, even in hard times - rather than borrowing and putting the burden of repayment on to future generations. Inter-generational justice is something we often forget about when deciding on public borrowing.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It is important that our councils focus on core functions, not on 'nice to have' or 'look good' projects. It is crucial that the council makes all decisions through the lens of climate change and environmental breakdown.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I have called the Council call centre before I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

### 133. Kiri Andrews

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Definitely agree with a balanced approach, and providing additional support to those needed as some areas will be much more vulnerable/affected by recent changes in the economy.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Higher rates needed to fund future infrastructure and sustainable initiatives imperative at the moment.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Agree with all of the policies outlined. Particularly funding for biodiversity through weed management solutions as often this section of biodiversity is underfunded. There have been great strides in weed control in the past with WCC and contractors able to get some species under control, however with previously limited funding it has been difficult to completely eradicate pest species from specific areas. Also beneficial for community groups involved in many WCC reserves to be able to have funding for things that they can't feasibly do themselves, eg. because of chemicals needed, physical ability etc.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Agree with increase in southern landfill fees as a means of encouraging people to reduce waste

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 134. Alicia Hall, Millions of Mothers

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support investing in good things now because this has the ripple on effect of investing in our future.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We fully support this option - the short term pain means long term gain for Wellingtonians. We all know that Wellington had a lot of issues to deal with even before COVID-19 came along, including its failing water and sewage systems, the Central Library, and the need for climate justice.

To enable that work to go ahead without leading to even higher rates in future years, we think it's worth supporting the Council's preferred option, which is a 5.1% rates increase.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There are no long term benefits from a smaller increase now - short term gain means long term pain.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Millions of Mothers strongly support Tipu Toa. A resource recovery centre will help stop so much waste going to landfill, it is crucial for people's health that they live in warm, dry houses, and we want safer footpaths for our families and elderly whanau.

We also believe much more is needed. We want steps to improve representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision-making processes, and we want to see Council make urgent steps to implement Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan. This plan calls for most emissions reductions to be made between now and 2030, so we need to get cracking.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support holding the majority of fees and charges at current levels for 2020/2021, but also support increasing Southern Landfill fees to reduce waste going to landfill.

One of the things a circular economy depends on is recovering resources from waste streams instead of throwing everything away.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

If we look after our children, elderly, disabled and most vulnerable then by proxy everyone is taken care of.

We would also like to see WCC become good te tiriti partners which means including mana whenua in all decision making as equal partners.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recycling bags
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

### 135. Brian Sheppard, Churton Park Community Association

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

CPCA is concerned that many households and businesses will struggle to meet and increase in rating obligations. We urge Council to concentrate of maintaining essential services and infrastructure and to cut unnecessary expenditure.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See previous section

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See previous section

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See comments above

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See comment above

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It is incumbent on Council to minimize increases in rates consistent with covering the costs of essential works and services. In the current climate, many households and businesses will struggle or even be unable to meet any increase in their rating obligations. It follows, therefore, that Council needs to be ruthless in cutting expenditure in every way possible and to concentrate on maintaining essential services (e.g. water, rubbish etc.) and infrastructure in both maintenance and development terms.

The most obvious item in the Annual Plan that could be deferred indefinitely or even scrapped is the proposed Convention Centre. The business case upon which the Centre based is no longer valid and contains a number of costs and other expenditures that are highly questionable and out-of-date. For example, increased capabilities for remote conferencing are now commonplace, making the concept of long-distance travel to meetings both unattractive and unnecessary. The time-frame for return to the gatherings used in the business case is therefore invalid. Such projects, almost without exception, end up with both time and cost overruns.

The offered business case does not present any contingency for the situation of there being no Crown contribution and does not allow adequately for increased costs as provided for in the contract. The Centre is extremely likely to add to rating charges in the future as there is no certainty it will provide a sufficient return to cover operating and financing costs let alone ever produce a surplus. Therefore the deletion of the

Convention Centre from the Plan not only improves the situation for the 2020/21 year but also for future rating periods.

All other cost savings must also be pursued vigorously. As an adjunct comment, it is clear continuing annual increases in rates are an unsustainable funding model. CPCA urges Council to press LGNZ and local MPs to investigate with cooperation and urgency the exploration of alternatives to the present system which cannot, in the medium to long term, cover all the works and services local bodies are expected to fund.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

## 136. Amanda Shaw

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Seemed to be a lack of consideration for planning for the impact of sea level rise on the CBD, and for social housing/social support needs of some Wellington residents.

COVID-19 is likely to create increasing demands on local social support and given that we seem to struggle to manage this now it seems that that should be a focus area.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Ensuring robust water infrastructure is a priority and the city also needs to be in a financial position to plan for future growth, and resilience for sea level rise and earthquakes.

However, there may need to be some revision of the remissions policy to ensure it is flexible enough to take into account individuals or entities that need rates relief while recovering from COVID-19 impact.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Would leave the city quite financially exposed if there was another significant event in the near future such as a major earthquake.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think more consideration needs to be given to supply chain charging for waste - i.e. including the cost of disposing of or recycling the packaging in the cost of a product. Possible something the council could work with central government on.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I oppose making parking free in the CBD on weekends. A better option would be to work with the GWRC on options for free public transport on weekends (e.g. Melbourne).

At the moment \$2.50/hr parking is not a deterrent for me to visit the CBD on the weekend - the deterrents are not being able to find a park and not being able to park for longer than 2hrs (e.g. if I'm going to a movie, or what to have lunch and shop). Making it free will mean I'm less likely to find a park and will put me off coming into the CBD.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 137. Rohan Biggs

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council is failing to demonstrate prudent financial stewardship

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council should be cutting services to enable a 0% rates increase or a rates reduction.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Just. Say. No. Each of these things is another straw on the camel's back.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am supportive of user pays.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please see attached word document

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other (please specify)

**Additional information provided via email**

### Submission on the Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan

**Key points in this submission:**

- The Council needs to manage its costs down. Phil Goff gets it. Other large Councils get it. The Wellington City Council does not get it.

- It is not local government’s role to maintain or stimulate aggregate demand in the economy – that is a job for central government and they have stepped up. The desire to maintain economic activity is a poor excuse for avoiding cost management in the local government context.
- The Council has a profound cultural problem in respect of financial management exemplified by the change in its preferred rates increase from 4.95% to 5.1%.
- If the Council will not cut services to reduce rates to zero (my preferred approach) then it should pass on the full cost of providing Council services in 2020/21 rather than storing up a 10% increase for the following year.

**Introduction**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Wellington City Council’s (‘the Council’) draft Annual Plan (‘the Plan’). Whatever the near-term impact of COVID-19, it is merely accelerating the issues caused by a lack of financial stewardship over an extended period of time. Some of you have been around for most of that time, others of you have not. Perhaps the day of reckoning is finally upon us, or perhaps you can kick the can down the road for another year (as the proposed approach outlined in the consultation document does).

**Wellington City Council already has high rates and debt**

2. In 2019, *New Zealand Taxpayers’ Union* noted “This year Wellington City Council maintains its placed near the top of the table in terms of average residential rates, ranking 9<sup>th</sup> out of 64.” (\$2,754.57 average).
3. Similarly, the Council was 10<sup>th</sup> out of 64 for liabilities per household at \$9,571.
4. So whatever other arguments the Council may have for defending its current proposed rates increase, coming off a low base cannot be one of them.

**Other Councils are getting their acts together and beginning to manage costs**

5. No matter how fast it moved on its COVID-19 rates relief package, the Council sticks out for its high proposed rates increases and relative lack of action on managing costs as the following table indicates:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Preferred rates increase for 2020/21</b>
Auckland	3.5%
Hamilton City	3.8%
<b>Wellington City</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Christchurch City	3.5%
Dunedin City	4.1%

*Auckland Council*

6. The actions of the Auckland Council, led by a Mayor who could hardly be accused of fiscal conservatism, demonstrate that it understands the magnitude of the financial issues facing New Zealanders. Auckland Council is consulting on 2.5% and 3.5% rates increase options. It has labelled it an “Emergency Budget”.
7. The Emergency Budget involves reducing services: “The 2.5 per cent option would require greater cuts in spending with \$50 million less investment in community assets and in transport projects to renew and make our roads safer. This option would also mean reduced footpath cleaning, closing some public toilets and removing litter bins, reduced maintenance and cleaning of public spaces at the city centre waterfront, as well as the potential removal of some public transport fare concessions.”

*Hamilton City Council*

8. The Hamilton City Council is consulting on a proposed 3.8% rates increase and notes: “Councillors will be asked to consider more than \$7 million in savings and \$65 million of capital project deferrals to help

make up for the loss of income. Projects that may be potentially deferred include a new river boardwalk for Victoria on the River and infrastructure work in the Peacocke and Rotokauri growth cells. Savings touted in the budget include more efficient processes, cutting travel and training costs, and freezing wages for Council staff earning more than \$70,000 per year.”

*Christchurch City Council*

9. The Christchurch City Council is consulting on a preferred 3.5% rates increase. The Otago Daily Times notes: “The city council is now proposing to reduce its operational expenditure by \$22.7 million to \$494.7 million. The capital programme is also looking to be reduced by \$168.2 million by delaying certain works. The new draft Annual Plan also includes a decrease in borrowing to \$217.8 million a reduction of \$29.7 million.”

*Dunedin City Council*

10. Dunedin City Council’s approach has been somewhat lackluster but it is still proposing only a 4.1% increase.

*And the Wellington City Council?*

11. After its initial and ludicrous proposal to increase rates by 9.2% was canned the Wellington City Council has not been able to quite help itself from *increasing* the proposed rates hike from 4.95% to 5.1%.

**The Council is more like a household than it is like a central government**

12. During a recession there are good reasons for central governments to borrow and spend. This can help utilise the country’s economic capacity when households are too scared to spend. The alternative of ‘austerity’ on the part of central government can increase uncertainty and pessimism in households and prolong the downturn.

13. By way of contrast, households generally have to respond to a reduction in revenue or increased risks to their incomes by reducing expenses. They don’t have a central government’s balance sheet or credit rating to take a borrow and spend approach.

14. In determining the best course of action for the Council, it needs to work out whether it is more like a central government, or more like a household. For most purposes the answer to this question is provided by Section 100 of the Local Government Act (2002) *Balanced Budget Requirement*. While subsection (2) provides some wriggle room, which the consultation document indicates the Council proposes to use, it fundamentally prevents the Council acting like a central government and running a deficit over an extended period of time.

15. Given the Council is more like a household, it should either cut its expenses to match its revenue (my preference), or it should fully fund its expenses now. If it was the Council’s job to try and prop up economic demand, it would not be bound by section 100 of the Local Government Act.

**Central government is doing the hard yards on fiscal stimulus, the Council doesn’t need to**

16. Nor should the Council be unduly worried about exacerbating the economic crisis by only maintaining current expenditure (i.e., a 0% increase). Central government has the financial firepower (that the Council lacks) and policy toolkit to prop up aggregate demand. For example, central government spent twice the Council’s annual operating budget each and every week during level 4 lockdown on the original wage subsidy scheme (\$1 billion per week – also the size of the annual Pharmac budget!)

17. Maybe Wellington will get a “shovel ready” project or two funded by central government. Indeed, central government has also just provided a \$175 million rescue package for the music and arts sector, which rather absolves the Council of the need to step in with its own measures for that sector that

helped prompt the proposed rates increase from 4.95% to 5.1%. There's a new \$400 million Tourism Recovery Fund. The list goes on.

18. I suspect there will be more central government expenditure announcements prior to the election that will be more effectual than anything the Council can hope to do.

**The proposed 5.1% increase is worse than either increasing rates higher, or cutting services**

19. The issue the Council has clearly grappled with is that it does not want to put rates up too much in the current context. However, the legislative constraint it operates under means a lower increase for 2020/21 leads to a whopping 10% increase in 2021/22. This is a dreadful outcome. I expect households will be feeling more financial strain in a year's time than they are now. The economic impact of the response to COVID-19 will take some time to filter through. Planning for a 10% increase next year is not prudent given rate payers' ability to pay could be worse than it is now.

20. There are two significant alternatives. The first (and my preference) is to cut services to enable a 0% rates increase. The Mayor has argued that this would require a change to the Long Term Plan and that there is insufficient time to allow that to take place prior to budget setting for 2020/21. I can't be entirely sure the Mayor is wrong, but I've always had my doubts that it was impossible, and it is hard to ignore the contrast with Auckland and Christchurch Councils' efforts noted above.

21. The second alternative approach, which is not my preference but I still think it is better than the 5.1% increase, is to send ratepayers the bill for the services the Council thinks ratepayers want it to fund. If that's 9.2% (or 12% to make up for lost third party revenue) then so be it. If that is the cost of funding orchestras, living wage accreditation, football teams, Te Reo Strategies, rainbow crossings, artist residencies, snow leopard enclosures, sister city relationships, convention centres, built heritage and so on, then **let us have it**. I can see no particular benefit in deferring the costs by a single year and whacking us with 10% next year. The financial crisis will not have passed, so let us not obfuscate in the short term. If the people want it, the people need to pay for it.

22. At some point the noise from a broad base of ratepayers opposed to stumping up double digit rates increases will outweigh the noise raised by the vociferous lobbies associated with each of the areas I have alluded to above. At that point your electoral chances improve by ceasing to pay off the lobbies with other peoples' money and by actually making some service cuts. It's your political judgement as to how close we are to that tipping point, but we must be close.

**The Council has a cultural problem in respect of financial management**

23. The Council does not appear to be serious about financial management. Few things illustrate this more clearly than the inability to "just say no" to additional expenditure, leading to the proposed 4.95% increases tipping over to 5.1%. Last year's inability to say no to a snow leopard enclosure similarly makes me shake my head. Sure, a snow leopard enclosure is nice, but it provides fairly limited benefits and the decision was made in an already constrained financial environment.

24. In last year's consultation I said: "**you should be very confident that the assets created by debt now when the times are good will still look sensible in the rear view mirror** if economic conditions deteriorate and people are losing their jobs and houses" (emphasis in the original). I'm not sure that a marine education centre, a snow leopard enclosure, a convention centre (spare me), or a strengthened town hall at a \$130 million + cost would meet this test.

25. The recent decision to support the more expensive option of remediating the existing library building rather than building anew at lower cost similarly illustrates a casual disregard for the cumulative financial impacts of Council decisions. None of the individual straws are too heavy to lift upon the camel's back, but nonetheless at some point the burden becomes too great.

26. I've been asked a few times "well what would you cut?" This very question implies it's all a bit hard and you're not sure where to start. So let me set out a few things you could consider doing.

- a. For starters stop making things worse by adding to your cost base!
- b. Set some fiscal responsibility targets and use them to guide your decision making. They don't have to be as severe as my preferences would suggest, but the Council clearly needs them to discipline itself.
- c. In the forthcoming Long Term Plan consultation document, demand that officials prepare a document that identifies the differential impact on rates from alternative service level scenarios. The last such document was woeful in this regard and more or less said "tell us what additional free stuff you want" with no connection to the impact on rates. The responses have since been used as a very weak excuse for rates increases and low value expenditure. The document requires a profound reframing in this regard. If ratepayers are happy to fund double digit rates increases for ever increasing service levels then so be it, but it needs to be informed consent.
- d. Require all expenditure proposals to be presented in terms of how many average households' rates bills they require for funding. The argument that a \$30,000 rainbow crossing is inconsequential in a \$500 million budget takes on a different flavour when it is presented as costing 11 households' annual rates bill for something entirely discretionary.
- e. Initiate work now on analysing spending areas that clearly sit outside the core council functions of the three waters, transport infrastructure, waste management and so on. For such discretionary spending, demand officials estimate at a useful level of expenditure aggregation the number of people who benefit from that spend and by how much each. Where few people benefit by quite a lot, the Council needs to start cutting. For example, an artist residency programme would be highlighted as something that benefits few people by a lot and could be cut. Playgrounds benefit a lot of people at a low cost per person and would not trigger consideration for a budget reduction.
- f. Consider revenue raising options including incentives for the efficient use of scarce resources – water charging and congestion charging are examples that could be (re)considered.
- g. Strengthen the rights of property owners and enable them to demolish old buildings if that is the most economic option. Cities change, and now is not the time to require inefficient remediation subsidised by the Council.

27. Fiscal management is not beyond the ken of man, but the Council has to want to do it, and that is a question of culture and attitude. The Council needs to spend a lot of time making a lot of small changes to wind expenditure back, but over time it has the same impact as your current approach that is going in the opposite financial direction by constantly adding "just a little bit more".

### **Conclusion**

28. I am under no illusions about the difficulties in managing costs. Once you've got people addicted to "free stuff" from government, it is very difficult to quit the habit. A recession provides the perfect opportunity to reset expectations when people will intuitively understand the need. Please do not squander this opportunity.

## 138. Carl Howarth

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

WCC can't afford not to undertake the planned work, but offsetting costs with borrowing is shifting the burden to future generations. I would prefer the planned fee increases go ahead.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Concerned about debt funding as it shifts the burden to future generations. The reason we have infrastructure problems etc is that we haven't been paying enough in previous years.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Very concerned about debt burden on future generations.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These initiatives are essential to make our city more livable and resilient - all the better prepared to deal with future shocks. More should be spent on these than is proposed.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Polluter pays principle.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

During the Covid event a lot of people saw and experienced their streets in a new way, as livable spaces without traffic. Going forward more people will be working from home and spending more time in the suburbs. Centers such as Newtown have been neglected for years. Money should be spent on tree planting, closing off streets to through traffic, traffic calming, and other initiatives to improve the quality of life of residents.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

### 139. Glenn Kingston, Strathmore Park Residents Association Inc.

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I believe that the Capital programme is now too ambitious for the near future & should be trimmed.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

My belief is that residential rate rise will well exceed the 5.07 due to differential rating & this has not been made clear or public during the consultation. I have asked but had no response.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Once again I believe that Capital spending should be trimmed

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Some of the walking & Cycling initiatives are unrealistic in that COVID conditions are already past, winter is here & little use will be made of these.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Makes good sense & will limit need for earlier than planned renewal of the landfill.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Make it clear to the public the real impact of the 5.07% on RESIDENTIAL rates. When I go the detail on rates your website just directs me to my property details & has no indication of the proposed impact. If it is indeed 5.07 then well & good but I suspect there is differential still operating.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

E Newsletter

Email

Newspaper

## 140. James Clarke

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am glad to see a higher rates rise sooner in order to support service levels and investment. My main concern is that the city is not being ambitious enough in relation to climate change and becoming a more liveable city.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We should preserve services and pay more now rather than hoping we can make up ground in future years.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We should invest now. Limiting rate rises is a false economy.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These are all good ideas. In my view they are not nearly ambitious enough given our climate change needs. We should be investing more and delivering more rapid change in transport and urban design.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Generally fees should be kept accessible to all, but I support increased fees for landfill and marina.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I urge the Council to be more ambitious in investments that we need to make now in a more liveable and climate-friendly city.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

Email

## 141. Adam Cheney

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This period should have been a wakeup call - particularly around how pleasant the city was with no traffic and much cleaner air - and I'd like to see us doing more as a city to encourage that.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'd like to see more mention of pushing the costs associated with driving - such as pollution control and parking - away from rates payers and onto drivers.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need more infrastructure, not to put what we have at risk.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We should be more ambitious about roading improvements and implementing a decent, fit-for-purpose public transport system (which Wellington does not currently have).

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The elephant in the room for me is the council's subsidy of on-street parking.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways
- I play sport on Council fields or courts I
- use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 142. Gemma Poke

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

In 2020 we need an urgent change in focus, not business as usual and the fantasy of endless growth.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

5.1% is well above any measure of growth in NZ, and cannot be justified in the current environmental and economic climate. We cannot keep pretending that endless growth is possible. Time to start living within our means and thinking creatively about solutions.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Borrowing from future generations has gone on for long enough. See above.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support a resource recovery centre but do not believe it should require council funding (Wanaka Wastebusters manages just fine). Consider putting out to tender. I could not find a stormwater demonstration project mentioned in the plan document so cannot comment on this.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The responsibility should be on the manufacturers of waste, via product stewardship. Consumers should not have to bear responsibility for a system that is broken. Trying to live a "zero waste" lifestyle is like having a second job, and it shouldn't have to be like that.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 143. Sarah Adams

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It sounds like a balanced considered approach, which doesn't place too much burden on the future

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I am stating i agree here as i dont want to burden the future.

I dont understand why despite having an increasing market with house c.v's rising every 3 years we need to each year add a rate increase. It seems to me there is something not working in the system.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't want future burden

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Why is recycling not included here?

We have just poured 500 tonnes of recycling into our landfill, surely this is at crisis level. Our recycling systems are not working.

This needs to be addressed immediately as a key project.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to have higher waste levels to encourage businesses and households to reuse, repair, recycle more. For this to work we need higher levies to support effective recycling programmes.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Recycling and cycling are the two issues that stand out to me post lockdown. Wellingtonians took to the streets on their bikes when there were less cars around.

We need better cycleways to improve emissions and our general wellbeing. We also need to be able to process our own recycling, I am appalled by how much recycling has been put into our already close to capacity landfill during and post lockdown. This is not an acceptable solution and is something that needs to be addressed urgently.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 144. Regan Dooley

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Unfortunately I think past generations of councils and ratepayers have left us with significant investments needing to be made across areas like transport, water, climate change resilience and earthquake resilience. I'm not sure we have yet faced up to the reality of the that.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As previously stated sadly I think this increase might not be enough and/or we need to be prepared to borrow more

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Any rates rise is painful but such a small rise would be just avoiding the inevitable and transferring much bigger problems on to future councils & ratepayers

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All of this work is important and all council spending should be viewed through a 'build back better' lens. That's what past councils have failed to do. Much more needs to be done and you really need to get serious about Te Atakura - First to Zero. If COVID-19 has taught us anything it's that when it comes to other challenges like climate change what may seem expensive now will look like a bargain in the future

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We definitely need to divert more waste away from landfill. I understand the desire to hold other fees & charges at the same level during COVID-19 recovery but this is also just deferring the inevitable

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use the city's cycleways
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags

- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Social media

Email Online

E Newsletter

## 145. Damian Sligo-Green

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Because we're in the midst of a global pandemic and should be making the most of government funding and lower borrowing costs to meet our service and long term infrastructure needs.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As per comment in question 5

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The first option is unclear. I support increasing marina fees

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Social media

Word of mouth

## 146. Kirsten Mason, Orchestra Wellington

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that the Council is striking a pragmatic balance between existing responsibilities and need created by COVID-19, and between rates rises and debt level. I am very pleased that cultural wellbeing remains a strategic area, with a commitment to maintaining the city's Capital of Culture still front and centre.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Maintains current level of services, and provides funding required for infrastructure investment. Doesn't create debt burden for future generations of ratepayers (who will already be burdened as taxpayers by record levels of government spending).

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See reasons above.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I don't know enough about the new initiatives (weed management, stormwater demonstration project etc) to comment.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

Definitely support Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Increasing landfill charges should act as an incentive on households to reduce waste or find creative ways to reuse and recycle. (It's probably the best incentive there is.) As there will be a rates increase, I support other fees and charges remaining at current levels.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I use Council recreation centres

I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council rubbish bags

I use Council swimming pools

I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival

I use Council libraries

I use Council recycling bags

I have called the Council call centre before Other (please specify)

I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Word of mouth

## 147. Rory Lenihan-Ikin, Kaicycle Inc

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Support the plan's roadmap for re-building a more sustainable city post-COVID. Strongly support urban food production (through Sustainable Food Initiative); public transport and walking/cycling infrastructure; rebuilding of the central library; repairing essential infrastructure particularly the Three Waters project. I endorse rates increase option A in order to support our recovery and fund these projects. I am not supportive of prioritising the Convention Centre at a time where we have other fundamental infrastructure priorities, and when the economy can be better supported by backing local business than building a convention centre.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Required in order to achieve goals set out in the annual plan.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not sufficient. Wellington will suffer.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The cost of landfill dumping should be higher. It also needs to be accompanied by resource recovery centres to disincentivise illegal dumping, and to extend the useful life of many resources that would otherwise go straight to landfill.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I strongly endorse council support for community urban food production in the city. Regenerate urban farming has been successfully prototyped at the Kaicycle urban farm in Newtown. With public support to get established, urban farms can be quickly financially self sufficient (12 months). They can simultaneously deliver new job creation, carbon sequestration, biodiversity enhancement, food

security, social connectedness and community development. At a time when we so desperately need to build a sustainable economy and address climate change, urban farming is a perfect opportunity to do both, and help establish Wellington as a resilient, climate change-ready city. In the proposed plan, urban food production falls under the sustainable food initiative within the Social and Recreation strategic area. However it is also worth noting that urban farms (as opposed to community gardens) can offer much more than this, also drawing from and supporting each of the other strategic areas; Environment and infrastructure; Economic Development; Cultural Wellbeing; Urban Development and Transport.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 148. Mike Mellor

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Should be more: while the covid is the current immediate priority, the existential climate crisis will still be around long after it has gone. Building back better, including decarbonisation, is essential.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support the polluter-pays principle, but that needs to be combined with initiatives to stop littering and fly tipping, both of which are pretty widespread.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

WCC must not take its eye off the climate-change ball!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Online

## 149. Eric Crampton

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I really question Council's priorities. Reasonable rates increases don't bother me if they're going to fix the horrible longstanding problems of underinvestment in core infrastructure, particularly water and wastewater.

But Council is spending about as much next year on the convention centre as it is on the entirety of its water renewal programme: about \$49m on water and \$47m on a convention centre - while looking at \$200m on a library. Wellington City has about 80,000 households. So we're each putting in about \$2500 toward a central library (if you go for the \$200m option), where the smaller community libraries are already great; \$590 toward a convention centre that few of us will use and that will compete in a crowded international marketplace for convention centres (even ignoring the COVID effects on international travel); and, about \$610 into fixing the pipes so that we don't keep getting harbours full of sewage.

That's all ignoring the higher rates paid by businesses, but those rates wind up loading onto households anyway. I'd be very happy for our household to be putting in twice as much toward fixing the pipes, and nothing for a convention centre / film museum.

If you're going into heavy debt while not putting enough toward fixing the sewage pipes, why are you funding "sustainable agriculture education courses"?

Priorities. If people are working from home a bit more now than they used to it seems like a good time to do all of the disruptive pipe-fixing works. Eventually everyone's going to be forced back into their offices. It'd be nice to have more of this stuff fixed before then.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The rates increase doesn't bother me. Spending piles of money on convention centres while not getting the water and wastewater pipes fixed does bother me.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This is just a stalking horse option anyway. You've constructed it so that it's obviously less desirable than Option A. There's nothing serious in here in reprioritising spend to deal with Covid-realities or our broken pipes.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's all rats and mice stuff really. The big items that could allow some focus on getting the pipes fixed aren't on the table and could usefully be reconsidered.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support nor oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Fees should be set to reflect actual costs. I'm not sure that avoiding imposing costs on folks that can afford to keep a boat at the Marina makes a lot of sense. I'm happy for the fees at Southern Landfill to increase \*if and where those fees are consistent with the actual costs of the landfill\*. If current fees at landfill are lower than the costs that an additional tonne of rubbish imposes in terms of operation costs and the cost of increasing capacity, then increase fees.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Maybe Council just doesn't care about the pipes because the fines for messes in the streams are low and because a lot of voters don't care about things they can't see - until the pipes all explode. Anyway, if you're counting noses to tally up which ratepayers are happier about incumbent councillors because of ribbon-cutting ceremonies at convention centres and which are happier about properly maintaining core infrastructure, I'm way more in the latter camp.

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- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**    Online  
Social media

## 150. Michael Pringle

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The rates increases are far too high. A 15% increase after a 0% increase was promised at this last election is a complete betrayal. Don't Councillors realise that many of us struggle to afford to own homes in this already very expensive city, where the cost of home ownership is already very high? You must cut costs in order to keep within the promised 0% increase. It is Council ineptitude that has caused the breakdown in the water and sewage infrastructure, and Council's hugely lavish spending on excessive CEO and staff salaries has also created financial pressures. These very high salaries are most unjust given that they come from the public purse - people who can barely afford to live in this city. My income has been slashed by 80% - how can I pay for your excessive demands?

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A zero % increase was promised and this must be adhered to. You will lose all faith with the people of Wellington if you force any increases on us. What do you suggest I cut in order to meet your demands: food, or heating? Where is Level C - the zero % increase promised by Mayor Foster?? Costly projects need to be put on hold until funds allow them, and savings can be made by slashing the excessive salaries paid to Council "Managers" and the CEO - we are clearly not getting value for money from these people, given the catastrophic state of the city.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A zero % increase was promised and this must be adhered to. You will lose all faith with the people of Wellington if you force any increases on us. What do you suggest I cut in order to meet your demands: food, or heating? Where is Option C- the zero % increase promised us by Foster. Vanity projects and skyhigh salaries paid to CEO and others by ratepayers - who have no option but to pay - have to come to an end.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Build back from what? It is central government that is funding post Covid recovery programmes. You are overreacting. Halt the convention centre madness and save our money! You need to save money at this point and take into account that a large number of people in this city have no income or vastly reduced income. If there is capital work needing doing, ask Central government to pay. The people need affordable housing, not light boxes in Courtenay Place, which we can no longer afford to visit to look at. Your excessive rates demands mean that we cannot afford to participate in cultural activities, which will hurt Wellington even more, meaning that the city is weakened further.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

People who cause waste should pay for it. Swimming pool charges etc are already too high, but we have the option of not going there if we can't afford it, which we won't be after paying your rates demands. Those who run boats should definitely pay more.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

So many things! Council appear to operate in a vacuum of understanding real people's lives. Are the highly-paid staff aware of just how low is the average household income in Wellington? As they sit in their warm and comfortable offices, the citizens, whom you seem to regard as an endless source of cash, wonder whether or not they can afford to turn on a heater. Vanity projects, the needless closure of the central library, the Convention Centre white elephant debacle, despite all the pleas to you not to waste our money on this, the collapsing state of our 3 waters infrastructure, the threat of sea level rise - all these things I and others have been pleading with you to address before they reach crisis level, but we have been ignored. Now they ARE at crisis level, and you come to ask demanding more money. No. I say: ENOUGH of mismanagement and chaos at Council.

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- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

Newspaper Radio

## 151. Michelle Rush

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellingtonians do not pay high levels of rates. We have a history of under-investing in critical infrastructure. Now is NOT the time for cutting rates further when funding is needed to help with the covid response - money spent will help our towns businesses.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

waste recovery and a water sensitive design project are well overdue and critical to a more sustainable future. I suggest that the Shelly Bay development be considered as a stormwater demo project - if you want a greenfields one - ideally you'd do 2 - one as a 'refit' into the existing urban landscape, and the other on a new 'from scratch' development.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

same reason as above. Waste recovery needs supporting, and Wellingtonians, on average, are well heeled enough to carry the increase.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar, Online, Social media, E Newsletter, Newspaper, Radio, and Word of mouth

## 152. Frank Day

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Needs to be more focus on resilience such as the sewer system and water supply

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Several non essential projects should be diminished or cancelled such as the snow leopard enclosure, the convention centre. Also cycle way development needs to be minimised

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

a better funding option is debt funded by council bonds

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Heritage is subjective and incentives for it take away of development of new resilient, safer, and more efficient buildings. Minor roads do not have the volume of foot traffic to justify more development

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support nor oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support nor oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Cycleway development on Karori Road is inherently dangerous and will narrow the already narrow road which struggles to accomodate buses, trucks and cars. A more logical option is cycleways on back street such as Friend Street, and Old Karori Road

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

Email

### 153. Payal Ramritu

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with most of the annual plan

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Our failing pipes worry me

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to put money into infrastructure

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Support most of the initiatives, especially resource recovery centre and home energy audits

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need a better plan to deal with waste!

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 154. Bethany Miller

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Good to provide support to those who need it most. Not sure how much stopping fee increases contributes to this - depends who the fees affect, ie. wealthier or poorer people?

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Supporting sustainable infrastructure and the arts is very important in this time, especially coming out of COVID-19. Can we do even more towards environmentally sustainable practices and infrastructure - the more the better right now, it's a very useful and important time for it.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Waste reduction is incredibly important, it's an ongoing issue that doesn't go away.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Zero-Carbon Future and Waste minimisation: Today's young people will live with the long-term consequences of our recovery from COVID-19. However, I believe this time can be an opportunity to make exciting ground towards a zero- carbon future, which is supported overwhelmingly by Wellingtonians. Please support an immediate, strong focus on climate-friendly recovery. Let's follow in (and discover how we can go beyond) the footsteps of Auckland's 17km of pop-up bike lanes to keep people safe, or Nelson's widening of footpaths. During lockdown, it was been inspiring to see the potential of Wellingtonians walking and bike riding more. The low car traffic and higher amounts of walking/cycling was my first glimpse into a truly pedestrian and cycle friendly city.

I would love to see this new engagement with both wellbeing and planet friendly habits to be encouraged to continue safely. I am also excited to learn about the "Take Away Throwaways" campaign, and the potential of reuse schemes and infrastructure for cafes/restaurants to increase our resilience in future crises. How can WCC support Wellington cafes/restaurants to use safe reuse/ BYO/ deposit-return systems? Regarding waste, I would also like to see excelerated and urgent waste minimisation infrastructure across the board. I'd like to better better recycling practices in Wellington (better access to more recycling schemes for non-kerbside recycling items such as E-waste, other kinds of plastics etc), kerbside organic waste pick-ups (similarly to Christchurch), more recycling AND especially organic waste bins around the city (especially

central city), and more importantly, a huge push to support and encourage Wellingtonians to transition to zero waste practices.

Reducing waste (especially organic waste), has a huge impact on climate change and pollution. Please continue to advocate for safety and wellbeing of both people and planet when deciding how our streets, homes, and society will look and feel as we recover from COVID-19. Arts: The arts industry was already struggling before COVID-19, both nationwide, and also due to loss of venues in Wellington. Now COVID-19 has had a major impact. Please do all you can to support artists and the arts industry, including small/emerging/independent artists and companies. In order to boast being the creative capital of NZ, we must support artists more.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 155. Antony Foster

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

No enough focus on finding efficiencies and savings. Not looking for austerity, but there needs to be more of a balance between increased rates + borrowing vs. reducing costs. No allocation for known very significant costs. No adjustment for a post-Covid world.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

No enough focus on finding efficiencies and savings. There needs to be more of a balance between increased rates + borrowing vs. reducing costs. Future rate increases are not sustainable.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This approach hides the real impact of the overall budget with dramatically increased rates and borrowing in future years.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not support the allocation of public funds via the Built Heritage Incentive Fund to privately held for-profit companies/individuals. The rest are great initiatives, but funding should not be increased when the council is increasing borrowing.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support nor oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I propose the fee increases should remain in place, but be suspended for one year.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The business case behind significant projects should be revisited to ensure they are still valid in the post-Covid environment. The Convention Centre should be the first revisited. All ratepayers will be keen to get confirmation that this project does or does not continue to have a valid business case.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email, Social media, E Newsletter, Through a Ward-inar

## 156. James Coyle

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Good job by the council on explaining their approach to budgeting. Overall it feels appropriately micro for an annual plan, and a good human response to COVID 19. I would like to know more about what the urban planning section of the capital expenditure is, I don't think projects are clearly explained, and I would like to see results of past investment in urban planning. I would like to see how 2020/21 spending fits with the agreed long term strategy.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Pay as much as we can to be able to save and afford visionary projects in the future. I hope there is ways for people to apply for reductions based on proven hardship from COVID 19.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I trust WCC's advice on the matter

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I support these initiatives, but Its not clear how they are building towards the long term strategy. If the long term strategy needs to change, then we should start looking at as soon as possible.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support nor oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support nor oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not sure

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The 500tonne landfill fail of all of the COVID recycling is unacceptable. Some money from the annual plan should make sure this never happens again. We should have been told to stockpile for longer, we could have easily done that. I understand and respect the councils decision to not overly communicate during COVID 19, but when it counts you need to show leadership around the big decisions and guidance for the people who live in the city, lead in the same way our government does. Get on TV, send us an email, or a facebook message, give us a call, and lead with clear messaging that you know you can follow through with..

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- I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recreation centres

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- Other

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

Social media

Word of mouth

## 157. Kate de Boer

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rates increases are important to avoid, but big change is necessary

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

A rise in the landfill fee is very important

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Risky borrowing is not ideal

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These initiatives are absolutely essential!!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The polluters must pay, the fees are very good and important

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Thanks for the great mahi on Tipu Toa

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## **158. Jaenine Parkinson, New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata**

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We agree that the approach to the Annual Plan should provide support for the arts and culture sector in the Wellington region, which contributes to Wellington's quality of life and encourages visitors to our city with the resulting economic stimulus. The New Zealand Portrait Gallery will contribute to the cultural recovery and wellbeing of Wellington by offering a free, accessible, centrally located attraction that provides approachable exhibitions (including online) and supporting activities for different groups. We will also continue to provide opportunities and employment for professional and emerging gallery staff, artists, interns and volunteers, who have all been eager to return to the Gallery since we reopened on 18 May. Along with most of the city's arts organisations, the New Zealand Portrait Gallery has lost income and now faces the uncertainty of the continuing impact of the Covid-19 crisis on our finances.

Our existing structural funding deficit of approximately \$100,000 per annum, is likely to be exacerbated over the next two to three years with the forecast decline in funding from our current supporters, and that could make our continued survival very challenging. We do not have the balance sheet to continue in this way. We are encouraged by the Council's continued support of the Gallery through our contract funding grant. At this time when future funding is uncertain, the Council's committed support is vital to us.

We note however that, even on this the 30th anniversary of the Gallery's founding, the level of support the Council provides is modest, covering only 4% of our operating costs. Many other organisations with much shorter legacies, smaller visitation and memberships attract two, three or four times the level of WCC financial support. We note that the Tipu Toa funding criteria has a focus on project-type initiatives. However, for the arts and culture sector to survive post Covid-19, increased support with operational funding will be essential. This is especially true for us as we currently receive no on-going central government core funding.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The existing level of service needs to continue (and hopefully increase if the Annual Plan aim of finding efficiencies and savings is successful). A decrease in service levels would compromise the city's ability to continue to recover economically and culturally. We support the new Tipu Toa initiative and investment in the arts through the City Recovery Fund, as it will ensure Wellington and the sector is more resilient to future challenges.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The loss of international visitation will impact all of Wellington heavily, including the Gallery for whom a third of visitors are from overseas. Another third of our visitors are from outside the Wellington region. We already encourage and support a focus on domestic tourism and see the proposed Tipu Toa: Build Back Better recovery package as an opportunity to maximise the potential for growing national engagement.

The New Zealand Portrait Gallery is well placed to connect with locals and visitors with engaging stories that reflect on the uniqueness and diversity of the people of Aotearoa. Wellington and its reputation as the cultural capital of New Zealand, benefits greatly from the presence of national arts organisations such as ours. We look forward to playing our part in promoting visitation to Wellington to aid Wellington’s cultural and economic recovery and would welcome leadership from and opportunities to work with Wellington.nz on such initiatives.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund ‘polluter pays’ and waste reduction initiatives	Somewhat support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We also support continued Strategy and Policy work in 2020/21 on the Arts and Culture Strategy and hope that a timeline and draft can be presented shortly to the Arts Wellington organisation we belong to.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 159. Viv Chapple

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The 15% proposed rates increase was ludicrous when it first went in, so I'm pleased that has been reduced. I have reservations about decisions already made eg the convention centre being only two floors. A new central building in the capital city and it's only 2 stories high? Where was the vision here? I am pleased though that the earthquake risk of the underground car park is causing a rethink of this area. This is so the wrong spot for a Chinese garden.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I would borrow more to fund the 3 waters initiatives which is crucial. Interest rates have never been lower. I do however expect a greater lifetime than the 30 odd years we got with the 1980 improvements, and it is appropriate to fund over the lifetime of the asset.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We can't constantly defer asset maintenance and push out rates increases to the never-never. But I also think that one should cut ones cloth.....I can't beleive that WCC actually funds cycle repair stations- both the capital cost and the maintenance. I'd love to see the cost benefit ratios here!

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The overall impact on rates is pretty minor but really? Are we still improving road safety? \$100 grand on built heritage is surely a drop in the bucket.....

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It has always been understood that low tip fees were to prevent roadside dumping. One hopes this won't tip the balance (no pun intended)

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It's really important to pay attention to the Covid impact - I feel that with the car parking removal from the central city, coupled with Covid presents a very real risk to the economic viability to inner city Wellington. Also the loss of the Central Library is a Big Issue. My vote is to save the best bits (the palm trees) and build anew, including more parking. Sell the airspace/extra floors to fund the venture, and get on with it!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar

Other (please specify)

## 160. Nik Artemiev

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think the Wellington Town Hall earthquake strengthening work should be suspended for a few years until more important work is completed - like priority needs to go to addressing the 3 w's first. The council should park the wellington town hall strengthening at a suitable point where it won't be penalised by contractors for doing so. I also think the council should halt expenditure on matariki and relabeling the city with maori language - it does not help. For example I found reading the annual plan very difficult with headings in both maori and english - it was totally distracting and probably very expensive to do.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I understand the rationale here - we will suffer less in future by going this way

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is more expensive in the long run

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think we are being lied to as to the capacity of the tip - the fee increases are doable though

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 161. Kat Ford

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Bigger jump

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Is very needed. Weed control does not get enough funding to complete properly. This would give a better shot at completing projects and save money for future work

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

People need more of an incentive to recycle etc

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Cats need to be microchipped and resigtered. Dog owners need fines when not on lead within wildlife areas (dogs not the owners)

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council recreation centres
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 162. E Cook

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't agree with a lot of proposed spending.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't agree with a lot of proposed spending.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't support investment in the arts through the City Recovery Fund

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Don't understand the question

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Council should focus on waste - sewerage, litter, landfill, recycling and surface runoff/stormwater. It is shameful that Wellington is still pumping waste into the sea, recycles poorly and is planning to extend the southern landfill - hardly becoming of a capital city in the developed world. Waste minimisation and clean burning of rubbish for energy are much better options.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 163. Polly Griffiths, Sustainability Trust

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We agree with an approach that focuses on recovery for Wellington City and delivery but this needs to be designed to ensure we do not slow progress on tackling climate change and also take this opportunity for a sustainable transformation. New Zealand needs to cut greenhouse gases (GHG) by 50 percent by 2030. Our response to Covid-19 must not result in any delay on delivery of the Te Atakura / First to Zero plan.

Investment decisions must be made that will create a low carbon, climate resilient and inclusive economy, and avoid carbon intensive development. We have set out specific points under the other consultation response questions.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Covid-19 has negatively impacted the financial security of a large proportion of New Zealand's households', in particular our more vulnerable communities. The real financial pressures on our communities need to be recognised and assisted where possible. Our own organisations financial security was assisted by being given rent relief by our landlord during the lockdown. However, we also agree with WCC that the actions of today should not impact unfairly on ratepayers in the future. A 5.1% increase is still equivalent to an extra 15 percent of rates transferred to debt. Not all businesses and householders have been equally impacted by the pandemic. Many are likely to be willing to pay more to support the recovery of the city. We suggest the Council should put in place a system by which there is the option to pay the rate increase previously proposed of 9.2 percent.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We do not support this option as it does not meet the balanced budget requirement as per the Council's financially prudent Revenue and Financing Policy or in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community as required in the Local Government Act. It will result in a significantly higher rates increase in the 2021/22 year, effectively just deferring the financial impact and burden on householders and businesses.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Sustainability Trust fully supports Wellington City Council's plan to build a more resilient and environmentally robust city during and following the pandemic. We support the additional funding identified for a business case for a resource recovery centre and the increase in funding for Home Energy Audits.

This funding aligns with our top priorities for where money should be spent in any post Covid-19 recovery package: tackling energy hardship, improving housing standards, supporting a circular economy, reducing waste to landfill, diverting food waste, building local food resilience, developing community energy infrastructure, prioritising walkers, cyclists and electric vehicles and supporting social enterprises. Wellington has an ambition to be waste free, and landfilled waste makes up more

than 80% of Council emissions. There is potential to create more jobs from the transition to a circular economy and from creation of decentralised local methods for diverting waste from landfill. Creation of community resource recovery and reuse hubs for business and householders will support behaviour change and realisation of economic opportunities.

To this end we agree that the transition to a Resource Recovery park at the Southern Landfill needs to be brought forward. We also advocate for the need for a central hub for resource recovery and reuse which is accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, this should be considered within the business case. Any additional location/s can dovetail with facilities at the Southern Landfill. Food and green waste represent the largest percentage of material currently being landfilled. People in Wellington want solutions to avoid sending their organic waste to landfill.

We are currently trialling Community Composting Hubs with Kaicycle with the support of WCC; recognising that there is unlikely to be a one size fits all solution for organic waste. The results of this will feed into any analysis from the kerbside organic kitchen waste diversion trail. We agree that this trial should be conducted as soon as possible so that the results can be considered in time for the LTP.

There has been a spike in rheumatic fever cases in the Wellington region during the pandemic underlining the need to improve housing standards for our resilience. Tackling energy hardship requires fast tracking recommendations in the Electricity Price Review by investing in programmes and direct support for households in energy hardship.

A widening of the scope and scale of home energy efficiency programmes such as Warm Up Wellington and Home Energy Saver is needed. This is especially urgent as many households will experience reductions in income and lowering overall outgoings on energy will be of benefit. On the flip side, those with the means to invest in household upgrades, through advice provided in the Home Energy Saver programme will provide additional economic activity and job creation.

Over the past year WCC has supported the Trust to deliver the WarmUp Wellington and Home Energy Saver programmes. Te Atakura has targeted 50% of the 70,000 homes in Wellington to receive assistance from Home Energy Saver by 2029.

We estimate that at June 2020 approximately 5,000 homes would have received an assessment over the past 10 years of programme delivery. We support the need for additional funding to reach the remaining 30,000 homes (c.3,500 homes /year).

We are also supportive of the commitment to progress a green infrastructure stormwater demonstration project, funding for protection of biodiversity and improvements to make walking safer, more child friendly, and more accessible.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

#### **Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As previously stated, we support the Council taking action to insulate householders and business from the financial impacts of the Covid-19 crisis. We agree that landfill charges need to increase to support sustainable waste solutions, to minimise waste where possible, and to help incentivise waste minimisation behaviour among the community.

We agree that the fees for sludge disposal need to be increased to reflect the true cost of this disposal. The current situation, where the sludge is disposed of to landfill, requiring four tonnes of general waste to be landfilled for every one tonne of sludge, is not acceptable. It is not environmentally sustainable and is seriously hampering progress on waste minimisation in the city. Urgent progress is needed on the analysing and progressing options for a Sludge Minimisation Utilisation and Reclamation Facility. We are very supportive of a proportion of the fee increases at landfill being put towards waste minimisation projects run by council, as well as increasing the waste minimisation grant to further support waste diversion initiatives for Wellington city. The commitment to investigate this was stated in the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting from the 30th of April.

The current level of funding for waste minimisation initiatives, at \$100k, is insufficient in the context of the targets that need to be achieved over a short space of time, and considering the important role that businesses and social enterprises can play in helping the Council achieve their targets. Funding to support business to reduce waste and their carbon footprint, would have the dual benefit of making businesses more financially resilient in the face of Covid-19 and the expected landfill levy increases, as well as supporting the Council's carbon and waste goals.

This type of support could link well with the support that has been provided by WellingtonNZ to support businesses during the Covid-19 crisis. We do not support the delay in the parking fee increases in the inner city.

The proposed Parking Policy 2020 includes the following principles:

- Make parking changes that are linked to improvements in the overall transport system.
- Parking is priced at a level that achieves policy objectives and is consistent with other transport objectives.

Covid-19 crisis has highlighted the need to reclaim our streets for walking and cycling. Increases had been proposed to support transition to more sustainable modes of transportation. Ensuring the parking policy does not subsidise private vehicle travel, particularly single passenger transport, is a key factor in supporting mode shift.

Progress is needed rapidly on new bike lanes, wider footpaths, bus lanes, innovative streets projects, smarter parking and land-use policy. We look forward to Council progress on more ambitious plans to look at user charging as set out in Te Atakura and the Parking Policy 2020.

#### **Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

"COVID-19 reflects a broader trend: more planetary crises are coming. If we muddle through each new crisis while maintaining the same economic model that got us here, future shocks will eventually exceed the capacity of governments, financial institutions, and corporate crisis managers to respond. Indeed, the "coronacrisis" has already done so.", World Economic Forum

A team of internationally-recognised experts, led by Cameron Hepburn at the University of Oxford, and including Nobel prize winner Joseph Stiglitz and well-known climate economist Nicholas Stern, came together to assess the economic and climate impact of taking a green route out of the crisis. The

economists found that green projects create more jobs, deliver higher short-term returns per dollar spend and lead to increased long-term cost savings, by comparison with traditional fiscal stimulus.

In 2019 the Council declared a climate and ecological emergency recognising that the city is already seeing the effects of climate change on the city. At the end of 2019 11,000 scientists from around the world, declared, clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency (<https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/70/1/8/5610806>).

This situation has not changed; there is a risk that reactions to Covid-19 will see us diverted away from climate action and carbon emissions are pushed up in the longer term if recovery or stimulus measures are poorly chosen (<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/pubhealthexpert/2020/04/17/covid-recovery-or-sustainable-transformation/>)

There is an opportunity now to “build back better”, implementing solutions already available to us, to create an economy based on the pillars of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We agree with the Sustainable Business Network that investment should only be in initiatives that reduce carbon, pollution and waste, and directly improve the wellbeing of every New Zealander throughout the multi-generational long term. Research has shown that a shift to a greener economy can create millions of new jobs globally if the right policies are put in place. We cannot afford to return to normal.

Prioritisation of spending should not tie us into further environmental degradation, but build a low carbon, resilient future for us all. The Council must lead by example, and continue to progress the plans set out in Te Atakura around housing, waste and transport. Priorities for recovery must include tackling energy hardship, improving housing standards, supporting a circular economy, reducing waste to landfill, diverting food waste, building local food resilience, developing community energy infrastructure, prioritising walkers, cyclists and electric vehicles and supporting social enterprises.

**Some additional specific points:**

- We support the amendment of the Council's Procurement Strategy and Policy as set out in the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on the Annual Plan from the 30th of April. This will reflect Council's desire to progress its procurement with increased focus on social, environmental and local principles. We note that officers will identify and introduce specific initiatives/projects that demonstrate local, social, environmental procurement principles and report back to Council on progress on these within three months. We feel this shift in procurement approach will be in support of the work that we do as a social enterprise.
- A Sustainable Food Policy is needed for Wellington City, to underpin the Sustainable Food Initiative, create circular local food economies and work on diverting food waste from landfill.
- We are supportive of the introduction of a centrally organised public e-scooter and bike share scheme.
- We want steps made to improve representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision-making processes.

The Trust is committed to remaining and growing our contribution as an active partner with the Council and the wider community. The Trust already delivers a range of programmes that have an impact on emissions, and these are ready to grow in size and scope. We are well positioned to facilitate and lead

other new programmes/projects ourselves and with community partners. With a large community, and face-to-face reach of over five thousand households per year as well as an increasing number of businesses, we continue to be an active partner in cutting net emissions to zero by 2050.

Sustainability Trust is a not-for-profit organisation with a focus on supporting people in the Wellington region to live in warm, dry homes and assist them to reduce their impact on the environment. We work across the region installing insulation and energy efficient heating, providing sustainability advice and education, and a host of other initiatives promoting urban sustainability. We also contribute to sustainability-focused programmes nationally through a range of partner organisations including Community Energy Network, Zero Waste Network, and Environment Hubs Aotearoa.

Like all businesses, Sustainability Trust has been experiencing extreme challenges during the Covid-19 crisis. With the help of the NZ Government and our own financial reserves, we have been able to keep our 52 staff in full employment with no wages reduced. We continued to work as much as possible, including exploring new ways to support our community during lockdown, such as the provision of a free home energy helpline and sustainability at home webinars. We have now resumed our services, but we do face uncertain times.

Looking after our staff and our community has been our highest priority. We are grateful for the support of various NZ Government Ministries and Wellington City Council, who continue to support our various work programmes. These programmes include the Warmer Kiwi homes subsidised insulation/heating programmes funded by WCC as well as some of our urban agriculture and waste minimisation work.

Our social enterprise model is enabling us to maintain our community programmes through this period and beyond, as well as continuing to look after the 30 volunteers who regularly contribute time to support our programmes.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Social media
- Online
- Word of mouth

## 164. Polly Griffiths

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

WCC response needs to tied to delivery of Te Atakura. Decisions need to be made through a lens of ensuring they contribute towards creation of a low carbon, climate resilient and inclusive society.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Particularly support the funding for a business case for a resource recovery centre and the increase in funding for Home Energy Audits.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Landfill charges need to increase. WCC must move away from a reliance on landfill and start to support creation of circular local solutions.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I want WCC to know how important it is for me as a resident to see all Council decision making supporting delivery of Te Atakura. The climate emergency hasn't gone away and there is an opportunity to build back better for the benefit of the climate, our local resilience and our local economy.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

Social media

Online

## 165. Kathryn Collyns, Gender Minorities Aotearoa

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Most of how thoughts are with regard to implementation, and particularly to do with resources being allocated to community groups and vulnerable populations. Most of the plan discusses rates and roads, which are important but not an area we work in.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support any council investment to building communities and supporting marginalised or vulnerable groups

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support or oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

### Annual Plan 2020-21 Submission

This is a Submission from Gender Minorities Aotearoa, based at 130 Riddiford Street Newtown, Wellington, 6021.

We are a cross cultural and 100% trans led organisation, providing wrap around advocacy and support to promote positive health outcomes and full inclusion and empowerment in society for takataapui, transgender and intersex people.

We can be contacted at [genderminorities@gmail.com](mailto:genderminorities@gmail.com) or on 04 385 0611, or 02040492568

All of our responses in this submission are directed at the Pandemic Response and Recovery section of WCC's annual plan.

**Section 2 Council Services:** Many recreational spaces including gyms and pools are organised in a sharply gendered way which causes a barrier to transgender people being able to access them, feeling comfortable and being safe from harassment. Over 50% of transgender people avoid using gyms or pools because of how they might be treated. Upper Hutt city council has reached out to GMA to open a

discourse about how their spaces can be managed better and we would warmly welcome a similar engagement from WCC.

**Section 3 Community Wellbeing:** The WCC housing commitment is wonderful and very needed. 20%, or 1 in 5 trans people are homeless at some stage of their life. Emergency housing initiatives are segregated by gender, and trans people are often not allowed to use these. Even in cases where they are allowed, they are usually not safe using gender segregated services, which cover things like sleeping and showering. We ran an emergency housing project in Wellington for 6 years and it was always full. It is critical for transgender people to be named as a priority population in homelessness and housing strategies. We also suggest setting aside council/social housing specifically for transgender people, and note that many trans people living in council housing appreciate the sense of community they have when living near other trans people.

**Section 5 Absolutely Positively Wellington:** With regard to continuing to build on Wellington's positive, diverse, welcoming social landscape, we would like to see the council reallocate funding for the city's pride parade in February to organisers who are representative of and accountable to Wellington's rainbow communities and the community organisations supporting rainbow Wellingtonians 365 days a year. Wellington Pride Festival Inc. has run Out in the Park, the community parade, and over 100 community events each year (prior to and since the formation of WIPP). Based on track record and overwhelming support from the rainbow communities, GMA sees Wellington Pride Festival Inc. as the appropriate group to receive funding for the pride parade.

**Section 6 Regional & Central Government Collaboration:** We respect the City's commitment to reestablishing employment in the region. Alongside housing, employment is a key area where transgender people face discrimination. The median income for trans people is half that of the general population, transgender people report being denied work at four times the rate of the general population, and almost 1 in 5 have been forced to leave their job. While the economic fallout from Covid- 19 affects us all, it is particularly harsh on people who were already struggling to find sufficient work.

As such, we would like to see transgender people named as a priority group in employment promoting strategies.

We wish to make an oral submission.

Sincerely, Gender Minorities Aotearoa

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 166. Ollie Goulden, Disabled Persons Assembly

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Many people have lost their jobs, making extra expenses difficult at this time.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support or oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

### Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

The Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a pan-disability disabled person's organisation that works to realise an equitable society, where all disabled people (of all impairment types and including women, Māori, Pasifika, young people) are able to direct their own lives.

DPA works to improve social indicators for disabled people and for disabled people be recognised as valued members of society.

DPA and its members work with the wider disability community, other DPOs, government agencies, service providers, international disability organisations, and the public by: telling our stories and identifying systemic barriers developing and advocating for solutions celebrating innovation and good practice.

### Context

All state bodies in New Zealand, including local government, have a responsibility to uphold the principles and articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

There are a number of articles pertinent to transport and the built environment in the UNCRPD, including:

- Article 3, which includes the principles 3(c) “full and effective participation and inclusion in society” and 3(e) “equality of opportunity”.
- Article 4.3, which states that for “decision-making processes concerning issues relating to persons with disabilities, States Parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organizations”.
- Article 9, which states “To enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, States Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and in rural areas.”

New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026 is also a key document for guiding public service provision in New Zealand.

The outcome of the Strategy most relevant to this consultation is Outcome 5: “We access all places, services and information with ease and dignity”, which includes priority 10, “Increase the accessibility for disabled people of the built environment and transport services”.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 167. James Burgess

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I prefer a steadier increase in rates over a small rise this year, more impact on services, and bigger increases next year.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Out of the two options it is the better one. I would personally prefer a larger increase this year and a smaller one next year.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It feels like a false economy.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All these proposals are worthwhile. I would love to see walking improvements. I wish this area of the plan was increased so that more work could be done faster. For example, rather than investigating minor works you could implement minor works and investigate further, larger improvements.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please speed up progress by adding further work on carbon reduction, resilience, and safe active transport.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media, Email, Online, and Word of mouth

## 168. Sam Donald

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Defers too much cost

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Building back better with stimulus spending is a good approach to recovery

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?** not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I encourage Council to continue with investment in our city's infrastructure and support cultural and physical wellbeing rather than taking a path of cost cutting and austerity which would be at great detriment to the short, medium and long term health of the city and its residents. I would also encourage you to make all decisions with the declaration of climate and ecological emergency front and centre and to not let short term Covid-19 events detract you from medium and long term goals. Don't forget that transport is our worst contributor to climate change and needs to be addressed urgently through improvements to walking, cycling and public transport routes.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recreation centres
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use the city's cycleways

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar, Online, Social media, E Newsletter, and Word of mouth

## 169. Jonathan Markwick

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neither support nor oppose
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neither support nor oppose

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

If landfill fees are to be increased, then increased monitoring and enforcement against illegal rubbish dumping (fly tipping) is required

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recycling bags I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council swimming pools

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 170. Caroline Taylor, Growspace Wellington

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We agree with an overall approach that focuses on recovery for Wellington City and takes this opportunity for a sustainable transformation towards a low carbon, resilient and inclusive economy. We urge a strong commitment to the Te Atakura / First to Zero plan. We believe Covid-19 has shown the importance of an increased emphasis on relocalisation with its environmental, social and cultural benefits - in particular through circular local food economies. Alongside this we urge prioritising local food security to support resilience and the diversion of organic waste from landfill through decentralised, local methods.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support and applaud the intent of the Tipu Toa: Build Back Better framework, plan and funding through the City Recovery Fund. We agree with the initiative's focus on local creativity and innovation for the recovery and revitalisation of Wellington city. We encourage this to be done in keeping with Te Atakura / First to Zero Plan and with a view to supporting more resilient and inclusive local communities and livelihoods. GrowSpace Wellington is a new enterprise supporting local food growing initiatives. We are part of a growing groundswell of dedicated activity toward a more sustainable food system in Wellington. Along with our collaborators, we are committed to aligning this with multiple benefits of food security, community, health, and engagement, care and regeneration of our natural environment, and sustainable livelihoods. In this network we provide education services as well as play a role as connector, helping to build and progress a range of collaborations, for example:

- Urban farming – working with Kaicycle, and the pivotal leadership role they have in developing and modelling a working urban farm in Wellington. An opportunity to extend this model is being explored with some Wellington communities, linked with the work of the national level Urban Farmers Alliance ·
- Urban farming/growing qualifications – launched in late May, Wellington now hosts New Zealand's first secondary school course in regenerative urban farming. There are an initial 12 students enrolled, with teaching led through Kaicycle and Papa Taiao Earthcare ·
- Community composting trial – assisting the work led by the Sustainability Trust and Kaicycle with the support of the Council and other collaborators including Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, linked to their work on the National Science Challenge Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities

We acknowledge and strongly support the Sustainable Food Initiative in the Annual Plan. This has enabled some of our activities including some of the collaborations we participate in noted above. It is, however, well below the scale required to realise the potential of the new food system energy that is emerging in Wellington. This potential extends beyond ‘social and recreation’ to also creating new innovative business and sustainable green jobs, aligned with circular economy principles, that can enable local solutions for food security, decentralised organic waste management, emissions reduction, and also enable community connectedness and resilience.

We are noticing cities in places all over the world embracing urban farming and food growing as a way of bringing new pride and life into city communities and local economies. Wellington is well placed to do this too, and with our own creative, smart city edge. We think this will happen within current settings, but perhaps quite slowly.

The opportunity we have in front of us to accelerate this, taking advantage of the grassroots energy and skills we have around us, and with the Council support through governance and strategic funding of local initiatives. Food and green waste represent the largest percentage of material currently being landfilled.

People in Wellington want solutions to avoid sending their organic waste to landfill. We strongly support the current trialling of community composting hubs by Sustainability Trust and Kaicycle with the support of WCC as a potential solution.

We also support the creation of community resource recovery and reuse hubs for business and householders.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Definitely support
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund ‘polluter pays’ and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We agree that landfill charges need to increase to support sustainable waste solutions, to minimise waste where possible, and to help incentivise waste minimisation behaviour among the community. We are very supportive of a proportion of the fee increases at landfill being put towards waste minimisation projects run by council, as well as increasing the waste minimisation grant to further support waste diversion initiatives for Wellington city.

More funding to support business to reduce waste and their carbon footprint, would have the dual benefit of making businesses more financially resilient in the face of Covid-19 and the expected landfill levy increases, as well as supporting the Council’s carbon and waste goals.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It is critical that Wellington’s recovery seizes this opportunity to tackle the climate emergency with innovative local solutions and support for the role of social enterprises in this delivery.

We also encourage the Council to prioritise work on the Sustainable Food Initiative in the Annual Plan. This has enabled some of our activities including some of the collaborations we participate in.

As GrowSpace Wellington we are part of a growing groundswell of dedicated activity toward a more sustainable food system in Wellington. Along with our collaborators, we are committed to aligning this with multiple benefits of food security, community, health, and engagement, care and regeneration of our natural environment, and sustainable livelihoods.

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The opportunity we have in front of us to accelerate this, taking advantage of the grassroots energy and skills we have around us, and with the Council support through governance and strategic funding of local initiatives.

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- I use Council recreation centres
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use the city's cycleways
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

## 171. Sam Whitney

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The funding should not be greatly affected as rates and taxes are still being collected.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The increase in the future is to high and unsustainable

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council libraries
- I have applied for a resource or building consent

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 172. Anna Kivi, Kaicycle Inc

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We agree with many of the options given here. However we have not listed strongly because Kaicycle would like to see more emphasis on food security and climate resilience for our city. Furthermore, we agree with an approach that focuses on recovery for Wellington City and delivery but this needs to be designed to ensure we do not slow progress on tackling climate change and also take this opportunity for a sustainable transformation. New Zealand needs to cut greenhouse gases (GHG) by 50 percent by 2030. Our response to Covid-19 must not result in any delay on delivery of the Te Atakura / First to Zero plan. Investment decisions must be made that will create a low carbon, climate resilient and inclusive economy, and avoid carbon intensive development.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Council appears to have taken a prudent approach to the rates rise, with all factors like future rate rises and loss of revenue considered. It's imperative the Council remains a key pillar in supporting our community to build back better. They must remain in a financially sustainable position to do this over the long term. We agree that a 5.1% rates rise strikes the right balance.

Kaicycle would like to see some of this rates rise funding going into empowering social enterprises, like Kaicycle, in the community to provide jobs, food security and sovereignty, climate change resilience, waterway restoration, and diversion of kitchen waste from landfill. Kaicycle sees the need to restore our native flora and fauna and waterways inextricably linked to improving our local food supply, through the nexus of healthy soil health.

What we are seeing in the central Government's response to Covid so far, is a focus to providing food bank handouts. We agree this has its place but it must be a balanced approach: Give a person a box of food, and you feed him for a week. Teach a community how to run an urban farm and you feed them for generations (you also give them sustainable jobs for generations)

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This option would bring the Council into too much debt and disable it from adequately supporting the city.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Kaicycle fully supports WCC's plan to build a more environmentally robust and resilient city following the Covid-19 lockdown. We strongly encourage the city to take every opportunity to transform our city, it's social and economic enterprises to follow a circular economy model. - We encourage the Council to focus on building community capacity and capability to provide services and positive places to live and work. Working with mana whenua and upholding Te Tiriti must be key parts of this. Investment in infrastructure should position our communities to be able to better support and sustain future growth, and enable them to better respond and adapt to local challenges with help from Council rather than full reliance on Council. Examples include community-led resource recovery centres, organic waste

diversion and composting schemes, local urban farms meeting local food needs. Strong communities and local economies bring resilience.

Only support an expanded weed management programme if it takes a holistic approach to biodiversity health, considering the health and diversity of the wider ecosystem beyond plants, including soil biology, insects, birds and waterways. This means avoiding the use of biocidal agents including herbicide sprays such as glyphosate, and instead implementing different planting and management strategies that avoid the need for using biocides. We encourage the Council to make public its proposed expanded weed management programme and assessment of impacts on the wider ecosystem, including any impact on local food production. E.g. the drift of biocidal sprays affecting food plants in urban farms and community and backyard gardens can have a detrimental health effect on those eating the food.

In progressing a green infrastructure stormwater demonstration project, Council would be wise to seriously investigate the potential of urban farms and rooftop farms/living roofs to capture excess water and mitigate flooding. Regenerative urban farming techniques improve soil health including by raising levels of soil organic matter. This healthier soil has vastly improved ability to hold onto and filter water, acting as a buffer to flooding or desiccation. Council should also look into how to complement these passive effects of urban farms with additional water sensitive design features, such as rain-gardens, dry wells and rainwater tanks that feed into urban farms, reducing their reliance on public water supply especially in times of water restriction.

This approach could potentially be expanded to greywater management.

*Statement from Adam Schellhammer, Senior Healthy Waters Specialist/Wai Ora Partnerships Team, Auckland Council* “The role of regenerative farming practices will play a critical role in shaping the future of the Auckland region. Regenerative agriculture utilizes techniques and processes that restore soil health, improve biodiversity, and increase a community’s ability to remain resilient in the face of climate change. Healthy Waters supports the uptake and inclusion of regenerative agriculture as a means to create a climate ready future. Improved soil health and healthier native floral communities have a greater capacity to collect and attenuate stormwater as the region can expect to have less frequent, but more intense rain events. This means that communities will need to better prepare to capture and re-use these vital freshwater resources, while safeguarding against the threat on damaging flood conditions. The techniques associated with this urban regenerative farm include measures that will inherently improve water quality and reduce stormwater peak flows where implemented. There is also a greater opportunity to partner with other governmental and community groups to integrate additional water sensitive design features into the urban farm complex. Rain gardens and dry wells along pedestrian walkways can collect and redistribute the water into the farm for later use, which will reduce the farms need to rely solely on public water to sustain growth and production. These integrated approaches to holistic landscape management will serve as a premier educational tool for how to better manage urban landscapes and provide a thriving and sustainable future.”

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund ‘polluter pays’ and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

*To what extent do you agree or disagree with holding the majority of fees and charges at current levels for 2020/21?* We strongly disagree with not increasing charges for landfilling organic waste - this type of waste to be subject to at least an equivalent increase in charges to other kinds of waste, e.g. general

domestic waste. Increasing landfilling charges is needed to incentivise the diversion of organic waste e.g. through composting, and to increase the viability, popularity and diversity of composting solutions. Food and green waste represent the largest percentage of material currently being landfilled. People in Wellington want solutions to avoid sending their organic waste to landfill. We are currently trialling Community Composting Hubs with Sustainability Trust with the support of WCC; recognising that there is unlikely to be a one size fits all solution for organic waste. The results of this will feed into any analysis from the kerbside organic kitchen waste diversion trial. We agree that this trial should be conducted as soon as possible so that the results can be considered in time for the LTP. To what extent do you agree or disagree with increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives?

Kaicycle strongly agree with increasing Southern Landfill fees - We support the Sustainability Trust's stance: "We agree that landfill charges need to increase to support sustainable waste solutions, to minimise waste where possible, and to help incentivise waste minimisation behaviour among the community. - We agree that the fees for sludge disposal need to be increased to reflect the true cost of this disposal. The current situation, where the sludge is disposed of to landfill, requiring four tonnes of general waste to be landfilled for every one tonne of sludge, is not acceptable. It is not environmentally sustainable and is seriously hampering progress on waste minimisation in the city. Urgent progress is needed on the analysing and progressing options for a Sludge Minimisation Utilisation and Reclamation Facility.

We are very supportive of a proportion of the fee increases at landfill being put towards waste minimisation projects run by council, as well as increasing the waste minimisation grant to further support waste diversion initiatives for Wellington city. The commitment to investigate this was stated in the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting from the 30th of April. The current level of funding for waste minimisation initiatives, at \$100k, is insufficient in the context of the targets that need to be achieved over a short space of time, and considering the important role that businesses and social enterprises can play in helping the Council achieve their targets. Funding to support business to reduce waste and their carbon footprint, would have the dual benefit of making businesses more financially resilient in the face of Covid-19 and the expected landfill levy increases, as well as supporting the Council's carbon and waste goals. This type of support could link well with the support that has been provided by WellingtonNZ to support businesses during the Covid-19 crisis."

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

**Taiao me te Hanganga Environment and Infrastructure**

Kaicycle would like to see an initiative that takes a long term view to the health and regeneration of our soil and water. Such an initiative would ban the use of agrichemicals, such as glyphosates, by Council and Council contractors. Chemicals like these affect soil biodiversity for generations to come. Three waters work programme Kaicycle encourages community initiatives, like regenerative urban agriculture that vastly improves stormwater issues to be encouraged and supported by The Council.

**Tipu Toa: Build back better**

We support the creation of this approach and encourage the Council to take a long term view on job creation that will serve our food security and climate resilience best. The Kaicycle vision for a centre of regenerative learning to be established in Wellington which will employ 20-30 FTEs and within 24 months seed another urban farm and compost hub - which we hope to see every kilometer around Wellington City by 2035. A self-sustaining social and community-led enterprise will greatly assist Wellington City to build back better and address food security and climate change resilience. Resource recovery centre Creation of community resource recovery and reuse hubs for businesses and householders will support behaviour change and realisation of economic opportunities.

To this end we agree that the transition to a Resource Recovery park at the Southern Landfill needs to be brought forward. We also advocate for the need for a central hub for resource recovery and reuse which is accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, this should be considered within the business case. Any additional location/s can dovetail with facilities at the Southern Landfill. Kaicycle supports the Sustainability Trust in their efforts to create such a central resource recovery hub.

#### **Waste diversion trial**

We agree with “Encourage waste minimisation and actively divert more than 15,000 tonnes waste of from the Southern Landfill” and support the WCC waste diversion trial Kaicycle would like to see The Council change the tender process for organic waste and allow organised community groups or social enterprises like Kaicycle to tender for this work. In the past we have seen Council support one contractor to do all the work. We know the climate and resilience outcomes are worthy of this initiative. Kaicycle believes overtime we can offer a negative-carbon solution to organic kitchen waste diverted from landfill. We are currently trialling Community Composting Hubs with Sustainability Trust with the support of WCC; recognising that there is unlikely to be a one size fits all solution for organic waste. The results of this will feed into any analysis from the kerbside organic kitchen waste diversion trail. We agree that this trial should be conducted as soon as possible so that the results can be considered in time for the LTP **Southern Landfill extension**

We disagree with the southern landfill extension and the process followed to consult community. Kaicycle believed other alternatives should be sought to solve the waste problem. Including an increase in levy of organic waste going to landfill. We will cover this in more detail in the relevant question. Kaicycle supports the **Coastal renewals and Zealandia** initiatives by council. We would much prefer to see the \$3.7 million Council is budgeting for a new snow leopard enclosure at Wellington Zoo to be spent on work that will deliver more tangible benefit to our communities and environment; we do not think this can be considered a priority for spending ratepayer dollars in the face of the COVID crisis and climate crisis.

#### **Whanaketanga ōhanga Economic development**

Kaicycle would like to see The Council supporting local, sustainable economic development initiatives that are circular in nature. Covid-19 lockdown has highlighted the weakness of relying on Tourism for such a large section of our economy. To create a long- term sustainable future for Wellington we need to invest in economic development opportunities that will still serve our community not in 10 or 20 years but in 100 years. Food security is central to this. For the past 5 years, Kaicycle has been piloting this initiative and is shovel-ready to scale across the city: Kaicycle, in collaboration with The Urban Farmers Alliance has an economic development plan for our region, and for Aotearoa New Zealand, called Tipua Kia Puawai - Grow to Blossom. This is a national recovery farm package that will develop Centres of Regenerative Learning that build community resilience through job creation and food security, and regenerate ecosystems contributing to healthy water outcomes, carbon sequestration and climate change resilience. We encourage the Council to support community-led initiatives like this to better the economic outlook of our city, while keeping within its environmental bounds.

#### **Oranga ahurea Cultural wellbeing**

We support the art and culture initiatives set out in the annual plan. Food is the heart of Wellington’s culture, we would like to see food events with a local focus like Seeds to Feeds continue to be supported by The Council in the years to come.

#### **Kaupapa pāpori me ngā mahi a rēhia Social and Recreation**

Kaicycle urban farm enables Wellington city to offer a more diverse social and recreation option to its residents. We agree with and wish to support The Council in delivering the following points outlined in your strategy: Ensure we are a welcoming and inclusive, tolerant and healthy city with a strong social

infrastructure supporting its residents the big four wellbeing outcomes Support activation of community spaces and places that improve local community resilience and connectedness

### **City Housing upgrades and rent-setting**

We support The Sustainability's stance on Home Energy Audits: "There has been a spike in rheumatic fever cases in the Wellington region during the pandemic underlining the need to improve housing standards for our resilience. Tackling energy hardship requires fast tracking recommendations in the Electricity Price Review by investing in programmes and direct support for households in energy hardship. A widening of the scope and scale of home energy efficiency programmes such as Warm Up Wellington and Home Energy Saver is needed. This is especially urgent as many households will experience reductions in income and lowering overall outgoings on energy will be of benefit. On the flip side, those with the means to invest in household upgrades, through advice provided in the Home Energy Saver programme will provide additional economic activity and job creation.

Over the past year WCC has supported Sustainability Trust to deliver the **WarmUp Wellington and Home Energy Saver** programmes. Te Atakura has targeted 50% of the 70,000 homes in Wellington to receive assistance from Home Energy Saver by 2029. We estimate that at June 2020 approximately 5,000 homes would have received an assessment over the past 10 years of programme delivery. We support the need for additional funding to reach the remaining 30,000 homes (c.3,500 homes /year)." Kaicycle supports the **Sustainable Food Initiative**, development of a sustainable food policy and sustainable food council. Such an initiative is imperative to the food security of our region. Kaicycle is grateful for the support WCC has given to develop the Hospital Rd site. We support the need for additional funding to set up a centre of regenerative learning, the Te Papa of urban farms and compost hubs in Wellington where our community can learn to regenerate soil, improve our ecosystems and waterways, grow food, use organic waste to grow food and feed our communities for decades if not centuries to come. After 24 months of full operation it will seed fund the next urban farm. The model is different to a community garden which is sustained only by the quality and time of volunteers. The Kaicycle, Urban Farm Alliance, Social enterprise Model is a professional industry providing local jobs to support local communities - that includes their people and their ecosystem. It's a win win situation which would see Wellington well set up to be resilient to climate change or earthquake needs. Furthermore, it will work to eradicate food poverty in our region.

### **Tāone tupu ora Urban Development Planning for Growth**

We support the programme to develop a 30 year spatial plan. We believe this must be created with food resilience in mind and therefore more sustainable areas for agriculture and organic waste management be built into this plan, either by repurposing or zoning aread of land within new and existing developments.

### **Waka Transport**

#### **Cycling masterplan**

We support the building of a safe and practical cycle network around the city. We support initiative for greener, low to zero carbon transport initiatives. We would like to see Council benefits to more rapidly encourage low to zero carbon emission transport in the city.

### **Final comments**

We agree with the Council's proposed approach focusing on recovery and continued delivery of services in the wake of the COVID crisis, but we urge Council to remain focused on making progress on tackling and responding to the climate crisis. All investments Council makes in the name of COVID recovery must also aid the response to the climate crisis, to help us mitigate and adapt to climate change with the urgency required with the limited funds available, and to mitigate debt and rates increases, and ultimately reduced wellbeing, experienced by Wellingtonians in the future. The creation of jobs to avoid

widespread unemployment is important but must not send us backward in upholding our climate commitments.

Supporting the emerging sector of regenerative localised urban farming and composting, as advocated for by Kaicycle, is one solution. Food security and resilience is a key issue that must be included in focusing on recovery and building back better. Strains on food distribution systems and foodbanks during COVID have clearly shown our lack of food security. Handouts are not food security. Upskilling and empowering communities to produce some of their own food, such as with localised urban farms, builds long term food resilience along with many other co-benefits (health, community cohesion, optimism, biodiversity etc etc).

Regenerative urban farming has unparalleled potential to change our food system for the better and build food security that will make us more resilient now and into the future, while simultaneously helping us tackle the climate crisis and delivering Wellington's and New Zealand's emissions reductions targets. It also has many other co-benefits like Kaicycle is working hard to demonstrate the potential of regenerative urban farming in Wellington, and is well-connected with other groups across NZ working to similar goals through the Urban Farmers' Alliance. This collective and coordinated effort.

Council should have a clear strategy for recovery and building resilience that outlines how the waste, water, recreation, community services etc. parts of Council all work together to contribute to Council goals, e.g. those outlined in Te Atakura. Investment of ratepayer dollars by Council for this financial year and those going forward should be allocated by considering the potential of that investment to deliver community and environmental benefit in addressing both the COVID recovery and climate crisis.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council recreation centres
- I use Council libraries
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council swimming pools I use Council rubbish bags

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 173. Patrick Geddes

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The current unprecedented situation with Covid 19 is highly dynamic and Council will need to be highly responsive to the pressures being felt, particularly by small businesses. It absolutely makes sense for Council to use debt to tide us over - the cost of borrowing is at a historically low point and will remain so for a considerable amount of time.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The difference for certain business (not necessarily households) in paying a 2.3% vs 5.1% rates increase could be significant. Again, Council needs to be highly sensitive to the cashflow needs of business over the next 6-12 months

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Somewhat support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

These seem to be minor interventions that will have some benefit to the City but are not major.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Despite the situation we should definitely be incentivising businesses to reduce their waste.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

not answered

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

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- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council recreation centres
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I play sport on Council fields or courts
- I use Council libraries

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Through a Ward-inar, Online, Social media, Email, E Newsletter Word of mouth

## 174. Isabella Cawthorn

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the approach of maintaining core services, and Tipu Toa / Build Back Better especially

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's important to maintain core services and to do some renewal.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Infrastructure is too important to defund. And this puts too big a burden on future generations.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Really support this whole package, it's really good and holistic and addresses the renewal rather than just rebuild aspect of "build back better", thereby hitting all the wellbeings. Well done. Really happy to see green stormwater, better walking/childfriendly, arts

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Incentives are really important and we need to encourage waste minimisation. Marina fees - yep fine. I have friends who have boats in the marinas and I'm into this.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Let's really embrace experimentation in our streets (tactical urbanism) to get amongst it with the green infra and safer streets! ANd boost collaboration with other councils to get better growth and transport planning - 20-minute neighbourhoods please!

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have called the Council call centre before I use the city's cycleways
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I use Council swimming pools
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use Council recreation centres
- Other (please specify) I use Council libraries
- I play sport on Council fields or courts

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?** Social media

Other (please specify)

## 175. Nick Cooper

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

its a tricky balancing act really isn't it - less cost now, more latter, or vice versa....

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

as for question 1. Keen for gettign things like the Central Library fixed, LGWM projects, and the Omaroro reservoir, but not so keen on funding Covention Centre or bailing out developers....

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Somewhat disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We need to pick up some cost now to lessen burden on future generations

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The recycling waste recovery has been a shambles during the lock down, we need facilities that can sort and process reclaimable material that are dependent on human hands and package the material to be used within New Zealand rather than the carbon footprint of exporting our waste.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Somewhat support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

fee increases should be targeted in terms of increases go on those services where there externalities not being accounted for. Other fees provide for a more direct social benefit and should only rise to account for inflation.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

You could try making the information about spending prioritization easier for people to understand. Green, orange and red indicators work well. We need to understand whether spending is more important based upon population growth (CBD compare with Northern ward) , serviceability of asserts (aging pipes vs convention centres), or whether Council needs to provide for a redistribution of service related to income (in a particular location, more young child/parent families), or whether a service is still required in presence of developing technology (paper documentation).

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I have called the Council call centre before

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

E Newsletter

Newspaper

## 176. Alex Dyer

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There are so many reasons that now is the time to invest. We need to build back better, and bring about difficult changes to many people's lifestyles. There will be less buy in for that change if we are unwilling to invest at this time.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that the urgency of challenges that people are facing requires some leeway in how to recover. This sounds like a sensible approach. I would only ask that when the time comes to increase rates that the way these are structured has some more granular components to them. The current parking policy work should inform this annual plan system of the need to price car ownership and to add a rates component for car/s registered to a person living in a Wellington property. This should be designed to recuperate costs of car use such as road damage and adverse health impacts like air pollution and noise pollution. If the council gets that new component right, it should incentivise people to own and use fewer cars, and (importantly) not add any further sense of entitlement to public street space in our beautiful city.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This will only make things more painful for everyone in future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Sounds great! Please see my earlier response for my idea on a car ownership rates component. Introducing something like that will more fairly fund initiatives like this while delivering behaviour change that is also required. A car ownership rates component can also support replacing lost revenue from car parking as that is reduced by following the new parking policy goals.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Somewhat oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Please consider carefully the crossover in regards to parking policy and council revenue. I remain concerned if there is a conflict of interest where the council finds making change that benefits people (such as repurposing public space away from private cars), because he revenue is propping up shortfalls in rates. Council should be restructuring rates to both discourage car use and enable traditional ways of moving about in our communities.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I use Council recycling bags
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council libraries
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social media

## 177. Tim Jenkins

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Moving to an austerity based approach would not help post COVID-19. I think the council's overall approach is a good balance between keeping costs down for individuals and businesses while allowing investment and services to continue.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a good balance between keeping services up and cost down for individuals and businesses. It also keeps future rates increases lower.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Future rates rises will be higher and there will less money available in the future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's great to see these proposals I support all of them. This is the start of WCC working towards a circular economy and I fully support it. A circular economy will be more equitable and have significantly lower environmental impacts. There is some fantastic work on this overseas (<https://www.kateraworth.com/2020/04/08/amsterdam-city-doughnut/>) and it should be accelerated here. The resource recovery centre can't come soon enough. Far too much waste goes to landfill and this its start to addressing this. More than one centre in the city would be a good idea so that the transport impacts of everyone having to go to the Southern Landfill can be reduced. Maybe something in Miramar and Kaiwharawhara as well as the Southern Landfill would be good. We also need to look at reducing waste production in the first place. Equally improving living conditions and spending on power by improving energy performance of homes needs to be done quickly. It would be great to see the Te Atakura First to Zero plan accelerated as well.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's a good compromise between keeping costs down and trying for some behaviour change in waste production.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The Annual Plan is still using the Cycling Masterplan from 2015. This is out of date as it based on projections of cyclist numbers that are much lower than have eventuated, especially with the huge popularity of e-bikes. It means that some suburbs, like Karori, won't have anything in place for around a decade. This is far too long. The council need to revisit this plan and bring about much faster implementation of cycling

infrastructure. Improved cycling benefits all road users, including drivers and pedestrians. There is plenty of evidence showing it also benefits business owners. At a minimum, council should look at the Let's Get Wellington Biking proposal as a start. (<https://talkwellington.org.nz/2019/the-lets-get-welly-riding-vision/>). This was supported by a majority of current councillors either online or at various election hui last year. Councillors Paul, O'Neill, Foon, Free, Foster, Pannet, Condie, Matthwes and Woolfe all stated their support. It is time this support was followed up.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council rubbish bags
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council recycling bags
- I use Council libraries
- I use the city's cycleways
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council recreation centres

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online

## 178. Susannah Lees-Jeffries, Royal New Zealand Ballet

Online submission and email

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Our support is specifically for the economic development and arts and culture initiatives outlined in the Plan. We have some additional thoughts which we have submitted via email, and we look forward to making an oral submission in due course.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support WCC's considered view and therefore support WCC's preferred option.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

not answered

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to make a more detailed submission particularly regarding the future of the St James Theatre and WCC's ongoing investment in arts and culture.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council libraries
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use Council swimming pools
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

**Additional information sent via email**

## Submission on Wellington City Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan, June 2020

Submitted by: Lester McGrath, Executive Director  
Susannah Lees-Jeffries, Director of Marketing and Development



*Hansel & Gretel*, premiered by the RNZB at the Opera House in November 2019

### The Royal New Zealand Ballet's interest in Wellington City Council's Annual Plan

1. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is a flagship cultural organisation based in Wellington. In addition to presenting high quality ballet performances nationally the company employs a staff of 76 people, including 38 dancers, and provides a comprehensive programme of education, community and access programmes. In 2019 the company presenting 78 performances nationally, playing to an audience of over 60,000 people, with a further 34,000 people participating in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's education, community and accessibility programmes.
2. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is the resident company at the St James Theatre, where it has been based since the theatre was reopened in 1997. In June 2019 the RNZB

relocated to temporary, purpose-built studio and costume facilities on Wakefield Street, as well as administrative offices on Willeston Street, to enable the seismic strengthening of the St James.

3. While the St James is closed the RNZB is performing its major repertoire at the Opera House, as well as presenting education and community-based events at venues such as Te Papa.
4. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is extremely grateful to Wellington City Council for its decision to build the temporary Dance Centre on Wakefield Street. Without the support of Wellington City Council the Royal New Zealand Ballet's operations in Wellington and indeed nationally would have been seriously compromised.
5. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is funded directly by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and generates approximately 30% percent of its revenue from charitable trusts, donations and through sponsorship, and 30% through ticket sales. Wellington City Council is a major supporter of the Royal New Zealand Ballet and the company is extremely grateful for Council's support over a long period of time.
6. The Royal New Zealand Ballet recently received an increase in funding from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage as part of the substantial package of support offered to the arts sector in Budget 2020. This increased funding from central government will help the RNZB to maintain and increase its local and national performance, community and accessibility programmes at a time when income from ticket sales, grants and sponsorship is disrupted due to Covid-19.
7. As an anchor cultural institution in Wellington, and especially at a time of disruption for the city's vital creative industries, the Royal New Zealand Ballet is a key player in the city's creative eco-system. It welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Wellington Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan.

#### **Submission**

8. The Royal New Zealand Ballet wholeheartedly endorses Wellington City Council's emphasis on supporting Arts and Culture in its annual and long term plans for the city. We regard investment in arts and culture to maintain the city's position internationally as a vibrant, capital as essential, in that arts and culture are a defining feature of Wellington and an important contributor to making the city a desirable place to live, work and visit.
9. The Royal New Zealand Ballet acknowledges the unprecedented challenges facing the Council at this time. We are encouraged to see that no investment cuts have been identified to arts and culture in the Annual Plan as the broader sector is at severe risk for the next eighteen months.

### **Strengthening Cultural Facilities**

10. The Royal New Zealand Ballet strongly agrees that investment in facilities for cultural and other events supports this sector as 'a strong economic, cultural and social opportunity for Wellington.'
11. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is therefore entirely supportive of Wellington City Council's plans to invest in the future of the St James, both in the vital seismic strengthening of the theatre complex, and the commitment to upgrade the theatre's facilities and systems.

### **The future of the St James Theatre**

12. As stated in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's submission on the 2019/20 Annual Plan, as the St James's resident company and a frequent user of the theatre over many years, the RNZB welcomes the opportunity to work with Wellington City Council on future plans for audience and performer facilities.
13. The St James is Wellington's only international-standard lyric theatre. It is an important venue for both local and international performers and the theatre's presence as a lively arts venue on Courtenay Place, has a vital role in making the downtown area a vibrant and welcoming destination for people of all ages and at all hours of the day and night.
14. It is important to note that Wellington has changed considerably since the St James Theatre was re-opened in 1997. Demographics have changed, as has Courtenay Place itself.
15. Technology is now an integral part of everyday life and the expectations for customer service and delivery of high quality food and beverage experiences cannot compare to twenty-five years ago, when the facilities for the 'new' St James were designed.
16. It is also important to recognise that the performing arts sector has changed considerably over this time. There are now a plethora of independent arts organisations, many of them operating successfully on a year-round basis but which are struggling to find suitable accommodation and production (set and costume construction) facilities.
17. The Royal New Zealand Ballet recommends that Wellington City Council leverage its investment in the seismic strengthening and upgrade work at the St James by encouraging Council officers to collaborate with key institutions that have a stake in the future of the St James to scope out a fresh vision for the St James Theatre. This will strengthen Wellington's arts and culture sector and deliver to future user, audience and community needs.
18. Such an appraisal would also determine whether there are synergies between performing arts and other organisations which can be harnessed and what resources

might be required from public and private sources to deliver such a vision.

19. At the most basic level the Royal New Zealand Ballet would be glad to explore ways in which the company can have a greater year-round presence in the theatre complex, including a digital presence in the foyers and working closely with Venues Wellington to develop a more customer-focused in-house ticketing operation.
20. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is concerned that other than some improvement to theatre systems and facilities in the auditorium, there is no marked or obvious improvements to patron facilities particularly in the foyers.

### **Studios and administration floors at the St James**

21. The studio, wardrobe and office facilities on levels 2 and 3 of the St James are largely unchanged since the RNZB's move to the theatre in the late-1990s. We note that there is limited upgrade work planned for the levels two and three of the St James Theatre where the Royal New Zealand Ballet operates from as resident company.
22. We are nevertheless pleased that discussions have recently commenced with Council officers to determine whether any of the Royal New Zealand Ballet's upgrade requests can be accommodated within the existing works programme, which extends to seismic strengthening, a new roof (to address the current leaks) and repairs to windows so that they open. We note that there have been discussions about HVAC and air-handling but we are unsure whether where this has landed in the current scope of works.
23. Many of the facilities and the spaces occupied by the company are in need of an upgrade, even if to keep in line with current working practices and requirements. In particular, the toilets on level 2 and 3 of the St James Theatre are inadequate for the number of people using them.

### **The Opera House**

24. We have now been unable to perform at the St James for more than two years, with the prospect of at least another year and a half presenting our Wellington performances at the Opera House. The Opera House's shortcomings for both audiences and performers are well-documented; we would add that performing there also restricts the repertoire that we are able to perform and has had an ongoing impact on income from ticket sales, due to both the smaller capacity of the theatre compared to the St James, and the inferior quality of the seats and sight lines.
25. The Opera House's front of house facilities for audience members, particularly to facilitate good hand hygiene and social distancing, are presently of grave concern as we prepare for performances in August.
26. Like the St James, the Opera House is a key component of Wellington's cultural infrastructure. It is also in need of an upgrade to meet the needs of to better serve the

performing arts sector, commercial hirers and the community organisations which make use of it.

### **Investment in the Arts**

27. The Royal New Zealand Ballet is fully supportive of Wellington City Council's commitment to continue its investment in professional and community arts and cultural projects via three-year funding contracts for established organisations and funding for one-off projects.
28. We welcome support being offered for high-quality new local theatre and dance works being offered via the Arts and Culture Fund.

### **Arts and Culture Strategy**

29. The Royal New Zealand Ballet welcomes the news that Wellington City Council will review its 2011 Arts and Culture Strategy. The company looks forward to participating in the consultation process or in whatever way Council deems appropriate.

## 179. Sally Ogle

Submission via Generation Zero

### Form Summary

Name

sally ogle

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 180. Kate Walmsley, Kaicycle Inc

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Somewhat agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree with the general approach of the Plan. However I would like to see a lot more emphasis on food security and climate resilience for our city, and be assured that Council is carefully considering recovery investments to make sure they will also keep us on track to becoming a zero carbon, equitable capital. New Zealand needs to cut greenhouse gases (GHG) by 50 percent by 2030. Our response to Covid-19 must not result in any delay on delivery of the Te Atakura / First to Zero plan.

Investment decisions must be made that will create a low carbon, climate resilient and inclusive economy, and avoid carbon intensive development. Investment of ratepayer dollars by Council for this financial year and those going forward should be allocated by considering the potential of that investment to deliver community and environmental benefit in addressing both the COVID recovery and climate crisis.

Thus, I do not believe the spending proposed for the new convention centre, Town Hall and St James Theatre, or bringing snow leopards to the Zoo, should be prioritised this year; spending in community development, food resilience and environmental restoration should be prioritised instead.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Somewhat agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This seems like a prudent and well-considered option. I would like to see my rates going into future-thinking resilience- focused investment - e.g. investment in water system solutions that will support a rapidly growing Wellington population, rather than fixing our failing and outdated pipes network.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I oppose shifting rates burden to hit harder in the future.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Neither support or oppose

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Investment should prioritise building communities, which need to be the basic functional unit of our city, especially as it grows over years to come. Communities need to be more capable of meeting their own needs, which they know best, so Council's role should be to educate, empower and support communities to support themselves.

E.g. investment in well- resourced community centres which have many functions including arts and resource recovery (also reducing burden on larger centralised infrastructure, and creating more net jobs). - Working with mana whenua and upholding Te Tiriti must be key parts of this.

Investment in infrastructure should position our communities to be able to better support and sustain future growth, and enable them to better respond and adapt to local challenges with help from Council rather than full reliance on Council.

Examples include community-led resource recovery centres, organic waste diversion and composting schemes, local urban farms meeting local food needs. Strong communities and local economies bring resilience.

I only support an expanded weed management programme if it takes a holistic approach to biodiversity health, considering the health and diversity of the wider ecosystem beyond plants, including soil biology, insects, birds and waterways. This means avoiding the use of biocidal agents including herbicide sprays such as glyphosate, and instead implementing different planting and management strategies that avoid the need for using biocides.

I encourage the Council to make public its proposed expanded weed management programme and assessment of impacts on the wider ecosystem, including any impact on local food production. E.g. the drift of biocidal sprays affecting food plants in urban farms and community and backyard gardens can have a detrimental health effect on those eating the food.

In progressing a green infrastructure stormwater demonstration project, Council would be wise to seriously investigate the potential of urban farms and rooftop farms/living roofs to capture excess water and mitigate flooding. Regenerative urban farming techniques improve soil health including by raising levels of soil organic matter. This healthier soil has vastly improved ability to hold onto and filter water, acting as a buffer to flooding or desiccation.

Council should also look into how to complement these passive effects of urban farms with additional water sensitive design features, such as rain-gardens, dry wells and rainwater tanks that feed into urban farms, reducing their reliance on public water supply especially in times of water restriction. This approach could potentially be expanded to greywater management.

Creation of community resource recovery and reuse hubs for businesses and householders will support behaviour change and realisation of economic opportunities.

To this end I agree that the transition to a Resource Recovery park at the Southern Landfill needs to be brought forward. I also advocate for the need for a central hub for resource recovery and reuse which is accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, this should be considered within the business case. Any additional location/s can dovetail with facilities at the Southern Landfill. I support the Sustainability Trust in their efforts to create such a central resource recovery hub.

I strongly support the increase in funding for Home Energy Audits.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither support or oppose
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Increasing landfill charges is essential and I would support higher still increases. I strongly disagree with not increasing charges for landfilling organic waste - this type of waste to be subject to at least an equivalent increase in charges to other kinds of waste, e.g. general domestic waste. Increasing landfilling charges is needed to incentivise the diversion of organic waste e.g. through composting, and to increase the viability, popularity and diversity of composting solutions Food and green waste represent the largest percentage of material currently being landfilled. People in Wellington want solutions to avoid sending their organic waste to landfill.

I am part of Kaicycle currently working on such solutions that have many more co-benefits for the community and environment. Higher fees at landfill directly support this work. I agree that landfill charges need to increase to support sustainable waste solutions, to minimise waste where possible, and to help incentivise waste minimisation behaviour among the community. I agree that the fees for sludge disposal need to be increased to reflect the true cost of this disposal.

The current situation, where the sludge is disposed of to landfill, requiring four tonnes of general waste to be landfilled for every one tonne of sludge, is not acceptable. It is not environmentally sustainable and is seriously hampering progress on waste minimisation in the city.

Urgent progress is needed on the analysing and progressing options for a Sludge Minimisation Utilisation and Reclamation Facility.

I am very supportive of a proportion of the fee increases at landfill being put towards waste minimisation projects run by council, as well as increasing the waste minimisation grant to further support waste diversion initiatives for Wellington city.

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Bring food security and food resilience to the forefront of recovery discussions. - I support the Sustainable Food Initiative, development of a sustainable food policy and sustainable food council. Such an initiative is imperative to the food security of our region. –

I support the need for additional funding Kaicycle needs to set up a centre of regenerative learning, the Te Papa of urban farms and compost hubs in Wellington where our community can learn to regenerate soil, improve our ecosystems and waterways, grow food, use organic waste to grow food and feed our communities for decades if not centuries to come. After 24 months of full operation it will seed fund the next urban farm.

The model is different to a community garden which is sustained only by the quality and time of volunteers. The Kaicycle, Urban Farmers' Alliance, Social enterprise Model is a professional industry providing local jobs to support local communities - that includes their people and their ecosystem. It's a win win situation which would see Wellington well set up to be resilient to climate change or earthquake needs. Furthermore, it will work to eradicate food poverty in our region. –

Community wellbeing and ensuring all Wellingtonians' basic needs are met must be a priority for spending this year. We must ensure our homeless, unemployed and other more vulnerable people are looking after before spending money on such things as a snow leopard enclosure at the zoo and building a flash new convention centre. I encourage the Council to work to improve communication between different departments and facilitate holistic decision making which will lead to better outcomes per ratepayer dollar spent. Council should have a clear strategy for recovery and building resilience that outlines how the waste, water, recreation, community services etc. parts of Council all work together to contribute to Council goals, e.g. those outlined in Te Atakura. Investment of ratepayer dollars by Council for this financial year and those going forward should be allocated by considering the potential of that investment to deliver community and environmental benefit in addressing both the COVID recovery and climate crisis.

Instead of spending enormous amounts of ratepayer money on our terminally ill water system, Council should put some money toward educating households about wiser water use and incentivising households to implement water saving measures and grey water systems. Put some money into subsidies instead of infrastructure as part of 'planning for growth' –

I applaud Council for deciding to take wage cut/make equivalent donations and freeze salaries, and commend your work on Tipu Toa.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks
- I have attended a Council event such as A Very Welly Christmas or Pasifika Festival
- I use Council rubbish bags I use the city's cycleways
- I use Council libraries
- I have called the Council call centre before
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

- Social media, Email, Word of mouth

## 181. Jeremy Macey

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

it maintains services while mitigating future rates rises

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

represents a balanced approach

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

infrastructure is critical

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

low-cost but substantive improvements for everyday things

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Definitely support
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Definitely support

**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

I encourage the city to prioritise restoring one or more warm, free & dry central library-esque space(s) accessible to teens/gig workers between shifts/travellers/vulnerable folk.

I say this a parent of three teens - as well as frequent library visitor - but also because I suspect you're unlikely to hear much from these groups in the AP submissions. Further to this, I also encourage the WCC to take decisions through the lens of a climate emergency that will not just chomp away at our coasts and reclaimed land affecting those suburbs & dwellers directly, but that will indirectly affect marginalised, vulnerable and under-represented people because their needs will be sent to the back of the priorities queue.

To take an example of asymmetric prioritising, the convention centre is going full steam ahead, bolstered by its compelling business case, and those fortunate enough to partake in conventions will benefit.

Contrariwise, the above-listed groups who have lost their spaces such as the central library & Reading foodcourt can't wave a business case around, even if they had the confidence & know-how to get vocal and promote their cause. It's great the Council has created alt central library hubs and boosted suburban branches, but the simple role - which they can only partially fill - of 'warm, free and welcoming place to hang out' is as valuable as traditional library functions such as borrowing books or accessing Council services.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

- I use Council swimming pools
- I use Council recycling bags
- I enjoy using Council maintained walking/biking tracks I

- have called the Council call centre before
- I use Council rubbish bags
- I use the city's cycleways
- I have applied for a resource or building consent
- I have previously submitted on a Council consultation
- I use Council libraries
- Other (please specify)

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 182. Tim Jones

Online submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

Yes

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Definitely agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Rather than taking a slash-and-burn approach in response to COVID-19 and the associated economic downturn, the Council has chosen to try to maintain its service levels and take steps to build back better. I think that's the right approach.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Definitely agree

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Wellington had a lot of issues to deal with even before COVID-19 came along, including its failing water and sewage systems, the Central Library, and the need to both prepare for the effects of climate change and sharply reduce emissions over the next 10 years. The proposed 5.1% rates increase will enable that work to go ahead without leading to even higher rates increases in future years.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Definitely disagree

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

This rates increase option is inadequate to fund the necessary work and will lead to higher rates increases and a greater debt burden in future years.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Definitely support

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I regard Tipu Toa - Build Back Better as very important early steps in moving Wellington City's economy away from the present unsustainable growth model and towards a circular economy, in which the city both provides better for all its people and lives with local environmental limits, and planetary ecological boundaries. I support these measures, and I congratulate Councillors for pulling these measures and the Annual Plan as a whole together in very difficult circumstances.

I want to see more ambitious such measures in the forthcoming Long Term Plan. But it's also important to tell Council that much more is needed. We suggest you say that you want to see a lot more done in the areas listed above, that you want steps to improve representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision-making processes, and that you want to see Council make urgent steps to implement its Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan.

This plan calls for most emissions reductions to be made between now and 2030, so we need to get cracking. Getting these larger changes in place will be a big focus of the Council's upcoming Long Term Plan, but it's good to remind them about it now.

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**Q11. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

not answered

**Q12. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Tim Jones - The Tipu Toa - Build Back Better proposals in this Annual Plan are a good start, but only a start. In the Long Term Plan, I would like to see steps to improve representation of mana whenua and tangata whenua in Wellington's decision-making processes. It's crucial that Council makes urgent steps to implement its Te Atakura - First to Zero greenhouse gas emissions reductions plan in the Long Term Plan: when it comes to climate action and climate justice, action can't wait. This plan calls for most emissions reductions to be made between now and 2030, so we need to get cracking. Getting these larger changes in place will be a big focus of the Council's upcoming Long Term Plan, but it's good to remind them about it now.

**Q13. How do you or have you previously interacted with Wellington City Council? (select all that apply)**

Not answered

**Q14. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Online, Social media, Email, Word of mouth

## 183. Sarah Artmann

Submission via Generation Zero

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Name

Sarah Artmann

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 184. Anne Chamberlain

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Don't need a conference centre. Unlikely to be used much with changed world due to Covid 19

## 185. Jane Little

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Name

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 186. James Barber

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## 187. Liz O'Connor

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Name

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## 188. Guy Ryan

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 189. John Lumsden

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 190. David Scott

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Scale back building efforts that have a preconceived notion of expecting rising visitor numbers, especially for business conventions etc. Innovate with smaller more high-tech spaces, e-conference facilities where for example a hundred local attendees can be streamed to wider audience in high def.

# 191. Anya Bukholt-Payne

Submission via Generation Zero

## Form Summary

Name

Anya Bukholt-Payne

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Climate justice

## 192. Kathy Player

Submission via Generation Zero

### Form Summary

Name

Kathy Player

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Creating better solutions for recycling and waste reduction, and creating industrial composting initiatives that all can access.

# 193. Hinrich Schaefer

Submission via Generation Zero

## Form Summary

Name

Hinrich Schaefer

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## 194. Richard Randerson

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

1. Preferencing carbon remissions over planning for more cars, more roads, more planes. 2. Immediate restoration of acceptable accommodation at the Night Shelter. 3. Urgent action to house the homeless.

## 195. Dinah Dobson

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Dinah Dobson

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

STOP the Convention Centre

# 197. Sue Chamberlain

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Please stop the Convention Centre!!! The world has changed. People are not going to fly around the world to conferences like they used to. This is a good thing because flying is one of the things killing the planet. If we don't reduce emissions drastically in the next five years we're unlikely to be able to stop our path to destruction of human life on earth as we've known it. If we don't start making changes now in a planned way, we'll face violent hugely disruptive changes in the next decade. Get smart, Wellington. Plan on De-growth.

## 198. Aidy Sanders

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aidy sanders

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Repairing the city library, stop the development at Site 9 on the waterfront, and stop allowing our harbour and beaches to be contaminated with sewage on such a regular basis. And if council could be bothered to finally sort out some form of safe cycle route through Newtown in the next 18 months ( without me needing to fill in another 20 consultation documents ideally ) a that would be appreciated too.

# 199. Liz Riddiford

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Liz Riddiford

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## 200. Joanna Laurenson

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## 201. Heather Christensen

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## 202. Erin Payne

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## 203. Sophie Price

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## 204. Joan Waldvogel

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Finding alternatives to landfills for waste disposal, reducing carbon emissions, making the city more pedestrian and cycle friendly.

## 205. Gareth Kaiwai

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 206. Madeleine Foreman

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## 208. Abi Hart

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

More judicious consultation with mana whenua.

## 209. Kristina Aitchison

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Reducing the cities emissions.

## 210. Feroze Brailsford

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## 211. Tegan van der Peet

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 212. Sonia Groes-Petrie

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Reducing inequalities and focus on affordable housing options and support for homeless people in the Wellington region. Also put investment on creating an excellent public transport system.

## 213. Niru Kumar

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 214. George Preddey

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What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?

Recognising the existential threat to human civilisation within very few decades of climate and ecosystem disruption driven by human activity, especially carbon emissions.

## 215. Jennifer Price

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Completing strengthening of all the public buildings currently closed because they are not up to the required earthquake standard. It is so sad to see The Town Hall, St James, Libray and now the Corrillion all closed, please make these buildings your priority. Thank you

## 216. Steven Ensslen

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Pricing carbon emitted by all suppliers during procurement at \$100/tonne rising to a science backed figure by 2030, so that low-polution vehicle fleets are adopted.

## 217. Leslie Etheridge

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Name

Leslie Titheridge

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## 218. Paddy Plunket

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Reducing private motor vehicle use and encouraging bicycle travel

## 219. Hannah Griffin

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 220. Renee Rushton

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 221. Rachel Radford

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Name

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Connecting suburbs and roads so that people don't have to drive circuitously to get from a to b. Many suburbs and areas are growing into each other and yet are not connecting by road or walk-way. One example is churton park meeting johnsonville near McLintock St North.

## 222. Sadie Wilton

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## 223. Phoebe Murphy

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 224. Jennifer van Beynen

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## 226. Linda Pears

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

I support raising rates only if council first tells us precisely where the money will be spend, and regularly accounts for it in the e'Wellington newsletter. I support raised landfill fees only council has a policy satisfactory to those of us who do not want this to result in illegal dumping of rubbish in other places or storage on properties thus encouraging vermin etc. Everything has a consequence. The consequences if these items are too vague to get my support. I'm very concerned that council does not respond to small things, like access for less fit people to be able to sit on council seats (some of which need repair) to see harbour view (plimmer Park area) and to plant appropriate trees and trim tall growing ones that are blocking the view. Some paths need attention if they are to be accessible to blind people or low vision people, or have a warning notice. Etc. Why are such things not checked regularly from users' point of view and fixed? Also I was attacked by a dog on this walk. Had I had balance probs I would have fallen. People were walking dogs without a leash and this uncontrolled dog was on a retractable leash but owner did nothing to restrain him. If you want people to walk and use outdoor spaces, invest in their useability please. Thank you.

## 227. Mike Nyland

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Future proofing Wellington

## 228. Sophie Montague

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## 229. Vida Quivooy

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 230. Anne Phillips

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Improved water infrastructure. Lowering the proposed dates increase. Maintenance and support of the town belt as the 'lungs of the city.'

## 231. Gillian Tasker

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Gillian Tasker

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 232. James McNally

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Pyrolysis of waste biomass to make energy and Biochar

## 233. Mary Busch

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

1)Reducing the number of cars coming into the City. 2)Banning e-scooters from footpaths. 3)Widening footpaths. 4) More trees and pocket parks in the Inner City - people need more space to rest, eat takeaways etc 5) Ensure that permissions for cafes to encroach in the commons is restricted so that they do not impede the free access to publicly owned spaces.

## 234. Mary Sahar

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Name

May Sahar

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 235. Cindy Newport

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Greater support for our homeless population

## 236. Donella Merval

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

A focus on making Wellington more friendly to cyclists, pedestrians and prioritise a light rail. Perhaps even going so far as to ban private vehicles in certain parts of the CBD. A main priority should be future proofing our city against rising sea levels and the effects of climate change. Climate change and reducing our environmental impact should be a huge focus.

## 237. Thomas Kay

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## 239. Sonya Cameron

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## 240. Marcus Mcshane

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Walking and cycling support, and traffic calming and ways to reduce the numbers of cars entering the city

## 241. Tony Hurst

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## 242. Ina Werner

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

Support more cycling and use of public transport funded by increased prices for parking

## 243. Kit Withers

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Name

kit withers

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

pls take action on reducing the city's emissions

## 244. Jason Keenan

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## 246. Asher Emanuel

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**What else do you want Council to focus on in the Annual Plan?**

## 247. Peter Metham

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Strongly disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

There is one key overriding principle that we are all forced to abide by and that is to "Live within your means".

The council repeatedly chooses to ignore that principal and it is going to cause a lot of suffering.

The evidence for this is clear and the result of it is that the council intends to hike the rate to a figure in 2027 that is 148% of the 2017/2018 value.

Your intention to live beyond your means will force me to live beyond mine.

I am living on a pension. It does increase by 4-5% per annum. I am lucky if it keeps pace with inflation and goes up by 1% - which it does not.

If I have to pay extra for my rates, then what do you want me to spend less on? Do you expect me to spend less on heating because that will result in my getting cold and sick? Do you expect me to spend less on food because that will have the same result? Or perhaps you expect me to spend less on medicine and just put up with illness?

You need to carefully and honestly reflect on what motivates you. As a councillor, who earns lots of money, you probably want the city to be "Vibrant" and growing.

Older people, especially the elderly, the sick, the homeless and the unemployed do not share your views. You are actually breaching your responsibility to act democratically when you ignore the needs of these people - it's easy for you to do because they are weak and cannot voice their opinions clearly.

Please wake up and **start acting responsibly**. You tell your children to live within their means.

Start listening to that advice yourself. Redesign your extravagant 10 year **plan so that the rate increases each year keep in step with inflation.**

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Strongly oppose

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

See Section 1 above

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Strongly oppose

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is wrong and disingenuous of you to offer only 2 approaches.

You are perpetrating a falsehood by describing the results as you have done. Shame on you.

The simple fact is that rates increases should be restricted to the rate of inflation. Period.

Anything else is unfair, undemocratic, unwise, irresponsible and foolish.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Strongly disagree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Let those interested in the Arts pay for it entirely by themselves.

Forget the minor road improvements.

Don't increase anything.

We cannot afford increases in the rates!

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Strongly agree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Strongly disagree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

LEARN TO LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS

RESTRICT ALL RATES RISES TO THE RATE OF INFLATION AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 248. Prudence Walker

Email submission

### **Planned rates increase**

Prudence Walker [REDACTED]

Sent: Tue 19-May-20 12:05 PM

To: BUS: Annual Plan

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To the planning Team,

We need a rates freeze this year, and small rise next year if necessary (lower than the 5.1 indicated for this year in my latest rates invoice). We don't need a new convention centre at the moment. We do need a central library as soon as possible.

I'm a rate payer and this is my email address. I do not want to register online or have a screen name.

Great if my opinion can still be taken into account.

Kind regards,  
Prudence Walker  
Phone [REDACTED]

## 249. Robert Murray

Email submission

Submission on WCC Draft Annual Plan

Live within your means as your residents have to.

Environment and Infrastructure:

Do not borrow to cover a downturn in income – either to yourselves or Zealandia or the Zoo: why do we need a snow leopard enclosure or Zealandia improvements this year when there will be minimal use because of the tourist drop off – there's \$4.8m saved

Economic Development:

What? “uncommitted 2019/20 funding” is that extra rates we didn't need to pay last year? And Axe “the 2020/21 budgets of the City Growth, Destination Wellington and Capital of Culture funds.” This is all tourist nonsense that is no longer relevant. Another \$8m saved. [\$12.8m]

As for supporting Wellington Airport – forget it. If they want support in proportion to WCC shareholding they should pay the dividends in that same proportion. That underwrite will come back and bite you on the bum: Infratil will make sure of that!

In this new “travel scarce” Covid world the Convention Centre is a dead duck – since its apparently too late to stop it, turn it into a library and demolish the earthquake risk Central Library rather than spending millions figuring out how to strengthen it.

Since there's no urgency for the 2022 NZ Festival anymore, the \$8.6m “to complete the recommended building and theatre system upgrades” of the St James Theatre can be deferred till next year. I suspect both these projects are going to be white elephants anyway. [\$21.4m]

Cultural Wellbeing:

Do not borrow to “offset foregone revenue”. As you say, this area is debilitated by a lack of audiences in the foreseeable future so doesn't require immediate funding. All three projects, Wellington Museum upgrade, Matariki and the UNESCO City of Film can be delayed to next year as can all the worthy blurb about the Arts and Culture fund. I can't see any exact figures but there should be another \$20m saving here. [\$41.4m]

Social and Recreation:

Repurposing the Convention Centre as the Central Library will obviate the need for \$4.5m of this spending. Sustainable Food Initiative can be put on the back burner as can the Upgrade of Community Facilities. Why can't the pokies and Lotto contribute the full cost of the Alex Moore Park upgrade saving \$2.2m. [\$49.1m]

Urban Development:

This is so wishy washy it's hard to identify where the money is being spent but a deferral of North Kumutoto development and Laneway upgrades could be considered. The Te Ngakau Project and National Centre for Music look like two bites of the cake.

Transport:

LGWM may well be a dead parrot talking its so slow, so defer spending on that for a year and save \$7.1m. You concede there is no work on Ngaio Slope stabilization this year (because of hibernating lizards) so doesn't need funding. So there's a total of \$56.2m you don't need to charge ratepayers.

The Pandemic Plan:

It's very noble about supporting businesses and organisations but residents get very little from this. How about actively supporting residential ratepayers by working to reduce your demands on them.

From Robert Murray

## 250. Helena Hutchinson

Email submission

**From:** Helena Hutchinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 16 May 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** BUS: Communications and Engagement  
**Subject:** WCC feedback

Hi there WCC

I would like to say that water infrastructure, transportation, and public library services are of paramount importance as council activities as we move forward in COVID-19 times.

As I don't have a car parking is not a problem I face but am very concerned about cars jamming the roads and making it difficult for tradespeople, the elders, and people with children.

Where would a 5.1percent increase in rates go in the council budget? Any money spent from now on has to benefit the public as a whole.

Regards Helena Hutchinson

## 251. Kerry Rings

Email submission

**From:** Kerry Rings  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 May 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** Alicia Andrews  
**Subject:** Re: Rates rises etc.

See today, Phil Goff, the AKL mayor is looking at his staffing levels and costs!

Could you forward this to Andy Foster, and his councillors. I ask them THEM, what their plans are for WCC, GRWC also to TRIM COSTS?

On Fri, 22 May 2020, 1:10 PM Kerry Rings wrote:

No, I have my own home for thirty years, paid rates, work with Wellington people, and they all are sick of these god damn rates increases. Its like the council, just think its a BOTTOMLESS PIT OF MONEY.

Its just so WRONG.

On Fri, 22 May 2020, 1:06 PM Alicia Andrews, wrote:

Hi Kerry

Thanks for your email. I understand you are frustrated and will ensure your comments are passed on for consideration. It is really valuable feedback and I appreciate you taking the time to pass it on.

To ensure I have the correct information, can you please confirm that your full name is Kerry Rings (sometimes people's email addresses are different to their real names).

Thanks in advance,

**Alicia Andrews**

T/I Rates And Trade Billing | Financial Transactions Mgmt | Wellington City Council

**From:** Kerry Rings  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 May 2020 12:39 PM  
**To:** Alicia Andrews  
**Subject:** Re: Rates rises

Hi Alicia, sorry to you for being abrupt.

Check out your website stuff.

Please forward to who is involved, Wgtn Ratepayers are so sick of our rates going through the roof, all the time.

I'm happy to pay, but its year after year, we see all the unnecessary things being done.

Foster, on a spending spree to Queenstown.

Useless, Lester, cycleways around the bays to Miramar, and Celia added to that.

Payrises, for councillors earlier this year. Most councillors at present are leaches, and bottom feeders. They do nothing.

On Thu, 21 May 2020, 7:19 PM Alicia Andrews, wrote:

Hi Kerry

I can forward your comments on as a submission to the draft annual plan. The mayor and councillors review the submissions from the public to help them make decisions about the Annual Plan. I only need confirmation of your full name to be able to send this on. Can you please give me that information so I can ensure your views are taken in to account when the mayor and councillors are making their decision.

Kind regards,

**Alicia Andrews**

T/I Rates And Trade Billing | Financial Transactions Mgmt | Wellington City Council

**From:** Kerry Rings

**Sent:** Thursday, 21 May 2020 7:04 PM

**To:** Alicia Andrews

**Subject:** Re: Rates rises

No I don't want to discuss it.

I and very many ratepayers in Wellington ARE FED UP, WITH THESE SUSTAINED RATES INCREASES ALL THE TIME.

TIME TO TRIM THE FAT IN THE GWRC, WCC, AND ALL THEIR LUXURY RUBBISH WANTS, FOR WGTN CITY.

IT'S A FCKN HARD TIME NOW. TELL FOSTER.

On Thu, 21 May 2020, 3:33 PM Alicia Andrews wrote:

Dear Kerry

Thank you for your email.

The draft annual plan is open for consultation at the moment. You have the opportunity to make a submission on the 5.1% rates increase proposed for next year.

Here is the link to the consultation document on our website

<https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/annualplan2020-21>

If you would like to discuss the rates for your property or a payment arrangement, please let me know the address of your property.

Kind regards,

**Alicia Andrews**

T/I Rates And Trade Billing | Financial Transactions Mgmt | Wellington City Council

**From:** Kerry Rings

**Sent:** Thursday, 21 May 2020 1:53 PM

**To:** BUS: Rates

**Subject:** Rates rises

For a long time now, we have had Lester, now Foster putting our rates through the roof. When will it STOP? In today's climate its a JOKE

## 252. Pauline and Athol Swann

Email submission

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 20/21

1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Submission from Pauline and Athol Swann and we wish to be heard.

Environment and Infrastructure (page 25) we support all the items to enhance Wellington's natural environment.

Our Changing City (page 5) closed the Central Library and set up temporary services....We consider the Wellington Central Library should be No 1 on priority list. We would refer you to Wellington Scoop to the following articles and the very obvious support from Wellingtonians TO save the library.

WHERE'S THE WILL TO FIX THE LIBRARY May 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 29 comments

CITY COUNCIL TOLD ITS ESTIMATES FOR STRENGTHENING THE LIBRARY ARE LUDICROUS – NOT ACCEPTABLE – May 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 24 comments

UNIQUE 7 IRREPLACEABLE SO WHEN WILL IT BE REOPENED May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 16 Comments

We would refer you to Wellington Structural engineer Alan Thornton who challenged the estimates for strengthening the Central library and he acknowledged the Public desire to get the Central Library reopened. And Architect Roger Walker said that demolition of the Central Library would be unthinkable. He said the building was recognised throughout the world and was part of a category 1 Listed Heritage precinct.

Central Library Network (page 40) We closed the Central Library building to the public on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 following an engineering assessment but we agree with Alan Thornton and Roger Walker.

Frank Kitts Park (page 42) decisions about the future of the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park will be made by the Council as part of the 2021/31 Long term plan....

WE OPPOSE THE UNNECESSARY REDESIGN OF THIS PARK. THIS WELL USED AREA IS THE HEART OF THE WATERFRONT AND ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE CBD MAKES IT A FAVOURITE DESTINATION FOR THE MANY OFFICE WORKERS, RESIDENTS, SMALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS AND SCHOOL PARTIES AND VISITORS. THE CURRENT AREA FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE SLIDE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT PROVIDE VIEWS OUT TO THE HARBOUR AND PLENTY OF SUNSHINE WHEREAS THE AREA PROPOSED IS IN THE SHADE AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY. ONLY MINOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED WITH PROVISION OF MORE SWINGS. OVER MANY YEARS WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH FAMILIES AND COMMENTS WERE 'AWESOME' AND THEY LOVE TO PICNIC UNDER THE TREES AND THE CHILDREN LOVE THE UNDULATING GRASS SURROUNDING THE PLAY AREA WHERE THEY ROLL AND TUMBLE DOWN THE SLOPES. AND ALSO VERY POPULAR IS THE 'BOUNCY' AND SMALL HIRED ELECTRIC CARS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE AMPHITHEATRE AND CAR PARK PROVIDES ELEVATED ADVANTAGE POINTS FOR EVENTS LIKE KICKING FOOTBALLS, PLAYING CRICKET AND WATCHING BOATS ON THE LAGOON AND KAYAKS IN THE HARBOUR.

CANCER SOCIETY'S RUN FOR LIFE AND MANY OTHER EVENTS AND FRANK KITTS PARK IS A SUPERIOR VENUE FOR WAITANGI DAY CELEBRATIONS AND THE AMPHITHEATRE PROVIDES AN INTIMATE AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WITH THE GRASSED AREA BACKED BY STEPS OR SEATS AND THE NATURAL STAGE PROVIDES A WONDERFUL SETTING (IN CONTRAST TO WAITANGI PARK STAGING AND SEATING ARRANGEMENTS]

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (Page25)

We support all the services and activities in this item.

North Kumutoto - Page 47

We do not support the decision to approve a resource consent for another office building on the waterfront as the bulk and height will severely restrict the glorious open views from Waterloo/Customhouse Quays and also the views of the Harbour and Shipping activities and views of St Gerards Monastery, Mt Victoria and the bush clad slopes of the Town Belt. The Geological Society has advised that Lambton Harbour has poor foundation conditions and has a risk of damage from tsunamis and abnormal storm surge. With the increase in Cruise ship passengers who walk along Aotea Quay what a disappointment to arrive at Kumutoto to be greeted by another office block. We can only imagine how they would prefer a recreation area with a variety of green spaces, seats, artisans workshops and access to the hiring of cycles, scooters, crocodile bikes etc to continue on to Te Papa and Oriental Bay. A single storey I-Centre would be more accessible than the Town Hall centre now closed. As the waterfront land was returned to the Wellington ratepayers by the Harbour Board and another quote from Paul Blaschke who lectures in environmental and health studies at Victoria and Otago Universities "PARKS AND GREEN SPACES ARE EASILY OVERLOOKED IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT URBAN RESILIENCE BUT IN FACT THEY CONTRIBUTE ENORMOUSLY TO CITY RESIDENTS WELL BEING AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Town Hall –Page 47

Pleased this has commenced but should have been started at least six years ago!

CONVENTION & Exhibition Centre – Page 33

Like so many other Wellingtonians we do not approve of this venue with the current world situation and we question how much research has been done and refer you to an article in The Listener February 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 by Patrick Smellie where he quote an article by Texan academic Heyward T Sanders where he says "how limited and elusive the returns from convention centre investments have proven to be in the USA despite a kind of arms race among cities to builds more of them.

BASIN RESERVE MASTER PLAN – Page 42

We are very supportive of the current work and the remaining plans will be completed during the off season. .

CAR PARKING INCREASE

We do not support the weekend parking fees and especially Sunday as it will reduce the numbers who come in from the outer suburbs for shopping and functions. We have had a number of Sunday Concerts and theatres and museums patrons who live in the Hutt Valley and Kapiti who are seriously considering not renewing their bookings but will support similar events in their own communities. I would also like to quote from a letter in the Dompost...That's one CBD shopper lost...I was going to go into Wellington for lunch and shop for clothes, but remembered how expensive the parking is during the week and thought I would wait until Sunday because Saturday's two hour limit isn't long enough to eat and shop leisurely and now I understand WCC is to remove unlimited free parking on Sundays and decided to spend my money in the Hutt. I think many others will do the same.

Finally we are concerned about the ongoing decisions regarding Shelly Bay and the Airport Runway and we support Guardians of the Bay and Miramar Enterprise.

Yours sincerely

Pauline and Athol Swann

## 253. Helene Ritchie

Two emailed letters

### **First letter**

Wellington City Public Library

25 May 2020

OPEN LETTER

**To** The Mayor, Wellington City Councillors, the Chief Executive Barbara Mc Kerrow, and Peter Brennan, Manager Property.

**From** Helene Ritchie 0274488669 helene.ritchie@icloud.com

**Re** Report 2.2 Council meeting May 27 2020.

### **Wellington Central library building and service update and building remediation options.**

Kia ora Mayor Foster, Councillors, Chief Executive Barbara Mc Kerrow and Peter Brennan

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of my letter is to propose a way forward and urge the mayor and Councillors to take immediate action to remediate Wellington Central Library in the most cost effective way, and reopen it at the earliest possible time.

#### **Introduction**

At present instead of being a buzzing library with books, people and a range of other activities, we have a building which sits empty, barricaded in the heart of Wellington, a sad symbol of Council's ineptitude and paralysis. I and the public, are very concerned that this significant asset of Council has already been lying waste and empty for over a year.

The release of the officer report and its recommendations and proposed cost of over \$200 million have left many of the Wellington public including myself, reeling in shock. It is simply inconceivable how a request for a relatively minor "fix" has become another unaffordable \$200 million vanity project, with the overblown options, cost and ambition, of virtually a rebuild internally, or demolition and a new build.

The officer report (item 2.2) fails as it does not progress the fixing and reopening of the library as soon as possible, and instead proposes options, with significant (years and years) of delay, most likely never to be achieved.

If the proposals for the \$200m project and the proposed public engagement process for that, are agreed, the project simply will get mired in Council process, delay, procrastination, legal challenge and confusion of goals. In any case it is unaffordable and not what the public want.

The officer report is essentially one sought by a past administration, a former Chief Executive, former mayor and former Council (2016-2019). It would appear that there have been some modifications since then.

We have now a new mayor, new Council and new Chief Executive.

I am urging them to make progress.

#### **Recommendations**

The emphasis in my recommendations is a request for urgent action by Council to fix the library in the most cost effective way and re-open it.

1. That Council instruct officers to immediately commence the "bare minimum" \$36m remediation process (See page 23, para 46 of the report).
2. That consideration be given to either gradual remediation/ repair (as in some buildings with partial occupation, or no occupation until remediation is fully completed).

3. That Council instruct officers to commence a process for any (if any) necessary immediate maintenance of building services. (Nothing was reported to be broken).
4. That the officers report back to the next Council meeting with budget, timeline, funding source(s) and progress on the remediation of Wellington Central library.
5. That the Council instruct the officers to report against the timeline, and budget to every Council meeting until re-opening.
6. That officers provide a report back on the Civic Centre maintenance plan for this year. (Note: Civic Centre has been woefully neglected for years, with the gradual deterioration of key elements) for inclusion in the Annual Plan and long term maintenance plan 2021-2031.

### **Funding**

7. That Council instruct officers to prepare the Library remediation and funding proposal for inclusion as a late item in the Annual Plan 2020/2021. (I am disappointed that this has not yet been included in this year's Annual Plan.)
8. That Council instruct officers to consider this remediation as a Capex item (just as the Town Hall and St James strengthening are), to lessen the immediate impact on ratepayers, with borrowing at the current low rate, spread over some years.
9. That an approach for financial assistance be made to the Prime Minister and Minister of the Arts and heritage protection, the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, and to the Associate Minister, and local Member of Parliament, The Honourable Grant Robertson, and to the list M.P. Nicola Willis, who resides in Wellington.
10. That an urgent submission be sent as a late submission to the Honourable David Parker to seek "shovel ready" funds, as this project meets the criteria of ready to start within six months.

### **Future long term maintenance, asset management and funding 2021-2031.**

11. That Council instruct officers to prepare a ten year asset management plan for the library, phased, in order to attend to the building's services, refresh, fit out, and any additional new services "modernising", to be included for approval in the 2021-2031 long term plan.

### **Discussion of some issues**

A number of issues in the officers' report need to be further explained.

- **Reason for closure. It was not a legal requirement for earthquake strengthening.**

Earthquake strengthening or a lack of compliance with the law relating to it, was not the reason the library was closed. On investigation, the depth of the seat of the hollow core flooring was found to be a structural risk, and needed fixing.

The library was closed in March 2019 because new guidelines were issued by MBIE in November 2018, regarding precast concrete flooring. These guidelines have no status in law, and the officer report itself says, "note that these assessments should not be used to determine whether a building was earthquake prone under current legislation" P. 18 para 10.

Further, there was no damage as a result of the Kaikoura earthquake, and it was not closed because of current sea level rise.

- **Brief from the public and the Council : Remediation and reopening**

Officers have gone way beyond the expected brief for remediation.

It is very unclear where the instruction has come from for this vanity project and complete makeover. Who asked for

- The rebuild (for at least \$200million)
- An unnecessary public participation process based on the assumption that this \$200m project would take place
- All building services be replaced (with no evidence that they had all reached their end of life, or were broken)
- A completely new hard fitout,
- A completely new soft fitout
- A new and different service model called "modernising";
- Possible demolition

- Demolition and a new build on the same site (P.17)
- “Partnering” (meaning what?)
- The remediation being tied to the “ongoing planning” for the future of Te Ngakau Civic Square, involving the “reshaping of Te Ngakau Civic Centre...”, and “the ongoing planning for the future of Te Ngakau-Civic Precinct”. P. 17

All of that is and will be a diversion, delay and distraction from the current and urgent necessity for remediation and reopening of the library.

- **Proposal for Reintegration of Civic Centre buildings**

Contrary to the officer’s report, the Library and all buildings are considered elsewhere by the Council itself to be well integrated with Civic Square.

Council’s own District Plan says of Civic centre, “As one of the largest public spaces in central Wellington, it is a very popular place for gatherings and events and is widely used by Wellingtonians and visitors alike. The important heritage values of Civic Centre lie not only in the historic buildings but also in their ..... seamless integration into a carefully designed and interesting space.”

- **Completely Inadequate alternative central City library space.**

Today our Capital City now has no central library. It has an empty shell.

In its place today, we now have three small libraries scattered throughout the City, two of 250 sqm each and one 1400 sqm. Together they make up far less physical space-1900 square metres compared to the 17000 square metre footprint of the Civic Centre library (with approximately 10,000 square metres library space devoted to the three floors of the original sketch plan), the upper two floors and the basement utilised for other than library.

- **Local Government Act 2002 and Public engagement**

It is very unfortunate and wrong that officers of the Council should claim (P.32, para 96) that the Local Government Act 2002, consultation requirements for significant projects, has to be utilised and extensive public engagement mounted.

This statement is based on the assumption that the option of the \$200 million will be pursued plus because “capital expenditure is likely to be large and on a scale that the City has not often seen before”P. 32 para 95.

But the public want the library to be remediated without large capital expenditure.

It is not at all necessary to invoke the Act, and have the proposed wide ranging public participation (P.30 para 8) in order that the library structure be remediated and opened.

If that were the case then every relatively minor maintenance issue which this is would be subject to this. In my opinion, this is a misuse of the Local Government Act 2002 and its consultation requirements for projects of significance.

The entire public participation process is simply a very costly diversionary tactic, to delay, for at least another year, (or stop) the reopening of the Wellington public library. The people have spoken already, loudly and clearly.

- **A new build on the same site and demolition**

#### **Heritage status**

Any demolition of the Athfield library building would likely face protracted expensive legal challenge as it is listed, as part of the Civic Centre precinct, on Council’s heritage list.

The entire Civic Centre precinct is listed in the District Plan as a heritage site.

Any attempt to remove the Central library from the precinct would no doubt meet with lengthy, expensive and unnecessary legal challenge. A proposal to demolish would attract that.

There is no mention of the heritage status of the Civic Centre precinct in the officer’s report. Why?

Further, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 I sent a nomination to Heritage New Zealand (the former Historic Places Trust). I submitted, with extensive material attached, that Wellington’s Civic Centre, our heart, Te Ngakau, should be accorded the highest possible level of heritage protection that New Zealand law can give it.

I said inter alia, “There is no other place or public space like it in New Zealand, or the world.

It has world class architecture of the late 80's juxtaposed with architectural styles and examples from 1902/04 through 1939, 1951, 1982, 1992, 1995. It is the civic heart of our capital city, and is highly significant, for its aesthetic, historic and heritage, archeological, architectural, cultural, recreational, social, traditional mana whenua and tangata whenua values. The story of Wellington resides in this place. It is now even more urgent that it be given the highest possible protection, because of the sudden closure of the library, and the one million patrons a year shut out. This public asset, a warm safe welcoming community place, is a storehouse of knowledge, with a range of activities- books, all manner of research functions plus information technology, The threat of the library's demolition, the mayor's ambivalence to that, the Chief Executive's apparent indifference, at least one developer's wish to see it demolished, the Chamber of Commerce's comments "Civic Square is prime real estate", all fly in the face of massive public concern. Our Civic Centre is not "prime real estate". It is a public amenity of high significance and importance. Even the Council has placed this heritage area, on its list of strategic assets."

Another person has nominated the library as well.

- **Partnering**

Partnering is proposed but not explained. With whom? In what way? Why? To do what? Have developers put forward proposals or had discussions with Council officers, the mayor or councillors? If so, they should be disclosed upfront.

- **Funding**

### **"Shovel ready" Projects**

Central government recently called for lists of "shovel ready projects" to stimulate the economy and the construction industry which if approved, would then receive Government funding.

I was extremely disappointed to notice that the library remediation was not included in Council's list of "shovel ready projects". Even the second list '12-18 months ready" that although it included the Civic Centre precinct (detail publicly unknown), it did not specifically include the library.

Council needs to pursue this possible central government funding with urgency.

Why was it left out?

- **Public Participation to date.**

Many many people have commented over and over in the past year.

It is very clear what they want-they want the library remediated and opened without further delay or procrastination.

- Adam Thornton, Structural Engineer at the July 2019 public meeting which I attended said that the library could be fixed with early re-entry in two months.
- Gordon Moller, one of the team of architects ( along with Ian Athfield and Maurice Tebbs), which I as chair of the Civic Centre project appointed said at that July 2019 meeting, "The library isn't damaged, it could be fixed."
- Lindsay Shelton Editor of Scoop has challenged the Council, " ...Saving the library if you had the will to do it" quoting Adam Thornton.
- Redmer Yska Wellington writer and historian has said, "Save our library".
- Peter (Citizen) "Do the bare minimum on the Central Library building to get it open again (\$33 million....) "
- Wendy (Citizen) "A whole year has been wasted thinking up expensive changes and additions when all we want is our library back. Just listen to the public, strengthen the building, open the library and worry about expensive changes in the future when the city is in a position to afford them.
- Roger Walker, Architect ".....We'd understood a simple solution was to increase the seating depth of the hollow core flooring by bolting steel angles to the primary beams...Let's be pragmatic for the sake of getting it operating again".

Dame Fiona Kidman, celebrated Wellington author writing on Scoop said,

" Libraries date back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. They are an essential part of cultural life, the first point of reference for readers and researchers, throughout the world. Many capital cities have fine and beautiful built for purpose libraries. Wellington has one too, although it is not in use..... "Without access.... we are reduced to being a shabby little town without a heart. Is this really what WCC wants? It is not what I want. I

want whatever work needs to be done undertaken with alacrity and our library re-opened and restored to us.”

### **The people have spoken already.**

It is the clear and expressed wish of so many of the Wellington public, that the Athfield building and library housed in it and in the Civic Centre heritage precinct be immediately fixed in the most cost effective way, and reopened at the earliest possible time.

I urge the Council to do so. Now.

Helene Ritchie

Former deputy mayor

Former chair of the Civic Centre project, which aimed to build and preserve the city’s civic heart, the juxtaposing of saved heritage buildings with new buildings, the library, an open civic square, and unique pedestrian link to the harbour

Member New Zealand Society of Authors.

I am sending you this letter in advance of the Council meeting, and am looking forward to being able to participate as a member of the public.

You are welcome to contact me before the meeting.

### **Second letter**

Cart before the horse. Wellington Central library. 3 June 2020

Letter to all councillors

Kia ora

1. I am concerned about the delay proposed in the officer reports for meetings of 3 June and 27 May 2020, and the lack of Council decision on one option.
2. The only decision Council has made so far, was to close the Central library over a year ago, and then to seek copious reports from acclaimed experts.

There are ample reports sufficient now for Council to make an in principle decision and to move the project forward.

3. Recommendations:

Council should:

- i. Agree to remediate Wellington Central Library in the most cost effective way, and reopen it at the earliest possible time.
- ii. Seek detailed expressions of interest from engineers and architects to begin to achieve that
- iii. Agree to add \$2 million CAPEX to this year’s Annual Plan 2020/21 (as recommended by the officers).
- iv. Agree to extend the Annual Plan public participation by one week to 15 June 2020. (currently 8 June 2020)

I have read and sighted approximately 12 engineer, quantity surveyor, architect and officer reports and expert letters received by Council on this matter.

I reference the **31 October report 2019**, as a result of the request by Council in July 2019, for Professor Ken Elwood over 2-3 months, to “lead a process of facilitating a group of construction and engineering industry experts to find the right way forward for the Central Library Building.”

#### 4. Officer reports

This week's (3 June), and last week's (27 May) officer reports do nothing but delay, despite the spin of "expediting" decisions.

They put the cart before the horse-now proposing to seek approval for \$2million allocation to "fund the completion of detailed engineering and architectural design and costings", on three options, including the demolition/new build option. Not only is this a waste of funds for unnecessary, costly, but detailed work, it also serves to confuse the need to fix at the least possible cost and open as soon as is possible. Moreover, it delays - at least two and a half years since closure until contract(s) for the remediation might be able to be let.

#### 5. **Unnecessary, Special Consultative Procedure, only delays and confuses. Public engagement**

The officers propose that the Special Consultative Procedure (on three options) is essential in law. It is not, according to Council's own engagement policy (and the law), which says,

( P.20 Appendix 2.)

"Special consultative procedure

The Council is required to use the special consultative procedure (SCP) when it is making the following decisions.

- transferring responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991 between regional councils and territorial authorities (section 12)
- establishing a council controlled organisation (section 56)
- proposing a change in Council's role in a significant activity (section 88) • adopting the Significance Policy (section 90)
- adopting or amending the long-term council community plan (section 93) • adopting an Annual Plan (section 95)
- making a decision that can only be authorised if provided for in the Council's LTCCP (section 97)
- adopting funding and financial policies (section 102) • making an assessment of water and sanitary services outside of the LTCCP (section 125)
- setting fees that have not been set under a bylaw (section 150)
- making, amending or reviewing a bylaw (sections 156 and 159)
- adopting a waste management plan (section 286).

Further, all public participants on 27 May 2020, including eminent engineers, architects and architects representatives, an editor, and a former chair of the civic centre project which included the library proposed the cost effective, earliest opening option.

There still will be at least two further times for formal consultation

The forthcoming annual plan 2020/21 (\$2 million being added), and the Long term plan 2021-2031. (and possibly another election!):

The people have spoken already-in a mayoral election, and over and over for a year since closure. They just want Council to make a decision and get on with it!

## 254. Chris Parkin

Email submission

### **SUBMISSION ON COMMERCIAL RATES DEFERRAL.**

My submission makes recommendations concerning commercial rates deferrals. My proposal has no cost to ratepayers generally. On the contrary it has a positive effect on Council's income. It, especially has a positive impact on Wellington's Economic Recovery. (My submission does not address the deferral of residential rates.)

Councils current policy is to allow qualified deferral of rate payment four from the 2020 year for six months, and the draft Plan considers deferring payments one and two from the 2021 year, for a yet to be determined period. Qualification for this deferral would be based on demonstrated hardship, or other inability to pay. No penalties for late payment would apply.

The proposed scheme is short sighted and does nothing to address the longer term problems of businesses affected by recent events. The scheme provides very temporary relief from financial pressure, and because it requires repayment so soon after allowing deferral it does nothing to assist Wellington's economic recovery. Such schemes need to be more substantial, and aim for a long term benefit to the city.

#### **Proposal**

I propose that WCC allows commercial ratepayers to **defer up to the entire amount** of their 2020/21 rates on request, subject only to:

1. Interest being levied on the funds outstanding at a rate of 1% more than the equivalent commercial lending rate at the time.
2. Repayment being by way of **an individually targeted rate** over a 5-10 year period.

#### **Reason for proposal.**

By undertaking this action, Council would make a significant contribution to Wellington's economic recovery. The deferral of rates is equivalent to a substantial cash injection into the immediate economy. Council would fund the immediate rates shortfall by borrowing. Council's borrowing and administration costs would be less than 1%, meaning the general rate payer would benefit by at least 3.5% of the amount deferred. This is not a gift, it is an enabler.

#### **Who would qualify and why.**

All commercial ratepayers would qualify, and they should be encouraged to take advantage of the scheme as its sole purpose is to inject funds into the local economy. Larger property owners, and those with firmer financial positions, will not take advantage of the scheme because at the interest rates I propose, they could borrow elsewhere for less. This scheme is designed and priced to help generally smaller commercial property owners who are under financial pressure. The first action those property owners will take to alleviate such pressures is to reduce repairs and maintenance expenditure. That is the last thing Wellington needs.

#### **Repayment and Security.**

The amount deferred by individual ratepayers, up to a maximum of one years rates, would be re-paid over a long period, 5-10 years, by way of a targeted rate.

Because Council rates are a first charge against a property ( ie they rank ahead of mortgages for example) there is no security risk. Council's funds are perfectly safe.

By requiring repayment in the form of an extra rate over a period, Council is sure of getting its money back, regardless of the financial health of the ratepayer. Even if the property changes hands the rates still apply as before.

#### **Summary.**

There are no negatives to this proposal. The Wellington economy stand to benefit as a result of funds remaining in the working economy. Ratepayers benefit from the extra funds generated by interest payments, and at the same time benefit from a more rapidly improving economy. Tenants stand to benefit from the greater flexibility of landlords to assist with rental difficulties.

This is a very simple scheme and should be able to be actioned almost immediately. In fact I could do it for you if you ask nicely.

I would like to present this proposal at the Annual Plan Hearing.

Chris Parkin

## 255. Joanna Newman

Email submission

- I support Rates Option A (increase of 5.1%)
- I support the price changes plan - assuming the increases is applied to improving waste management and minimisation.
- I broadly support programme and COVID-related proposals - given the environment and commitments or work already underway.  
I do not, however, support proposals for a second Mt Victoria tunnel or the scale of development at Shelley Bay which the Council has supported.  
I would like to see the Council work with Wellington Airport to provide their new carpark building as daytime parking for eastern suburbs residents and provide express bus services to the CBD to meet commuters needs. This would meet two needs - for the airport to use that building and generate some revenue during a period of reduced air travel and for WCC to reduce vehicular traffic to the CBD.

Joanna M.A. Newman

## 256. Stu Whiterod

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I'm glad to see Wellington City Council has not taken an austerity approach which would thus reduce services and quality of life to majority of Wellington residents. This approach keeps life somewhat consistent to pre-COVID and doesn't cool the economy.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Support

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Less shock to the system. Excellent economic stimulus with Tipu Toa, which will have positive quality of life enhancement for residents and the local environment.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Not answered

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Strongly agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

All of these measures are excellent policies from WCC. In particular I would like to applaud Terri O Neil and the supporting WCC councillors for the increase in biodiversity spending. Pest plants are often overlooked in conservation, but are an immensely significant issue for our valuable forests and coastal areas. WCC's urban ecology team has made great strides in reducing the impact of pest plants in many of the city's key native ecosystems. However, they are chronically underfunded and therefore can often never achieve full eradication of the biological threats due to having resources spread too thin to cover all areas and/or species. Pest Plants are a very real threat to our city's natural areas - both pre-human remnants and new community plantings. As indicated in recent scientific research, the most vital key to fighting climate change is restoring vegetation cover.

Pest plants have been demonstrated to impede this, and exotic species have also been shown to provide less storage of carbon in soil and vegetation.

This extra funding will support the local heroes who regularly use their own time and energy enhancing the natural areas we all enjoy. There are services and projects they simply cannot undertake due to legality / technicality / ability and this funding will allow these to happen. A side effect of this funding is that it will go to hiring local businesses and thus local residents, who spend that money in the local economy.

\*Disclaimer\* I have worked in conservation in the Wellington region since 2008. I currently work for a WCC pest plant control services supplier, Kaitiaki o Ngahere Ltd (since 2013).

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither agree or disagree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither agree or disagree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Regarding [Q10] - pollution should be paid for at purchasing and eventually refuse fees can be reduced to nothing. Current regime of polluter pays means there is incentive for polluter to pay nothing and dump on kerbside or in natural areas.

I support the removal of costs to green waste dumping to enable poorer residents to have less incentive to dump green waste. Similarly, we should be looking to enforce dumping of rubbish and green waste with higher fines.

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 257. Jessica Aguilar

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I think that the budget plan seems overall well balanced and the strategy was in line with environmental sustainability goals, community wellbeing, and economic development. Which I believe to be key to maintaining a high quality of life for those who live in this wonderful city, such as myself.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Strongly support

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I strongly support the Tipu Toa package. I think ensuring the future of Wellington and increasing our resilience to future earthquakes and other challenges (such as climate change) is important.

Furthermore, I think increasing rates for the purpose of creating jobs, recovering from the effects of Covid-19, and managing waste is completely reasonable. I am also completely supportive of Wellington maintaining its natural biodiversity, and increasing its green infrastructure. As someone who works in the field of biodiversity and conservation, the Tipu Toa package is absolutely brilliant in my eyes.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Support

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I too prefer Option A, but public feedback will influence this I am sure.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Strongly agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I completely support this new initiative. I love this city and I strongly support the protection of biodiversity. I am particularly pleased with the additional funding for weed management. I currently work in ecological restoration as a biosecurity officer managing pest plants! So I am extremely passionate (and not just because it is my livelihood), but because I have the privilege of working in key native ecosystems and reserves all over the city, including around the coast. I have seen how invasive plants are impacting Wellington's reserves, and have had a part in mitigating these issues. Having more funding for managing pest plants is truly the key to creating more conservation focused jobs, increasing weed management area coverage and making bigger strides in restoring these areas. This also aligns with sustainability goals and mitigating climate change! I am in awe that Councillor Teri O'Neill and other supporting Councillors have expanded the weed management programme, as weeds are often overlooked or overshadowed by pest animal management (which is of course also important, but it is much harder to get the public interested in pest plant control). Therefore, the support with this funding is extremely meaningful.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Neither agree or disagree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Neither agree or disagree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Not answered

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 258. Richard Keller

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It's an excellent approach, looking ahead to a bigger (existential) challenge after the Covid-19 pandemic response. The only reason I don't say "Strongly . ." is that you haven't labelled it as part of the Climate Crisis work. What are you afraid of? Say it aloud: CLIMATE CRISIS! It's empowering.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Support

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Seems a reasonable approach for now, acknowledging challenges ahead.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Oppose

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Reflects the new council's priorities. Thank you.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Agree
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Agree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

It's an excellent approach, looking ahead to a bigger (existential) challenge after the Covid-19 pandemic response. The only reason I don't say "Strongly . ." is that you haven't labelled it as part of the Climate Crisis work. What are you afraid of? Say it aloud: CLIMATE CRISIS! It's empowering.

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Email

## 259. Mike Britton, Forest & Bird Wellington

Email submission

### Submission on Annual Plan 2020-2021

#### Our Details

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We are making this submission on behalf of an organisation: Forest & Bird, Wellington Branch

#### Introduction

Thank you for this opportunity for Forest & Bird's Wellington Branch to provide Wellington City Council (WCC) with comments on the 2020-2021 Annual Plan. The Branch represents about 1,700 members in Wellington and is active in a number of sites on WCC-administered public land.

#### Section 4 – Tipu Toa: Build Back Better

Our submission is in support of an improved environment for our native fauna and flora, which will also bring flow-on benefits to Wellington socially, culturally and economically.

1. Invasive weeds are a major concern to our members and so we are particularly pleased and **strongly agree** to the additional \$200k to protect biodiversity. This is very welcome and provides a boost to morale for the many volunteers who have been working tirelessly to remove some of the worst of the weeds in Wellington. Their focus is naturally on their project sites on Council land and roadways. In our case these sites are Tanera Gully and the surrounding area in Aro Valley, Chartwell Bush and the sites used by the Places for Penguins project. We urge Council to use the additional funding to deal to the worst of the many invasive weeds, in particular Old Man's Beard (which is making a comeback), and to contain the spread of Darwin's barberry.

2. We **tentatively agree** with the additional funding proposed for:

Home Energy Audits

Built Heritage Incentive Funding

Improvements in roading to make walking safer and more child friendly

There is very little detail in the plan about these initiatives; however, they appear to have the potential to indirectly contribute to a reduction in energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Every saving matters and will benefit our wildlife, which is already stressed through the impact of climate change.

3. We have consistently urged the Council to reduce its dependence on landfill for waste disposal and to build capacity to recycle and reuse material. One of the stated aims of the City is to be an eco city, which in our view is to embrace the zero waste principle of waste prevention as opposed to waste management. So we are pleased to see that the Council is taking a first step by establishing a Resource Recovery Park alongside other waste reduction initiatives.

4. On page 26 under the heading "Three Waters Works Programme" it states "stormwater is increasingly in focus as a changing climate delivers more intense rainfall which tests the capacity of the stormwater system". Nowhere in the document do we see any reference to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), which is a methodology that addresses this issue and at the same time conserves and puts rainwater to use in a constructive way. We are getting more intense rainfall and hotter and drier summers; the common factor is water. Building greater pipe capacity will carry more rainwater, which will cause more erosion of the streams and the habitat that they feed into; the evidence is plain to see in Trelissick Park. We are hopeful that the "commitment to progress a green infrastructure stormwater demonstration project" is in fact a demonstration of WSUD principles.

## 260. Paul Robinson, Property Council New Zealand

Email submission

8 June 2020

Wellington City Council

By email: [busannualplan@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:busannualplan@wcc.govt.nz)

### Re: Submission on Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2020-21

#### 1. Recommendations

1.1 Given the current climate due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic recession, Property Council New Zealand ("the Property Council") recommends the following:

- Reduce the rates increase of 2.3 percent (option B) further by finding additional reductions in the budget and taking on further debt.
- Consider extending the rates postponement policy to include rates in the 2020/21 financial year and spreading the deferred payment equally over 3 years.
- Abolish the business rates differential and investigate alternative funding mechanisms such as congestion charges, targeted rates, public-private partnerships and special purpose vehicles.
- Consider taking on more debt to reduce rates while ensuring key infrastructure projects can continue to progress.
- Focus on core infrastructure, such as upgrades to water services and roads, during the recovery period, and reassess spending on other projects as part of the LTP 2021-31.

#### 2. Introduction

2.1 Property Council's purpose is; "Together, shaping cities where communities thrive". We believe in the creation and retention of well-designed, functional and sustainable built environments which contribute to New Zealand's overall prosperity. We support legislation that provides a framework to enhance economic growth, development, liveability and growing communities.

2.2 Property Council's Wellington Branch has 148 businesses as members. The Property Industry contributed \$8.6 billion to the Wellington Economy. This includes a direct impact of \$3.3 billion (11 per cent of total GDP) and flow-on (indirect and induced) impacts of \$5.3 billion. It employs 17,260 directly which equates to eight per cent of total employment in Wellington. That makes it the region's second largest economic sector.

#### 3. Rates

##### *Rates Increase*

3.1 Businesses are facing a very difficult time of unprecedented uncertainty due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. On 25 March 2020, we wrote to all local authorities and the Minister of

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Local Government recommending councils minimise proposed rates increases to a level that is financially prudent.

- 3.2 We support the Wellington City Council's ("the Council") increase in rates to 2.3 percent (option B). However, we believe the Council could reduce the rates increase further by finding additional savings in the budget and taking on further debt. The Council will be in a better position to reassess rates and spending while developing its Long-term Plan 2021-31 ("LTP 2021-31").
- 3.3 Cashflow is a major problem for commercial property owners as many tenants are unable to pay rent. During the COVID-19 lockdown period on average commercial property owners had received only 50.5 percent of the rent due, compared to 90 percent in an average month.<sup>1</sup> Retail tenants were the least likely to have paid their rent (37 percent compared to 89 percent normally). Any reduction in rates will be able to be passed onto tenants, especially those struggling in the retail and hospitality sector.
- 3.4 Ultimately increased rates on commercial property will be eventually met by the businesses, as market adjustments during the term of a lease will be adjusted so that rent is higher if rates are higher. For a new building, cost of rates will be added when setting new rent, and rates for older buildings are benchmarked as a proportion of new build rent.
- 3.5 The Council needs to take a more strategic approach. If business rates are too high this could lead to businesses closing or relocating which in turn will result in a reduced rating base. In addition, if businesses close then this will lead to job losses for many residents which further reduces the Council's rating base. High rates are also an issue for attracting business investment, as increased rates and financial costs will discourage businesses from setting up in Wellington.
- 3.6 We commend the Council on proposing a rates postponement policy however we feel this could be extended further. Porirua City Council's proposal to defer the 2020/21 rates payments for 6 or 12 months and spread the deferred payment equally over 3 years commencing 1 July 2021/22. We believe the Council should consider whether it could extend the rates postponement further as this will help ensure flexibility is provided during a time of uncertainty.

#### *Business rates differentials*

- 3.7 Last year the Council increased the business rates differential from 2.8:1 to 3.25:1 to mitigate against residential properties having to pay extra rates increases. We believe the Council should revert to the ratio of 2.8:1 with a plan to abolish the rating differential long term.
- 3.8 As a matter of principle, Property Council has always opposed the business rates differential as a rating tool due to the lack of transparency of funding. In particular, rates differentials are collected as general rates and are added to the overall pool of money, making it near impossible for businesses who pay the rating differential to track the total charges and where it is spent. This results in a lack of transparency for commercial ratepayers as it is unclear what their additional rates are funding and whether it is beneficial to their business needs. Often the level of business rates paid is disproportionate to the level of services received.
- 3.9 Under the Local Government Act 2002, Councils must ensure prudent stewardship of resources and undertake a robust cost benefit analysis for fulfilling their functions. On this basis and in the

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2020/04/17/1131365/retail-rent-take-drops-60-in-april>



principle of transparency we request that the Council releases a copy of this analysis publicly so that businesses can assess whether the rating differential is fair.

- 3.10 Our position on transparency is consistent with the 2019 New Zealand Productivity Commission report on local government funding and financing<sup>2</sup> which found that “councils’ rating practices are too often not transparent.” The report recommends councils should make better and more transparent use of their rating and other funding tools.
- 3.11 Abolishing rates differentials is also consistent with Central Government’s 2007 Local Government Rates Enquiry which recommended that in the interest of transparency, rates differentials should be abolished and replaced with alternative funding mechanisms. This includes targeted rates, user charges (i.e. congestion charges), public-private partnerships and special purpose vehicles.

#### *Alternative funding mechanisms*

- 3.12 Alternative funding mechanisms such as targeted rates and user pay rating systems support the principles of transparency and objectivity in legislation (Local Government Act 2002 and Local Governing (Rating) Act 2002). Both these rating systems are beneficiary pay models, meaning those who benefit or use the service contribute towards it. For example, money collected via targeted rates are ringfenced to a project or geographic area that will benefit from the funding.
- 3.13 We support beneficiary pay funding mechanisms, as they are transparent and provide a better understanding and opportunity to engage on where rates are spent. For example, the Council should consider introducing metering for both drinking water and wastewater as it will help to reduce usage while also identifying leaks. To deal with investment in growth supporting infrastructure from new developments the Council should investigate how it could set up Special Purpose Vehicles by using the powers granted under the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Bill.
- 3.14 The Council’s future plans to fund Let’s Get Wellington Moving by adding a one percent compounding rate increase onto ratepayers should be reconsidered. We encourage the Council to work with the Government to introduce congestion charging which will help to fund major transport projects like Let’s Get Wellington Moving.
- 3.15 The topic of ‘rates differentials’ is of significant interest to our members and we would welcome further discussion and collaboration with the Council on how to abolish rating differentials. We recommend that Council investigates the use of alternative funding mechanisms as part of its Long-Term Plan 2021-31.

#### **4. Debt**

- 4.1 We support the Council’s decision to increase its debt levels as this provides rates relief to ratepayers during this difficult time. Given the planned debt to revenue ratio is 167 percent, we believe that the Council should consider taking on more debt to reduce rates. This extra borrowing should be ringfenced for capital expenditure on key infrastructure projects. Furthermore, the Government has indicated that the debt to revenue ratio limit can increase beyond the current 250 percent cap, which is an indication that the Government supports

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<sup>2</sup> Productivity Commission inquiry into local government funding and financing. Retrieved from <https://www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiries/local-government-funding-and-financing/>



councils increasing their debt during this period. The Council will be in a better position to reassess debt levels during the LTP 2021-31.

## **5. Focus on core services**

- 5.1 In a rapidly changing environment assumptions that underpin the LTP 2018-28 are changing as well. At a time of economic crisis and uncertainty it is significantly important that the Council focuses on its core functions and operates as efficiently and effectively as possible. Therefore, we recommend reviewing expenditure for the 2020-21 to bolster economic resilience in the face of the current challenge. This would see a focus towards maintaining essential services such as core infrastructure upgrades to water services and roads during the lockdown.
- 5.2 While we recommend rates minimisation, it is also critical for our economy that key infrastructure projects continue to progress. We also want to emphasise the importance of continuing with existing contracted capital projects and Council's procurement pipeline. It is particularly important to maintain the workforce that will be needed long after COVID-19 has left the headlines. Therefore, we recommend the Council balance the requirement to exercise fiscal responsibility with the need to continue to invest in key infrastructure projects as well as existing contracted capital projects to ensure continuity of work post lockdown.
- 5.3 We support the Council's investment in water infrastructure as this is critical and cannot be deferred. Often councils will look to defer investment in water infrastructure during an economic downturn however, it is important that Wellington invests in water infrastructure. Currently most of the funding received by Wellington Water is reactionary, focusing on repairing and upgrading the pipes with little focus on improved capacity. The Council needs to consider whether amalgamating Wellington's water services further by transferring their water assets along with other Council's in the region into a CCO like Watercare. This will help to better utilise the balance sheet, improve capacity and spread the costs of upgrades regionally over generations through debt financing.
- 5.4 We also commend the Council on much of its investment into roading as this provides businesses and employees with the necessary roading network in any economic recovery. However, the Council should consider deferring part of the \$8.8m for cycling improvements as this often does not get fully spent.
- 5.5 We are encouraged by the Council's \$3.2m savings target and plans to further review Council costs to ensure all savings have been identified. We recommend further reprioritisation of some operational expenditure to ensure affordability, particularly in a light of COVID-19.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 At this time of uncertainty, the Council must balance the requirement of exercising fiscal responsibility with the need to continue to invest in key infrastructure projects. We hope that the Council is willing to adapt and adjust to help soften the economic impact of COVID-19 on many of its ratepayers.
- 6.2 Given the current environment of unprecedented uncertainty and in light of the economic forecasting data, we recommend:
  - further reducing rates increases;
  - abolishing the business rates differentials;

- taking on more debt; and
  - focusing on core services.
- 6.3 The combination of these actions are necessary to assist all ratepayers during the economic impact of COVID-19, as they have a big role to play in lifting our country out of recession during these uncertain times. These actions will also enable the Council to better accommodate growth and provide much needed infrastructure in the future.
- 6.4 Property Council wishes to thank the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan consultation document. We would like to speak in support of our submission at an oral hearing.
- 6.5 Any further queries do not hesitate to contact James Kennelly, Head of Advocacy, email: [james@propertynz.co.nz](mailto:james@propertynz.co.nz) or cell: 021 779 312.

Yours sincerely,

*Paul Robinson*

Paul Robinson  
Wellington Branch President  
Property Council New Zealand

## 261. Paul Ward, Capital Kiwi

Email submission



### **Capital Kiwi + WCC + Kiwis for Kiwi – dog management primer**

This document is a primer submitted as feedback to WCC's 2020-2021 Annual Plan to inform a conversation around how WCC can support Capital Kiwi's mission to return kiwi to Wellington – specifically with regard to managing dogs, with a focus on WCC reserve land in the Outer Green Belt.

Capital Kiwi is a landscape scale community conservation project aiming to create and sustain a population of wild kiwi in the hill country west of Wellington.

Foundational funding is from Predator Free 2050 Ltd, Wellington Community Trust and philanthropic support. Partnerships have been forged with iwi, landowners, Predator Free Wellington, Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington, DOC, Kiwis for Kiwi, and Meridian.

The pivotal action to enable kiwi is the removal of the threat of stoats (who kill kiwi chicks), this is the focus of Capital Kiwi's 4,400 traps. The trap density is based on a model that has eradicated stoats from Fiordland islands; deployed for the first time at scale on the mainland. Capital Kiwi is a Charitable Trust. The project area is 24,000ha, from Porirua southwards to Red Rocks. An 11,000ha core area (the southwest corner) comprises Terawhiti Station, Kinnoull Station, Makara Farm, Meridian West Wind, and Wellington City Council Outer Green Belt (OGB) land including Te Kopahou and Makara Peak. On its borders are Island Bay, Brooklyn, Karori and the western suburbs.



As of June 2020 97% of the network is deployed. All stoat monitoring targets have been achieved to date using DOC best practice surveys.

## **Capital Kiwi and dogs**

An adult kiwi is feisty and can fight off stoats and possums. The main animal threats to adult kiwi are ferrets (not present in the Wellington region) and uncontrolled dogs. In the vast bulk of the core project area dogs are either excluded, or the only dogs present are working dogs (who will be put through aversion training). In Makara and Ohariu there is a population of c.800 people spread over 15,000ha.

While there is work to be done to ensure it, we consider the risk of roaming dogs in the core area to be manageable; we have a trail camera monitoring regime in place which is validating this assumption.

After three summers of sustained stoat control we will be looking at reintroducing kiwi in the southwest (2021). Ultimately the goal is to have kiwi living alongside people in areas of the city's Outer Green Belt (OGB), with residents from Karori to Mt Kaukau going to sleep at night hearing kiwi. We expect to reach this point in 2-3 years. For more details see [www.capitalkiwi.co.nz](http://www.capitalkiwi.co.nz).

While the bulk of the Capital Kiwi project area is private land where key risks are mitigated and base kiwi populations will be established, the higher profile areas where people and kiwi will intersect will be public reserves. There are some areas where kiwi will be in conflict with existing behaviours of some people.



Capital Kiwi is seeking to establish a strategic context, and partnership, for achieving behaviours that will enable kiwi, people, and their pets, to live alongside each other.

## **Kiwis and kiwi**

We have inspiring references where intersections between people, pets and kiwi are being successfully managed: from Whakatane/Ohope (the largest population of people and kiwi living together); Oban on Rakiura-Stewart Island; and over the harbour in Remutaka Forest Park, where a population has grown to 150 birds, and residents of Sunny Grove in Wainuiomata hear kiwi at night.

The promise of those projects is that, where key threats are managed and the community is on-board as guardians (kaitiaki), Kiwis and kiwi can live together.

## **Doggo conservation**

Dogs are required to be on a leash in the OGB except in designated dog exercise areas. However people frequently let their dogs loose on the OGB. We believe that the existing by-laws are sufficient in principle, but that for Capital Kiwi ambitions to be realised, behaviour shifts will be required.

Capital Kiwi's dog management plan consists of aversion training, a communications campaign and community and corporate liaison.



## **1. Aversion training**

### **Purpose:**

- a) Generate hands-on engagement between dog owners and the presence of kiwi.
- b) Promote awareness to shift the culture in the project area (e.g. dogs on leads in the OGB) to enable kiwi to safely share those spaces.

**Scope/target audience:** Free/subsidised aversion training for significant landowners with working dogs, and for pet owners. Our aim is to have every dog in the core SW area aversion trained, and for a majority of dogs in the western Town Belt to be aversion trained.

**Approach:** utilise existing aversion training best practice, and improve where needed to adapt to Wellington context. (We will glean from current best practice, guided by Kiwis for Kiwi (successful case studies from projects in Northland, Stewart Island and Whākatake) and from closer to home: from the Remutaka Kiwi Trust's dog management experience across the harbour in the hills behind Wainuiomata.

Aversion training will target strategic locations e.g. dog parks in suburbs abutting the OGB (Karori, Wilton, Johnsonville, Polhill, Makara Peak). It will include at least one inner-city session per year to promote general awareness and increase community peer pressure (e.g. we will partner with our mates Garage Project brewery who sponsor popular doggo days in the city).



**Timing:** sessions will be scheduled to build up to the expected presence of kiwi in an area, (although publicity around first releases in the remote southwest may mean we proactively run earlier events in more populous areas).

**Costing:** based on targeting 700 dogs per year.

- Assumption of \$25 per dog = \$17,500 per year, plus \$2,500 for material cost.
- Total over three years for aversion training = \$52,500, plus \$17,500 for misc costs (e.g. materials such as electric kiwi, transport).

## **2. Campaign**

**Purpose:** a multi-pronged campaign that will spur kiwi-friendly dog ownership, reinforce aversion training, promote wider awareness of responsible pet ownership (e.g. containing cats), and foster community ownership of the desired outcomes.

**Scope/target audience:** all dog owners and their families in Wellington, with specific media targeting key demographics (e.g. rural/urban, working dogs/pets). Media will range from online (Wellington Live, community hubs, Wellingtonnz.com) to targeted offline campaigns. E.g. we have a working relationship with the Dominion Post who have adopted Capital Kiwi as an advocacy project. We're working with WCC to hone their annual dog registration info packs (sent to all of the 10,000 registered dog owners).

**Approach:** the campaign will target a range of motivations. It will involve positive community-led leadership, and will communicate the benefits of controlled dogs for owners, dogs, and other OGB users, as well as for vulnerable native wildlife. Capital



Kiwi will be positioned as the carrot rather than the stick. (90% of our project area is private land and we will not win by ordering those owners to obey, not do we have the mandate to tell people what to do with their dogs on private property.) We will replicate the inclusive 'Take the Lead' kaupapa used in Polhill Reserve to successfully achieve shifts in dogs on leads.

Capital Kiwi's team includes community building expertise e.g. Project Lead Paul Ward drove the award-winning community building for Polhill Protectors; trustee Paul Ford (head of comms at Contact Energy, ex-TradeMe) is founder of popular NZ cricket fan club The Beige Brigade and the Alternative Cricket Commentary.

We need to ensure that WCC dog by-laws reflect these goals and are effectively communicated. For a small minority of dog owners, compliance will mean increased by-law enforcement. This will require more resources being put into Animal Control patrols in the OGB than are currently allocated.

The campaign will include the development of a 'community response plan' in partnership with WCC and Kiwis for Kiwi e.g. for when a roaming dog is seen in a kiwi zone or a dead kiwi is found. The plan will include positive actions that dog owners and community members can take; it and may be distributed online, by flier, or kanohi kit e konihi in person at community hall meetings etc.

**Timing:** wider campaign planning to begin as soon as possible (early 2021), and to ramp up strategically as kiwi are translocated and/or moving in to areas. With regard to Animal Control, kiwis meeting Kiwis in the OGB is not likely to occur until 2022 at



the earliest, but increased patrols (as with other campaign aspects) may be necessary to deploy strategically 'before the fact' in order to establish behaviour expectations. This would be likely from 2021-2022 onwards.

**Costing:** campaign costs include design, signage, production, photography/videography, social media management, flyers, advertising, mail-drops, schools kit. Animal Control costs to be determined, but would involve increased intensity of patrols in the OGB.

### **3. *Liaison***

**Purpose:** successful kiwi projects have established dog community liaison roles and such a role has been recommended for Capital Kiwi. The purpose is to establish a dedicated Capital Kiwi presence in dog owning groups, relevant schools and communities of the project area, to advocate for the necessary behaviours, and to ensure that we're situated effectively as a friend of the dogs.

**Scope/target audience:** Capital Kiwi has strong connections in the dog-owning community, and the liaison role will build on those: regularly communicating and being available to dog owners, animal control, rangers, dog walking and pet care businesses, local vets, SPCA, Zealandia Ecosanctuary, and popular dog walking areas like Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park.

**Approach:** a kaupapa of *kanohi ki te kanohi* / face to face engagement will underpin this role. We love dogs, many of our team are dog owners, and we expect Wellingtonians to embrace minor behaviour change in return for living alongside kiwi.



As the key area we're looking to effect change in is the OGB reserves, we envisage a partnership with Wellington City Council.

**Timing:** on the ground from late 2020 and becoming known in the community..

**Costing:** based on \$350 daily rate, x200 per year. The liaison role could be a shared role. Kiwis for Kiwi have mooted supporting such a role.

#### **4. Organisational cohesion / tautoko**

**Purpose:** Ensure that the Capital Kiwi mission, and the dog management goals to help achieve it, are supported at a high level across relevant organisations.

**Scope/target audience:** Mayor, Councillors, senior WCC managers, Kiwis for Kiwi.

**Approach:** Capital Kiwi and WCC to regularly liaise. Ensure that CK is represented in WCC annual and long term planning, urban planning (e.g around new subdivisions and reserves) and that all relevant divisions of council (environment, public health, parks and recreation) are up to speed with the project and supportive. Ensure that this is reflected in agreements with contracted external organisations (e.g. animal control). Ditto re Kiwis for Kiwi and any other relevant organisations (vets, dog training facilities, SPCA etc).

**Timing:** from now – ongoing.

**Costing:** to be covered by Capital Kiwi/WCC operational budget.



## Capital Kiwi – dog management budget

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Aversion Training	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
Liaison role/s (incl vehicle)	\$100,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$240,000
Comms	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Animal Control	NA	?	?	?
<b>Total funding required</b>				<b>\$340,000</b>
Contributions (Kiwis for Kiwi)	-\$60,000*	-\$60,000	-\$60,000	-\$180,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$160,000</b>

- This budget is indicative only (as of June 2020). We expect that Wellington City Council will commit resource to achieve these shared goals.
- \*TBC. We expect resource will be contributed by Kiwis for Kiwi. \$15,000 has been committed to date, with ongoing support pledged and a commitment to specifically support CK's dog management programme. (Kiwis for Kiwi CEO Michelle Impey is happy to speak to this commitment.)
- We have been working with WCC to ensure kiwi and associated dog management needs are enmeshed in long term planning: Capital Kiwi is prominently included in the Outer Green Belt Management Plan. It will be a spur to change that will significantly benefit biodiversity outcomes for the city.



## **Bringing kiwi to the people: a capital opportunity**

When successful, Wellington will by far be the largest population that kiwi live alongside. If we are collectively to meet recovery goals for our national icon and taonga, we need bold projects like Capital Kiwi to succeed, “to increase New Zealanders’ connections with kiwi and the ecosystems they inhabit, thereby increasing their willingness to become kaitiaki of our kiwi and the wider environment.” Kiwi projects in Northland have struggled with achieving behavioural shifts to lessen the impact of dogs on kiwi. Capital Kiwi is a high profile opportunity to make a step change in how we engage dog owners.

Wellington is uniquely primed; Capital Kiwi is jointly funded by PF2050 Ltd alongside Predator Free Wellington (PFW are working on eradicating stoats, rats and possums from Miramar Peninsula). Surveys show 92% of citizens support predator free, and residents have embraced the returning tūī, kākā, kereru, kārearea, and even breeding tīeke (cheers Zealandia and council possum control). Every suburb has a backyard and reserve trapping community. Cats are required to be micro-chipped.

There is unanimous support from politicians (national and local).

A social license has been earned to bring back the birds. Kiwi would be the ultimate reward for all that predator free mahi. The dog ownership context is relatively friendly. There are 10,000 registered dogs in Wellington, but the ownership rate is



low (12% of households compared to 30% nationally). There is next-to-no pig hunting culture, and few dogs are unsupervised (Animal Control call-outs are comparatively low). The demographic is largely middle class, and dogs are overwhelmingly pets rather than hunting dogs.

The project area has been designed so that core kiwi areas are initially in the remote, sparsely-populated southwest (likely 2021). But the suburban zones where kiwi will eventually intersect with people represent arguably one of the project's biggest opportunities. We need to create the framework and strategic plan to achieve this from now onwards, working with the dog-owning community, WCC and Kiwis for Kiwi to do so. Kiwi recovery goals require more than business as usual. The potential of Capital Kiwi is to be transformative of our relationship to our national icon. While there will no doubt be challenges that come with behaviour change, Capital Kiwi represents an unprecedented opportunity to shift the national conversation about how people, pets and our manu taonga live with each other.

Capital Kiwi is seeking support from, and partnership with, Wellington City Council to deliver 'best in show' dog management systems for how Kiwis and kiwi can get along. Ngā mihi – to kōrero, go kiwi!

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#### **Submission on 2020/2021 Draft Annual Plan**

The Mount Victoria Residents' Association Inc (MVRA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2020/2021 Draft Annual Plan. We agree that creating more liveable cities is important for a more sustainable, productive and inclusive society. We support an Annual Plan that will ensure we develop well-functioning, inclusive and better-connected cities that reflect the diversity of their current and future communities. We agree that our cities need to offer affordability, access and quality, while functioning within environmental limits.

MVRA is an active advocate on behalf of our community, promoting the needs of our community and supporting appropriate development in our neighbourhood. This submission will address issues which can be considered the direct mandate of our organisation.

Currently, the issues we see in Mt Victoria are:

- poor quality housing developments that do not provide a good quality of life,
- a loss of the heritage and character that make our community unique,
- issues with water infrastructure
- difficult and often unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### **Governance**

MVRA fully supports all the key projects in the Governance area.

#### **Environment and Infrastructure**

##### 1. Three Waters Work Programme

It's obvious that water infrastructure issues can no longer be avoided, and we support the focus that the plan alludes to. In Mt Victoria, we're all too aware that the structure beneath us is struggling and vulnerable.

We wonder at the vagueness of the targets for the additional funding that's planned – how much money is allocated, and what are the exact outcomes we can expect?

##### 2. Tipu Toa

This sounds like a good approach, and we look forward to it becoming reality.

##### 3. Waste Diversion Trial

It's exciting to see the public's growing distaste for single use items, along with the uptake of recycling programmes throughout the city and beyond.

We see that kerbside collection of organic waste works well in other cities, and would love to see it rolled out in Wellington. Mention of a Kitchen Waste Diversion Trial is welcome, as Mt Victoria prepares for higher density of housing and population under the Planning for Growth programme, and support for residents to easily minimise waste will be even more important.

Suspension of kerbside recycling during Lockdown was a sore point for many residents. Continued support for this, and any further organic waste, is most welcome.

#### 4. Southern Landfill Extension

Mt Victoria Residents' Association does not support an extension to the Southern Landfill. Currently the landfill boundary comes right up to the Tip Track, which is heavily used by mountain bikers, runners and walkers. The fencing is rudimentary and doesn't keep rubbish within its perimeter. Any extension is likely to encroach further.

We note that millions of dollars are allocated to this extension, whereas the proposed spend for Waste Diversion is in thousands.

#### 5. Zealandia

Zealandia is a treasure, and anyone who's heard a tui or kaka in the town belt must appreciate the work that's been done there. We hope that its success inspires Wellington City Council to continue to invest in the entire town belt.

### **Economic Development**

#### 1. Convention and Exhibition Centre

MVRA has never supported this, especially now that we are in a (hopefully) post-Covid era. There are many wonderful, under-utilised venues throughout Wellington that would benefit from more visits.

#### 2. Love Local and Shovel-Ready Projects

These are great initiatives, and we look forward to more details around them.

### **Cultural Wellbeing**

We support all the key projects listed for 2020/21. Wellington Museum is a jewel of a place, and it's gratifying to see it well-attended and cared for.

We support and look forward to the Matariki festival and related activity this year. The dynamic and static visual art exhibitions are gorgeous, and the accompanying events have captured the community.

Programmes such as the UNESCO City of Film Designation help up to keep our focus outward, especially after the forced introspection of lockdown.

### **Social and Wellbeing**

#### 1. Central Library

We'd like to see the Central Library rebuilt on its current site. Not only is it a great resource in terms of books, music and the like, but it's a social hub for many in our community. Arapaki Manners Street is tiny and not nearly so welcoming, and He Matapihi Molesworth is on the other side of the cbd, which makes it inaccessible to many in our community.

They are spectacular temporary spaces, but we don't see them as a long-term solution to the problem.

#### 2. City Housing Upgrades and Rent-Setting

We support all upgrade activities to city housing – particularly around insulation, heating and so forth – and are pleased to see that work is being planned so as to minimise disruption to tenants. We'd like to think that this is given some urgency over other, less important work.

#### 3. Te Mahana – Ending Homelessness

We support all activity to end homelessness. Covid showed us that solutions can be found.

#### 4. Sustainable Food initiative

We very much want to see a more resilient and sustainable food system in Wellington. Mt Victoria has a number of professional food entrepreneurs, as well as many enthusiastic amateurs.

#### 5. Upgrade of Community Facilities

MVRA supports this. Our community continues to benefit greatly from some good community facilities that have been supported by the council in previous years.

#### 6. Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre Renewals

Swimming is a vital skill, and the WRAC pool is a local for many Mt Victoria residents. We support all efforts to maintain this excellent resource.

## 7. Basin Reserve Master Plan

We see the refurbishment of the playing surface is in progress at the moment. The Museum Stand is looking great, as are other areas of refurbishment.

The Basin Reserve is a remarkable venue, and we applaud its transition from a cricket-only venue, to a year-round community facility.

## Urban Development

### 1. Planning for Growth

MVRA supports quality urban development, and stays mindful of amenity values. Sunlight, clean air, space to move and a reasonable level of quiet should be available to all. This is not an exhaustive list of amenity values, of course, but is a good place to start.

When we mention poor quality developments above, they are characterised by inattention to each of these values – and often more.

It is vital that the physical environment not only provides a decent living space, but also supports the mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of all people within our community. Any development that allows disconnectedness or inaccessibility issues cannot be accepted.

We're enormously concerned about the threats to Mt Victoria's heritage and character values. We seek to protect the heritage values of all of Mt Victoria – not just the houses, but the flora and fauna of its streets and adjoining town belt area. Any support for this is welcome.

MVRA opposes the removal of pre-1930s protections in the District Plan and would prefer these to be strengthened to prevent loss of heritage /character areas. Heritage and character areas can be, and are densely populated but also add much to the character of our city as a whole. These areas are not only well-loved by locals, but images of these areas are consistently utilised by local government, tourist agencies and businesses to promote Wellington, and to bring revenue to the wider city – “an important visual backdrop to the city” (from the Residential Design Guide).

We look forward to the Spatial Plan, and are interested to see what difference Covid makes to the demographic projections that have been published previously. As people are able to work from home more easily, we support investigation into using previously commercial space for residential development. This would serve to liven up the cbd further, as well as relieve pressure on inner city suburbs.

### 2. Earthquake Strengthening, Te Ngakau Civic Precinct and Town Hall /National Centre for Music

As above, we support the rebuild of the central library on its current site. We also look forward to completion of the Town Hall restrengthening. The Civic Square is a beautiful area, but suffers greatly for having these two buildings, and the council offices, currently decommissioned.

We'd very much like to see this area upgraded and brought back to life for Wellington's residents.

We're concerned that \$100,000 seems a tiny amount to allocate to earthquake strengthening.

### 3. North Kumutoto Waterfront Space and Laneway Upgrades

MVRA support all efforts to upgrade Wellington's laneways. They're safer and more inviting for everyone now, as well as providing commercial outlets and an opportunity to preserve and showcase Wellington's heritage.

We look forward to development of the carpark space at North Kumutoto. This area will be well-used by people on a daily basis – much better than car parking.

### 4. Other Things

We in Mt Victoria love our public seats. Our residents walk a lot, and we've found that where a public seat is installed, it gets a lot of use – toddlers needing a rest, more mature residents requiring

a breather, people taking a moment to enjoy the view. Over time, a number of public seats have been removed and we're looking to rebuild our seating.

Where we have seats, we see that there is a need for rubbish bins, so we'll be looking for those in the plan.

And, with our waste diversion initiatives in mind, we wonder if there couldn't be a recycling setup – as there is in Oriental Bay, and the Railway Station – available to capture all the plastic water bottles at Charles Plimmer Park.

## **Waka**

### **1. Let's Get Wellington Moving**

MVRA is pleased to see an emphasis on the five main areas, to enable LGWM to start delivering in the 20/21 year. We look forward to walking, cycling and public transport improvements – these will benefit all residents. We've submitted previously, and extensively, on LGWM.

### **2. Karori and Marsden Village Speed Limits**

We support the rollout of 30kph speed limits in suburban shopping areas – so much so, that we'd like it for ourselves in Mt Victoria. We've submitted previously on this.

We want this, so that all cycling can be done safely on our roads, and our footpaths can be exactly that – paths for feet. The only wheels should be wheelchairs. 30kph limits make crossing the roads safer, too.

We want our cyclists to be safe on our narrow streets, and our pedestrians and wheelchair users to be safe on our uneven, narrow footpaths.

### **3. Parking**

We've submitted previously on Parking Policy. Further to that, we'd like to see increased space allocation for active modes of transport. We want to see some courage from our council, to replace a few car parks that would be well-used for cycle parking. We want to see some on-street car parks removed, to provide space to widen footpaths.

### **4. Cycling Masterplan**

We want to see that when the council makes room for cycles – which we absolutely support – the space comes from the roads, and not the footpaths.

We urgently need cycle lanes on Kent and Cambridge Terraces, and we need a plan for a safe, child-friendly route suitable for children and less confident cyclists to use the road from Mt Victoria to the waterfront.

### **5. Other Things**

We see that other cities have traffic light cycles that automatically allocate time for pedestrians and cyclists to cross. This would be most welcome in the traffic lights around Mt Victoria. Pedestrians especially are treated as Other by the current system, and that really must stop.

## **Conclusion**

MVRA supports urban growth absolutely, and looks forward to being part of that. To support that growth requires strong infrastructure for residences and public transport, as well as good-quality developments that support social wellbeing, as well as providing physical comfort and respecting existing amenity and heritage, and staying mindful of climate change issues. We know that this is possible – we see examples of it done well throughout the world – so we're hopeful that it will be done well here.

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Email submission

# **Annual Plan 2020-21 Submission**

## **To Wellington City Council**

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Te Rūnanga Taiohi o te Kaunihera o Pōneke

## **Introduction**

1. The Wellington City Youth Council (Youth Council) welcomes the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's 2020/21 Draft Annual Plan.

## **Youth Council supports Option A**

2. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn presents Wellington City Council (WCC) with no good options. But Youth Council views Option A, with a 5.1% rates rise, as the best option to ensure that Wellington both has the money to invest in our future, and also ensure we don't leave future Wellingtonians saddled with higher debt.
3. Obviously, the 2020/21 Draft Annual Plan is different from other Annual Plans produced before. With this difference in mind, in this submission Youth Council has outlined our reasoning for supporting Option A, and clearly outlined the priority areas that we see as critical for Wellington's present and future success.
4. These priority areas are:
  - i. Investing in the city
  - ii. Enabling communities
  - iii. Being smart and sustainable with our money.

## **Investing in the city**

5. We support Council's focus on continuing to invest in Wellington, particularly around housing, water assets, transport, and the environment.
6. The quality and robustness of Wellington's water systems have been questioned more and more in the last year, and Youth Council urges Council to maintain a strong focus on Wellington's ability to safely deliver drinking

water and remove waste and storm water. Large-scale spills into Wellington Harbour, or anywhere else in the City, are both environmentally and reputationally damaging, and this area should continue to receive close attention.

7. Providing adequate infrastructure connections is also important to allowing Wellington to build more homes, and alongside direct work by Council to increase housing supply, continued infrastructure investment will enable better housing outcomes for Wellingtonians over time.
8. Enabling Wellingtonians to move about the City as quickly and conveniently as possible remains a core focus for young people. It is equally important that this focus on transport accessibility also best meets our aspirations for Wellington's shift to a carbon neutral future and our actions to combat climate change.
9. Other large investments like in Wellington's civic and cultural buildings (e.g. St James Theatre, and the Central Library) will be important moving forward to ensure that Wellington has spaces for the community to congregate around.
10. A fast, and reliable, solution for the Central Library will become even more important as the need for community connection increases, with the Central Library and Te Ngākau Civic Square being a core space for a range of community activities.
11. In general, we urge Council to consider what additional community-based investments can be considered moving forward to boost community resilience and build towards Wellington's goals around housing, water and the environment, and transport.
12. All of these areas remain important regardless of the short-term implications of COVID-19. We support Council's balancing act between investing in the future and responding to the pandemic and its impact on finances.

## **Enabling communities**

13. Much of the focus regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Wellington has been on employers and the economic recovery. Youth Council supports this work, and believes it is important to Wellington's future.
14. However, we feel that more attention is needed on supporting the communities that businesses service. The economic effects of COVID-19 have so far hit young people the hardest, in that it is the industries in which we are predominantly employed – hospitality and retail – that have had to reduce their operations the most.
15. To that end, a significant proportion of young people have lost their jobs, jobs that were precarious to begin with, and are at the back of the queue for new ones.
16. This economic chaos, combined with the stress and disconnection of lockdown, has created and will continue to create an expanded need for community for young people.
17. This community is in all senses of the word: community centres and spaces for young people to congregate and find social connection, community organisations to strengthen young people and their hauora, community resources and events to connect young Wellingtonians with their city, and most importantly, community funding to support young people in difficult situations as a consequence of the virus, the lockdown, and the economic chaos.
18. As the main traditional funder of community centres, community organisations, community resources, community events, and community grants, it is Council that needs to take the lead on supporting Wellington's diverse communities.
19. We ask that Council works to partner with young people earnestly and thoroughly when deciding on its priorities and how it will do things. In this

regard, Youth Council will continue to collaborate with officers to best influence community action and resilience.

20. With young people facing higher unemployment, volunteering provides an opportunity for young people to maintain their work-ready skills and retain a strong community connection through tough times. Youth Council urges Council to support additional opportunities for young people in Wellington.
21. The upgrading of our community facilities will play a crucial part in Wellington's ability to recover and support locals. As a city, we need to ensure that our people have somewhere safe and comfortable to congregate and connect with each other.
22. The development work that has already begun on the Newtown community facilities is promising and encouraging. However, we need to ensure that the plans for developing the Aro Valley and Strathmore centres are prioritised and not put on hold due to other competing focuses at Council.
23. Investing in these centres shows a commitment to supporting people from the ground up, and can make changes to the everyday lives of Wellingtonians, beyond higher level planning.
24. Particularly for young people in our city, the focus on developing these centres to be accessible and inviting shows a commitment to our youth, as these are often spaces that they highly engage in. Improved usability of these spaces will allow more opportunities for our young people to come together to learn and engage with our city, and demonstrates the impact that the work of Council can have on the ground level.
25. Furthermore, upgrades to the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Hub need to continue to be a focus. Whilst these investments may have been delayed due to COVID-19, any efforts that could reduce this delay and allow the centre to be functioning sooner than expected need to be prioritised. With the changing environment for young people due to Covid-19, investment in sport and other pro-social activities is going to be crucial in fostering community engagement and personal development for our youth.

## **Being smart and sustainable with our money**

26. Wellington's finances, like the rest of New Zealand's, are looking dire. Lower non-rate income is putting a squeeze on the amount of money available, forcing Council to borrow to fund the shortfall between revenue and expenses.
27. Youth Council supports Council's move to fund the difference to ensure Wellington operating again without losing many of the services that locals use daily.
28. We are keen to see Council focus on how to best manage this debt in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan to ensure that young people in Wellington are not left burdened with unmanageable levels of debt.
29. Holding fees at current levels also makes sense, to ensure that the costs to Wellingtonians remains as low as possible, at time when budgets will be tight for many.
30. The limited increases to fees for marina and waste fees broadly make sense. Marina users are paying for the very specific service they receive, and waste management charges are designed to limit any uptick in waste volumes and for cost recovery. More work is likely needed to improve Wellington's ability to reduce waste volumes.
31. Youth Council views a constant rates rise as better than an artificially low rates rise in 2020/21, followed by larger rates rises when Wellington residents and businesses are starting to recover in future years.
32. A higher rates rise in future years could harm Wellington's recovery, and by proceeding with option A, Wellington has the funds to invest in our future.
33. Rates rises and debt are needed to keep Council services at the same level. Lower rates rises mean more debt to be paid by future Wellingtonians, or would require Council to drop service levels, either cutting services or reducing hours on some services it provides.

34. There is a balance to be struck between the amount Council charges in rates and the service level it provides. Youth Council would prefer to see a larger rates increase if that is what is necessary to retain the essential services Council provides.
35. Youth Council urges Council to keep a clear focus on delivering the core essentials in Wellington, which aren't working properly. Additional investment in water assets is critical, as is good planning for transport spending, to ensure Wellington remains a vibrant, productive, city, and one that protects, rather than contaminates, its surrounding environment.
36. Tipu Toa: Build Back Better is a good first pitch for Wellington's recovery, and Youth Council urges Council to ensure this fund is spent smartly to get businesses operating and people back into employment.
37. A clear focus on reopening Wellington, attracting investment and visitors, and generally signalling that Wellington is back to business is important.

### Conclusion

38. Wellington, and Council, face some tough decisions to allow Wellington to keep moving during a significant economic disruption. Youth Council supported Council's preferred Annual Plan option to ensure that our City has the funds to get us through these tough times, and can invest in our future.
39. By investing in Wellington, supporting our community, and staying smart with our money, Wellington has the ability to emerge from this downturn in the best shape possible to keep Wellington the coolest little capital.

## 264. Lisa Schollum, Arts Wellington

Email submission



5 June 2020

Tēnā koutou Wellington City Council,

### **SUBMISSION TO 2020 ANNUAL PLAN**

1. Arts Wellington is a not-for-profit membership organisation and charitable trust that represents over 50 national, regional and independent arts organisations including museums, venues, performing and visual arts, Māori and Pasifika contemporary and heritage arts, creative education institutions and individual artists.
2. Like many of Wellington's citizens and businesses, Arts Wellington members are experiencing huge challenges due to Covid-19. Many are experiencing unemployment, at risk of closure or grappling with a significant reduction in revenue in the short and medium terms as the economic downturn impacts sponsorship and box office revenue potential.
3. As the Annual Plan outlines, arts and culture are central to Wellington's identity as the Culture Capital, making it a place where people want to live, work and play. The arts and culture sector generates significant social, cultural, business and economic impacts and creates positive impacts for the hospitality, retail and tourism sectors.
4. Arts Wellington acknowledges the unprecedented challenges facing the Council at this time. We are encouraged to see that no investment cuts have been identified to arts and culture in the Annual Plan as the sector is at severe risk for the next eighteen months.
5. We raise concern that the Council investment does not go far enough to meet significant challenges facing the Wellington arts and culture sector over this period. Arts Wellington looks to Council for its leadership to support sector bids to central government by committing foundational investment or other commitments of support.
6. Arts Wellington supports the focus on creativity of the City Recovery Fund but notes that this investment is repurposed from other funds that focused predominantly on arts, culture and events. Arts Wellington submits that it is essential that expenditure decisions and allocation of the City Recovery Fund remain directed at the arts, culture and events sector during this time of significant need.
7. Governance: For Wellington to develop as the Culture Capital, artists and culture leaders should be considered for task forces, working groups and consultation on Council-wide projects, such as transport, environment and infrastructure and urban development, as well as arts and culture programmes. This will bring creative thinking, innovation, diversity and vibrancy to Council projects, and promote Wellington as the Culture Capital in a demonstrably tangible way. Such an approach also demonstrates that the skill of artists and culture-leaders is valued and prioritised in the City's planning for the future.

8. We support the necessary earthquake strengthening work for Council-owned arts and culture venues including the Town Hall and St James Theatre, and support the inclusion of Wellington Museum as a 'shovel-ready' project.
9. Regarding the proposed Exhibition Centre and the public exhibition gallery space, we urge the Council to consider commissioning and/or investing in homegrown creative content to complement other exhibitions. This would not only generate employment, but it would create Wellington-based Intellectual Property that will generate future commercial returns.
10. Arts Wellington endorses WCC's support of its arts and cultural CCOs by providing additional investment support during the Covid-19 crisis. These entities are an important part of the city's cultural infrastructure and have been impacted severely by Covid-19. Arts Wellington submits that a significant and recurring issue for its members is the availability, accessibility and flexibility of the Venues Wellington operational model – an issue further compounded by the liquidity and revenue generating challenges for facility hirers as a consequence of Covid-19. Some Arts Wellington members are priced out of Civic performance venues due to hire rates and extra costs like technical equipment hire, and it has been well documented by touring New Zealand companies and promoters that Wellington has some of the most expensive venues in the country. Arts Wellington proposes that new operating and financing models should be explored by Council and WellingtonNZ to improve access to Civic venues for local arts companies, develop high quality work made in Wellington driving creative employment, and ensure Wellingtonians receive high quality arts experiences from elsewhere.
11. Consideration also needs to be given to adapting facilities to ensure they are fit for purpose in a post-Covid environment. Digital technology will play an increasingly important role in the customer/ visitor experience. New approaches to ticketing and design/ operation of public facilities will be demanded by the public, who are looking for a curated well-managed and safe visitor experience that they can trust.
12. Arts Wellington is encouraged to see that the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy is planned for 2020/21, but notes that this has been a policy development area since the formation of the Long Term Plan and is now long overdue (the policy was last renewed in 2011). Arts Wellington recommends that some of the good work completed on Aho Tini is reviewed, revived and adapted. We offer that Arts Wellington is commissioned by City Council to convene the development of a community and sector-led Arts and Culture Strategy in partnership with mana whenua, WCC (whole-Council), WellingtonNZ, the professional and community arts sectors.

Many thanks for considering our submission and we would welcome the opportunity to make a submission in person.

Nāku noa nā,

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## 265. Sam Donald, Vogelmorn Community Group

Email submission



### Submission on: WCC Annual Plan 2020-2021

From: Vogelmorn Community Group

(VCG) 8 June 2020

Dear Wellington City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2020/21 Annual Plan. We are keen to see community engagement continue in the most open and transparent way possible during Covid-19 restrictions and would welcome any opportunities to be involved and to encourage our wider community of interest to be involved too.

Feedback is grouped around a) crisis b) engagement c) city commitments and d) rates rises.

#### a) Reflection on Crisis

Covid-19 has been a challenging time for our community as we have in the past been connected through physical activities and events. Our attempts to offer support during Alert Level 4 lockdown, through a community phone tree and other more direct support to our local residents, were challenging in part due to WCC and WREMO 'top down' processes.

Our key request is that we would like to see more **devolvement and partnership** with communities in times of crisis. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with Councillors and Council Officers how this might work better in the future.

#### b) Community engagement

The consultation over the proposed temporary cycleways has caused great upset in our Brooklyn community and we feel that better engagement over the intent of these projects and the processes around working collaboratively with communities could avoid topics like this becoming so divisive. Anticipation of this division given the history of Island Bay would have been really useful.

We support best practice community engagement, collaboration and co-design and would love to be involved in a constructive process that sees WCC working with the community on projects located in our neighbourhood. Our community has positive experience of how these ways of *working can lead to positive outcomes for the project and for all stakeholders and to have wonderful community outcomes in ways unimaginable at the outset.*

We believe the potential erosion of democracy with such a short turn around and little planned engagement can disrupt the goodwill of the community - a shame on what is ostensibly a human centred project. We can advise on improved engagement practices.

Community engagement is an area that we have put a lot of energy and resources into, some of it off our own bat and some of it in partnership with WCC and other organisations. We would love to do more of this and to see more open democracy and civic engagement across the whole city.

We have been very impressed with the Aotearoa Town Hall online events hosted by Cr Tamatha Paul and GWRC Councillor Thomas Nash and would love to see this kind of citizen engagement brought to the fore. We see the potential for local community spaces (such as the Vogelhorn Bowling Club and the Vogelhorn Hall) being used as physical spaces for similar themed discussions which could be a hybrid of live and online. We are trying this out on Monday 8th June by live screening the Aotearoa Town Hall session on Transport and Urban Design and intend to rescreen some of the previous sessions also.

**c) Facilities for ongoing civic korero**

At a time of crisis and reflection such as 2020 has brought us, it's opportune to consider the spaces Wellington's central city has for open, free and inclusive public activity and civic engagement.

Non-commercial 'third spaces' for communities to come together. With the Central Library and Town Hall out of action for a number of years we have no places for exchange and public discussion in the city centre. We believe that the proposed convention centre currently proposed for opposite Te Papa could be repurposed either permanently or temporarily as a venue for the public to come together and be engaged in civic conversation, to act as a town hall and a venue for the people of Wellington to come together and hear each other, engage with each other, make decisions with each other. The ground floor could be a permanent display playing host to all current WCC areas of engagement, with breakout rooms where residents associations and / or citizen advocacy groups could display material and hold meetings on topics currently up for discussion. The Council might relocate some of its functions from The Terrace to the upper levels or to nearby buildings while still maintaining some space for the occasional convention event.

**d) Rates increases**

We are pleased to see a reduction in the previously forecast rates increase down to 5.1% from the originally proposed 9.2% and support your 'Rates Option A' preferred option that minimises the rates increases in future years. We do encourage you to continue with investment in our city's infrastructure and support cultural and physical wellbeing rather than taking a path of cost cutting and austerity which would be at great detriment to the short, medium and long term health of the city and its residents. We would also encourage you to make all decisions with the declaration of climate and ecological emergency front and centre and to not let short term Covid-19 events detract you from medium and long term goals.

We would love the opportunity to speak to our submission, whether this will be in person, or over Zoom or similar, as social distancing restrictions dictate.

Yours sincerely,

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# SYMPOSIUM - HOLDING THE SPACE : COMMUNITIES AND SPATIAL AUTHORITY POST CRISIS

Curated by Sophie Jerram

1 JULY 2020

1 - 3:30PM

VIRTUAL ATRIUM

<https://vuw.zoom.us/j/268880745>

## SPEAKERS:

**Jade Kake**, (Ngāpuhi, Te Whakatōhea, Te Arawa) - Power and visibility post-COVID - crisis capitalism vs hapū rangatiratanga

**Sophie Jerram** (Te Herenga Waka, VUW/ University of Copenhagen) - Stuck in the transitional zone: reflections from Ōtautahi

**Heidi Svenningsen Kajita** (University of Copenhagen) - Architectural Care : Caring Democracy

**Hannah Hopewell** (Te Herenga Waka, VUW) - Spatial imaginaries and the general ecologisation of the commons

**Anna Brown** (Massey University of Wellington) - Fighting for space - a small town participatory planning case study

**Fiona Hillary** (RMIT, Melbourne) - Speculative Cites

**Tamatha Paul** (Ngāti Awa, Waikato Tainui ;Wellington City Councillor) -The Big Push for Liveable Cities



IMAGE: Phil Dadson Bicycle Choir; Transitional Economic Zone of Aotearoa (TEZA), New Brighton, Ōtautahi/ Christchurch 2013 Credit: Gabrielle McKone

This half-day symposium focuses on the transition from the point of crisis (where temporary demonstrations of care for space and community abound in Aotearoa), toward formalising or recognising the responsibility being demonstrated by these communities. There is often vocal celebration of care work at the time of crisis and revitalisation; however the authority attributed to communities following the recovery does not match the responsibility that the community takes on. As a Pākeha curator I realise many Māori colleagues and activists know too well the pain of this gap between responsibility and authority. This is one opportunity to imagine the future together beyond this current 'state of exception.'

We do not know how long the financial crisis will last, what else is being planned as we 'lockdown' nor what form the balance of power is likely to be in the long term but we might begin to imagine structures, formal and informal modes of decision-making and clearer routes to "partner state" politics - whereby the state is an ally of community and solidarity movements rather than the controlling authority of our spaces.

## 266. Graeme Carroll

Email submission

### Submission to the Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2020-21

8 June 2020

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1. During this period of Covid-19 Recovery urge that Rates either be held or there be only minimal increases with a trade off of using the Council's ability to leverage use of historically low interest rates to borrow additional funds as required for this period.
2. Build Back Better – support these initiatives in particular for the Resource Recovery Centre and Green Stormwater Infrastructure as well as improved earthquake and drought period resilience for the city water supplies and water storage infrastructure. Want to see greater attention given to encouraging green building design and construction including use of resilient timber built buildings and low damage to earthquake design approaches such as greater use of base isolation approaches.
3. Support for the City Recovery Fund initiative.
4. Wish to see significantly more focus, action and associated resourcing for initiatives to improve the city's Earthquake Resilience, while also acknowledging and expressing support for the range of initiatives already undertaken and getting underway. These to include:
  - 4.1 The implementation of the recommendations from the November 2019 Wellington Mayor's Insurance Task Force Report, including securing Government/EQC support for the recommended increase to the EQC level for residential insurance claims and support for rapidly lifting the use of seismic health monitoring of buildings instrumentation systems.
  - 4.2 This should include a fast track approach to establishing support for the wide spread rapid implementation of the installation and use of seismic health monitoring of buildings instrumentation systems in Council multilevel properties including for the Council's housing multilevel properties estate as well as working with the Government and private sector for use across the commercial property market. There are now modern low cost systems available to do this.

A leading example is the Wellington developed and based Global Seismic Data seismic health monitoring system. Today's DomPost "Levin quakes trigger sensors" news story of Wellington property developer Ian Cassels positive experience of using these highlights the practical use of these. Also attached is a copy of Dom Post article on this from 6 June 2019.

This technology enables rapid assessment of buildings after an earthquake, with major public safety, economic and social benefits.

Noting that to maximise gaining these benefits the focus needs to be on building multilevel installed systems rather than ground level based reference systems. Wellington has the opportunity to demonstrate international leadership through enabling widespread installations and use.

- 4.3 A ramping up of the WREMO initiative of supplying and getting installed for residential housing many more households to install Water Storage 200 litre Emergency Rainwater Tanks. It is recommended that this include greater collaboration with local Resident Associations and other community networks, such as the Newtown Residents Association. In essence initiatives that will make it easier for more people to get these and get them installed on their properties. There are other associated new designs that have been suggested and could be more made more readily available too.
- 4.4 A Housing Foundations Resilience initiative is needed – building on earlier research undertaken a few years ago by WCC with EQC funding support and with input from BRANZ, as well as also initiatives by the VUW School of Architecture. This earlier work identified that a major risk for Wellington in a moderate to strong earthquake is a high proportion of older houses in particular failures with in most cases low cost basic strengthening being able to prevent this. It is recommended that a Task Group initiative be formed to fast track establishing a resilience programme in conjunction with EQC funding support to undertake assessments and provide a user friendly implementation service to undertake the strengthening work needed. This could be done in a similar manner to the house insulation programmes that are run in conjunction with the Sustainability Trust and others including Government co-funding.
- 4.5 A Non-Structural Components Programme for multilevel buildings initiative be developed to help fast track improving the ceiling and associated elements of multilevel buildings. This needs to be a collaborative initiative with industry partners that makes use of the specialist expertise available. The Kaikoura Earthquake highlighted this issue in a number of buildings.
- 4.6 Closer and more wide spread engagement with the private sector and others specialist expertise that is within the Wellington community to assist the fast tracking of such initiatives. There is a lot of expertise and good will to make Wellington a more resilient city for the long term. This includes amongst the Members and Associates of the Wellington based Natural Hazards Inc Business Cluster ([www.naturalhazards.co.nz](http://www.naturalhazards.co.nz)) that was originally established with WCC support.

Thanks!

**Attachments included with email follow**

## Attachment 1:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/113276789/prominent-wellington-developer-ian-cassels-adopts-new-seismic-monitoring-system-for-his-buildings>

Stuff 6 June 2019

# Prominent Wellington developer Ian Cassels adopts a new seismic monitoring system for his buildings

Marta Steeman 16:43, Jun 06 2019\_



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Wellington property investor Ian Cassels is one of the first to adopt a new seismic monitoring system analysing how his buildings perform in an earthquake.

Prominent Wellington property investor Ian Cassels is one of the first to adopt a new seismic monitoring system analysing how his buildings have performed in an earthquake.

The home-grown technology, Structural Health Monitoring System, was recently launched by Global Seismic Data, a Wellington company with seven local shareholders.

It could be installed also in key infrastructure, priority evacuation and lifeline routes, the company said.

It would give building owners, tenants and engineers information within a few minutes of an earthquake stopping to enable them to decide if a building should be evacuated or could be re-entered.

The system comprised a network of seismic sensors to provide data on how infrastructure stands up in an earthquake. Information from the sensors was translated into reports on how each building performed.

Cassels company, The Wellington Company, is one of the first commercial customers and is having the system installed in his portfolio of buildings in Wellington.

Cassels said it was part of the company's plan to have stronger, safer and more resilient buildings.

"This system provides us with invaluable information about how our building portfolio performs in an earthquake."

It would provide real-time information to manage a building after an earthquake and to decide if a building needed to be evacuated or was safe to re-enter.

"Secondly, we will have specific detailed information to enable us to confidently target our seismic upgrade investment to create safer and more resilient buildings for our tenants and the Wellington community."

One shareholder Mark Futter, a former chief executive of the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the seismic sensor system had been in research and development for about four years and in the past year had been tested in a host of buildings in the region.



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An installed sensor, part of local company Global Seismic Data's "Structural Health Monitoring System" launched commercially on April 1 2019.

It launched commercially on April 1. The system was "incredibly affordable" and tax deductible, Futter said.

Global Seismic Data was working with four to five other large portfolio owners in Wellington.

"We are also engaged with the insurance industry who are incredibly interested in what we've got, not only here but for offshore. The offshore potential for this is phenomenal, absolutely huge," Futter said.

Global Seismic Data's supply chain director and shareholder Steve McLauchlan said the system would save lives.

"SHMS can instantly provide earthquake response information in cities, for first responders, engineers, building owners, insurers and the public.

It was working with building owners and leading engineering and insurance companies around the world and as a result the system was being installed in several countries.



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Mark Futter, a shareholder in Global Seismic Data and a former Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce chief executive, said the seismic monitoring system had been in research and development for about four years.

Futter said the shareholders were a mix of business people and technology developers. "It basically addresses market failure. There isn't too much like this on the market."

Their system had analytics which others did not have. Others might eventually catch up with them though.

"At this point in time we think we can do stuff a little bit quicker with a greater degree of accuracy than other people."

"Sensing technology is nothing new, what we are doing with it is," Futter said.

The sensor system also had wider uses like detecting building degradation over time.

"If a building behaves or a structure or any form of infrastructure behaves in a manner that is outside its design parameters it will trigger an alert."

The number of sensors in a building depended on its size. Recently the company had installed five sensors in an 11-storey building, with the owner's engineer determining where they were placed.



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Ian Cassels' said the new seismic monitoring system would enable the company to have stronger, safer and more resilient buildings. The Wellington Company has applied to turn Avalon Tower - part of the former Television New Zealand (TVNZ) studios in Lower Hutt - into apartments.

"If we had an earthquake now, within about 15 seconds of that earthquake stopping we send out alerts to tenants, owners, the engineers for the building and let them know the building has had either low intensity shaking, medium or high. Based on that they can make an occupancy decision. Within a few minutes of that quake stopping that data's available."

If the seismic monitoring system was installed in many buildings then a city-wide report could be produced. It would enable rapid triaging and emergency response in an earthquake.

The company had installed systems in the United States and had an international partner working with them under an agency agreement to make inroads into other countries. It was engaged with the Mexican Government and was looking at projects with them over the next four months.

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# Levin quakes trigger sensors



## Seismology

**Piers Fuller**

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Wellington should take advantage of its status as an earthquake “laboratory”, a property owner says.

Fifteen buildings in the city are fitted with new sensors, and the Wellington City Council is in commercial talks to fit about 100 more throughout the capital.

The recent Levin earthquakes were the first big test for the sensors.

Wellington property developer Ian Cassels has installed quake sensors in four of his buildings and said more needed to be done to paint an accurate picture of how the city behaved during quakes.

Cassels was happy to share his findings to create a better picture of what was happening.

“I know the buildings had reacted differently from what the engineers had expected.

“Some of them have moved more than they thought and some of them have moved less than they thought.”

He said by harvesting data from real events, they could see how their buildings performed “actually, rather than theoretically”.

“It’s enormously valuable and we should be doing it throughout the city because we are an earthquake laboratory in Wellington.”

Cassels said engineers sometimes limited themselves by “designing by code”.

“They model it on their computers and continue to assess buildings on the basis of theoretical motions ... but an actual earthquake is a different thing.

“The actual performance is something they were woefully unaware of.”

Structural engineer Scott Miller, of Silvester Clark, said real life was always a better test of how a building would cope with an earthquake rather than running computer models.

In the Levin earthquake, one of Cassels’ buildings registered it at about 10 per cent of the building’s structural capacity.

“We didn’t expect the accelerations that we got in the top of one of his buildings, and the other buildings ... didn’t react much at all.

“The more information that we can put together and showing positive steps in our understanding our environment, the better.”

There are 724 buildings registered as earthquake-prone in the Wellington region, many in the capital’s central business district.

## Natural Hazards Inc. Continuing to Create a More Resilient Tomorrow.

Natural Hazards Inc. Business Cluster is a New Zealand based partnership of industry leaders delivering innovative solutions for earthquake and other natural hazards risk management internationally. [www.naturalhazards.co.nz](http://www.naturalhazards.co.nz).

Currently Covid-19 is the major global issue, now recognized as a world pandemic, causing major effects for communities all around the world including for business, travel, education, and just about every area of our lives. Along with a range of recent natural hazard events occurring in various parts of the world, such as the recent devastating bushfires in Australia, flooding in Jakarta, eruptions of the Taal volcano in the Philippines and Whakaari White Island in New Zealand, along with recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico and Turkey.

Natural Hazards Inc. helps to promote and facilitate the application of New Zealand based innovation and specialist expertise that can be applied offshore to provide benefits for the safety and well being of people in many parts of the world. Though it is not a natural hazard, we also now have the global Coronavirus that has affected many, becoming a world pandemic. Many of our members and associates are involved in one way or another including with emergency measures and planning for recovery as the devastating effects are widely felt with the spread of Covid-19.

## Recovery Support for Central Sulawesi Project

Parts of Central Sulawesi province in Indonesia were impacted by a magnitude M7.5 earthquake and tsunamis on the 28 September 2018. The earthquake resulted in 4400 deaths and approximately USD\$910 M of damage. Nearly 70,000 houses, along with hundreds of government and commercial buildings, were damaged by the earthquake shaking, tsunamis and liquefaction-induced, low angle earthflows, that buried whole communities.

## March 2020

The provincial capital of Palu City, of approximately 350,000 inhabitants, suffered the most significant human and economic losses. The large loss of life makes this earthquake the deadliest natural disaster worldwide in 2018, and the deadliest earthquake to affect Indonesia since the 2006 Yogyakarta earthquake.

GNS Science and UGM have been working in Palu City since 2010 and specifically the [StIRRRD](#) programme worked in Palu City and Donggala and Morowali districts in Central Sulawesi between 2014 and 2019. Hence, when the M7.5 earthquake struck on 28 September 2018, the StIRRRD team (GNS Science and UGM) in collaboration with New Zealand consultants approached MFAT New Zealand for funding to provide assistance, utilising existing relationships and also the earthquake engineering expertise and experience of UGM and New Zealand. As a result, MFAT New Zealand has funded the Recovery Support for Central Sulawesi project implemented by GNS Science, in collaboration with the Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Beca, Miyamoto and University of Tadulako (UNTAD) and others.



Members of the team assessing a damaged building at Tadulako University. From left: Alejandro Amaris (Miyamoto) Fatmawati Amir (Tadulako University), Prof Iman Satyarno (UGM), Matt Fox, Tony Pettigrew (Beca) Ketut Selandura (Tadulako University) and Andrew Baird (Beca). Rebecca Sanders (Miyamoto) is taking the photo.

An Australian contractor, Hall Contracting Pty Ltd was engaged in early 2018 to carry out the upgrade work and completed the last of the four upgrades in November 2019. Calibre has just completed a final visit to the atolls to review the completed construction works and to engage with the Taupulega in a "lessons-learned" exercise to inform future development projects.

Of note is that this NZ aid-funded project is the largest contract ever carried out in Tokelau and the improvements have already shown benefits for the local communities in terms of ease of operation, safer passenger and cargo transfer and has also provided an improved community facility for swimming and fishing when not used for transport.



*New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern opens the new facility on 31 July, 2019*

For more information regarding Tokelau, please go to the project page, <http://www.calibregroup.com/projects/project/tokelau-wharfs-and-reef-channels>, or contact:

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## Global Seismic Data - Preserving Lives - Impacting Economies

Global Seismic Data (GSD) is a global full-service Structural Health Monitoring software as a service company.

"We are disrupting the status quo, integrating innovation, technology and structural engineering into a single professional solution with our industry partners," says the team at GSD.

Earthquakes are recognised as a workplace hazard which could jeopardize your safety causing significant and social upheaval instantly. With our systems and by working together we can save lives and lessen the impact on the economy.

GSD delivers Structural Health Monitoring of building movement and behaviour while collecting data that allows informed decisions to be made in real-time. This system, service and solution promotes:

- human safety · building structural health · reductions in business interruption · prevents unnecessary evacuations;
- engineers use data for rapid post event assessment of buildings · coordination of emergency response;
- reduction of costly downtime and distress.

The priority is to ensure a business receives the vital data required to determine their building status and improve decision makings affecting life safety outcomes before an event.

Structural Health Monitoring System (SHMS) provides continuous monitoring of a building or infrastructure frequency, ambient noise, movement and behaviour essentially giving the building a measurable pulse, with Seismic Data Sensors tuned to a building via-engineers.

Sensors measure any changes in its orientation and capacity to ensure everyone's safety. Data from Structural Health Monitoring is a building's ECG, providing quantified information which allows multiple stakeholders to improve their role in making people and buildings safer.

"The continuous real-time monitoring of your building or infrastructure allows you to identify and respond to defects before they have a serious impact on your operation or finances."

An early adopter has been prominent Wellington property investor Ian Cassels who has been rolling out the installation of the Global Seismic Data system across the portfolio of his The Wellington Company commercial sector buildings. This is being done with Global Seismic Data industry partner consulting engineers Silvester Clark.

"Our Structural Health Monitoring System a leading solution in today's Prop Tech sector globally it's fast, reliable, and with a range of capabilities that positions Global Seismic Data ahead of others in the marketplace," says the GSD team.



Graphic design from Global Seismic Data, the Structural Health Monitoring System (SHMS) allows for continuous monitoring of building health.

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## Seismic Risks in ASEAN?

What are the seismic risks in ASEAN?

As a structural engineer from New Zealand, earthquakes have been at the centre of both my education and time working as a consulting engineer. New Zealand is often referred to as the Shaky Isles due to the regularity of earthquakes. As I write this, a M5.1 earthquake occurred on New Zealand's east coast.

In Southeast Asia, while earthquakes are rare, the consequences can be severe when they do occur. It is estimated that 37% of the total ASEAN population are exposed to the risk of an earthquake of Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI) 7 and above. This is a measure of shaking that corresponds to slight to moderate damage in well-built structures and considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures. Compounding the impact, ASEAN countries have on average 146 people per sq km, eight times more than New Zealand, and this increases sharply in the capital cities. In Bangkok, the population density is 5,300 people per sq km and in Jakarta a whopping 14,500 people per sq km.

With a combination of high-density, high-risk and many high-rises, it is unsurprising that earthquakes and tsunami rank as the number one natural disaster threat to ASEAN residents. The most effective way to reduce seismic risk is to design for it.

These design requirements mean the newest generation of skyscrapers being built in many other ASEAN cities. While the probability of a large earthquake occurring is low, the one thing we know for certain is that it's not a question of 'if' but 'when' it will occur.

Summary taken from Senior Structural Engineer, Andrew Baird's, recent article online at <https://www.beca.com/ignite-your-thinking/ignite-your-thinking/december-2019/seismic-risks-in-asean>

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## Natural Hazards Inc. Members' Expertise

- Strategies for disaster risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery.
- Development of organisational frameworks for emergency management.
- Emergency management education.
- Community preparedness for natural disasters.
- Multi-hazard land use planning.
- Improvement of building controls, standards and codes.
- Seismic retrofit strengthening of buildings, including simple houses.
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- Tsunami and flood risk assessment, modelling and mitigation strategies.
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## 267. Bev Abbott, Otari Wilton's Bush Trust

Email submission



8 June 2020

### SUBMISSION ON WCC'S ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Nestled within the 100 hectares of Otari-Wilton's Bush are five hectares of native plant collections, a simple visitor centre, a small nursery, and the Leonard Cockayne Centre which can be hired for meetings and workshops. Locals value 24/7 free access to Otari's native gardens and bush walks where dogs on leashes are welcome but mountain bikes are not allowed. Visitors from further afield, including many from overseas, are surprised they can't buy coffee and light refreshments. Families and ethnic communities are making increased use of the Troup Lawn for picnics and BBQs.
2. Wellington City Council is responsible for the governance and management of Otari. The Otari Wilton's Bush Trust is a public charitable trust; it's not part of a Council Controlled Organisation. The Trust was established in 2001 and will soon need to decide whether to celebrate its 20th birthday in 2021 or its 21st birthday in 2022. This keeps the focus on the Trust and the last 20 years, whereas the centennial of Otari in 2026 will have a much wider focus.
3. The Trust contributes to Otari in many different ways. Regular roles and contributions are listed on page 2. Highlights in the current triennium included:
  - donating \$25,000 towards the cost of the platform protecting the roots of the giant rimu
  - preparing and presenting a substantial submission on *WCC's Draft Outer Green Belt Management Plan*
  - enabling Karin van der Walt, Otari's conservation and science advisor, to accept an invitation to speak at the Cryo2019 conference in San Diego, California in July 2019. The invitation arose from the conservation and research work underway in the Lions Otari Native Plant Conservation Laboratory, especially in the fields of seed cryopreservation. Karin's informative report was in the Trust's newsletter.
  - assisting Megan Ireland, one of Otari's gardeners, to visit several of the subantarctic islands as part of a 'True Young Explorer Scholarship' (Heritage Expeditions) to see, and learn more about the challenges of conserving the islands' unique megaherbs. Megan subsequently shared her experiences at one of the Trust's March seminars.

#### LONG TERM PLAN INITIATIVES

4. In 2018, the Trust submitted on WCC's draft Long Term Plan 2018-28. In August 2018, we were pleased to learn that Council had agreed to re-schedule the upgrade of the Otari-Wilton's Bush visitor centre and its displays from 2021/22 to 2019/20. (The upgrade was first approved in 2009, but was deferred for 10 years in 2012). Following the Covid-19 lockdown, we anticipate that work on the upgrade will continue into 2020/21. We are hoping the new interpretation will stimulate people's interest in native plants and help them understand how deeply embedded they are in our identity.

5. To bring forward funding for the visitor centre upgrade, the construction of a board walk on the Collections Walkway project was deferred to 2021/22.
6. Council also signalled that more scoping work would be required on the reconfiguration of the Otari Nursery prior to a future funding bid. We hope the revised scope will deliver more than a reconfigured nursery. An enhanced nursery with improved equipment, layout and technologies would enable Otari to facilitate and advance its growing leadership role in plant conservation, especially its work with partner organisations to re-establish populations of threatened plants in the wild.

## FINANCIAL SITUATION

7. Currently, the Trust is in a healthy financial position but future funding decisions will be more restrained and more strategic. Volunteers have earned most of the Trust's revenue in recent years by providing guided tours to busloads of tourists off cruise ships. We expect this source to reduce substantially given the role cruise ships played in spreading coronavirus. Other Trust revenue is usually generated through Otari's Open Day, (including a sausage sizzle and a cake stall), but this year's Open Day has been cancelled. Interest rates on our bank deposits continue to fall.

## LOOKING AHEAD

8. The Trust is not asking Council for new capital expenditure this year as we recognise Council's difficult financial situation. We will be content if the upgrade of Otari's visitor centre delivers a range of high quality educational opportunities by the end of 2020/21. (Note the extended time frame). We also hope the nursery scoping will recognise an expanding role for Otari in the conservation of NZ plants. Over 1250 species of vascular plants are threatened with, or at risk of extinction in NZ. Perhaps some of the glasshouse/nursery space at the WBG and Berhampore could be freed up to complement what is already being done at Otari. Wellington could become a centre of excellence for plant propagation and conservation in NZ.
9. The Trust will soon be initiating its own strategic planning. It would be helpful, as part of that process, to know more about Council's priorities and strategic directions for Otari over the next five years. There are projects and possibilities in the *Wellington Botanic Gardens Management Plan* (2014), in *Our Natural Capital* (2015), and in the *Outer Green Belt Management Plan*. There are also signs that the national and regional context for the conservation is changing; see for example, MfE's draft *National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity*, the *Wellington Conservation Management Strategy*, DOC's new biodiversity strategy (still in draft), and GWRC's new *Pest Management Strategy 2019-2039*. Perhaps as part of the 2020/21 Annual Plan, Council could produce a supplement to *Our Natural Capital* showing progress to date, projects abandoned, and a realistic work programme for the next five years.

## OTHER WAYS THE TRUST SUPPORTS OTARI

**Hosting in the Visitor Centre:** A roster of volunteers from the Trust provide visitor services at the Otari visitor centre at weekends. At other times, the visitor centre is not staffed. It also means staff don't have to work at weekends.

**Cruise ship tours:** International visitors from cruise ships probably learn more about Otari's special plants in their one-hour guided tour by Trust volunteers than many self-guided walkers learn in a lifetime of visits.

**Animal pest control:** Meticulous record-keeping shows our RAMBO<sup>1</sup> team has trapped 563 rats, 120 hedgehogs, 30 stoats, 32 weasels, 34 rabbits, and 8 unidentified carcasses in the 10 years from 2007-2017. (Greater Wellington manages the possums).

**Restoring Kaiwharawhara Stream:** Since 2001, volunteers have replaced vast quantities of weeds in Kaiwharawhara Stream and at the former landfill face with native plants.

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<sup>1</sup> RAMBO means Rats and Mustelids Blitzing Otari

**Learning opportunities for the public:** The Trust runs weekly seminars in March, monthly walks on Sunday afternoons, and guided walks on request for local groups and senior biology students. It helped organise Wellington's first Bioblitz in 2007.

**Weeding the gardens:** Experienced gardeners help staff maintain the planted gardens and propagate new plants in the nursery.

**Funding accession trips:** Funding accession trips to other parts of NZ enables staff to enrich Otari's collections by collecting seeds and cuttings.

**Advocacy:** The Trust submits on Council's statutory plans and non-statutory strategies with implications for Otari. We also advocate nationally and regionally for more investment in the conservation of New Zealand's indigenous plants and ecosystems.

Bev Abbott

for Phil Parnell, Chair of Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust

## 268. Sonja Randhawa, National Council for Women

Email submission



09 June 2020

**Submission to the Wellington City Council  
Annual Plan 2020/21  
Based on feedback from the public consultation session  
“What Wellington Women Want 2020” on Wednesday 03 June 2020**

1. **Introduction**
- 1.1. The National Council of Women of New Zealand, Te Kaunihera Wahine o Aotearoa (NCWNZ) is an umbrella group representing over 200 organisations affiliated at either national level or to one of our 15 Branches. In addition, about 450 people are individual members. Collectively our reach is over 450,000 with many of our membership organisations representing all genders. NCWNZ’s vision is a gender equal New Zealand and research shows we will be better off socially and economically if we are gender equal. Through research, discussion and action, NCWNZ in partnership with others, seeks to realise its vision of gender equality because it is a basic human right.
- 1.2. This submission has been prepared by the NCWNZ Wellington Branch after consultation with women in Wellington at a public session titled “What Wellington Women Want 2020”. The session had 37 women in attendance, including six Wellington City Council (WCC) City Councillors. Local organisations represented on the night included: Aurecon, Business Central, Dignity NZ, Gender Minorities Aotearoa, GirlGuidingNZ, Anglican Women NZ, Zonta Club of Wellington, Graduate Women Wellington, The Career Development Company, Soroptimist International Aotearoa New Zealand, Stroke Central Region, Victoria University of Wellington, VSA, Webalite, Women in Tech (VUW), YWCA Aotearoa New Zealand, Zonta Club of Wellington.
- 1.3. Before the event, we received indications of which priority areas those who registered to attend were interested in discussing, based on areas in the Annual Plan consultation:
  - Rates options 2020/21 - 8 votes
  - Tipu Toa: Build Back Better - new initiatives - 34 votes
  - Changes to fees and user charges - Southern Landfill fees & marina fees - 9 votes
  - General feedback - 29 votes.

- 1.4. Attendees to the session split into small zoom breakout room groups on Zoom and discussed the priority areas of the Annual Plan. The summary of the discussions has been prepared in bullet-point format to indicate individual submissions/main ideas that arose.
- 1.5. **This submission is not a reflection of or aligned with NCWNZ policy. Views expressed here are based from attendees who attended the “What Wellington Women Want 2020” Zoom session.**

## COMMENTS FROM “WHAT WELLINGTON WOMEN WANT 2020” SESSION

### 2. General and Overall feedback

- 2.1. There was general feedback with agreement on parts of the plan.
- 2.2. However, many commented on the lack of options, or distinct proposals offered in the consultation. Some were confused on where the consultation was for the pandemic response in the questions.

*The bullet points below are comments, views, and points made by individual attendees.*

*Definitely agreed - 2*

*Somewhat agreed - 4*

*Those that definitely agreed said:*

- Overall they thought the plan was sound.
- They noted concerns that borrowing the amount of money proposed to make up for lost revenue would mean it would be a number of years before we could pay it off - but acknowledge there is no alternative but to borrow to cover the losses.

*Those that somewhat agreed said:*

- Overall many thought the plan was good.
- Some said they would find it hard to “definitely agree”, due to not being able to see the finer details of the plan but it seemed to be a very prudent approach.
- They noted that housing needs to be a priority, including increasing the stock and increasing accessibility for women, in particular. Lighting and footpaths should be maintained as they are needed.
- A few renters who were part of the discussions said they would support a rate increase, but conscious of those going through financial hardship e.g. those who are struggling to pay mortgages, might there be a safety net for them.
- There was also concern on what the WCC could do with the parking revenue.

*The bullet points include comments, views, and points made by individual attendees.*

### 2.3. Supporting Ti Tiriti o Waitangi

- One group discussed where the partnership with mana whenua was, when it came to developing this Annual Plan. They questioned if mana whenua endorsed this, if they had been part of it's design.
- They suggested if you need to resource partnership, then such a fund should be established to do so immediately.

#### 2.4. Applying a Gender Budgeting Lens

- All groups who discussed this topic agreed it's important to look at all city planning through a gender lens, and that WCC should seriously consider applying a gender budgeting lens.
- Strong urge for WCC to integrate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and work towards Wellington to become a CEDAW city, as Auckland City is working at.
- It was noted that women and children are the higher users of council services, such as playgrounds, sidewalks, libraries and public transport. By seemingly keeping rates higher, we would be supporting women and the services they use.
- Many acknowledged the need to support **all** genders in the city - see further comments below in support of Gender Minorities Aotearoa.
- One person asked if there is gender balance across the council committee structure.
- Many would urge the WCC to have a gender lens review on all future plans, what will it actually be doing to have impact on women's lives. The Ministry of Women's Toolkit is a great resource for city councils to apply.
- While some had an opinion that the Councillors and staff may have used their gender lens and consideration of the community, high trust others questioned what our city would look like if it was designed by women.

#### 2.5. Responding to COVID-19

- There was discussion about applying a post COVID-19/lockdown lens - as there will be a number of issues (old and new) that will need further examination after the pandemic. For example; the home office (working from home and juggling parenting and working), increased electricity and heating bills, health and safety issues, mental health, public health - multiple implications.
- Some noted major concerns for businesses in the CBD; and the need to get people back into the CBD to support those businesses; others noted the unemployment in Wellington is not nearly as high as other areas of the country.
- Some were concerned about waste management, and recycling during COVID-19.
- Some urged WCC to take a good look at the health and safety policies of the council about working from home, as this is our new reality.
- One person stated, "COVID-19 will have an impact in Wellington but it might not be the rainiest day for Wellington considering natural disasters".
- One comment recorded was "the pandemic response, timely and important supporting those struggling in these unusual times, we tautoko that part."

#### 2.6. Child and Youth friendly city

- One group discussed the need to think of Wellington as a child and youth friendly city. They urged that WCC look at planning through a child's lens, in light of COVID-19 and how the lockdown has impacted their lives in Wellington.
- Another suggested a missing focus was on how initiatives will support students, could look through a gender lens - but perhaps a youth lens may be more appropriate.

## 2.7. Accessibility of consultation documentation

- Overall, many were not impressed with the consultation documentation.
  - Found it hard to find documents for Annual Plan on the website, had to go through three web pages, difficult for many to navigate on the WCC website.
  - Another person said the "website is not easily accessible, great for Councillors to have feedback sessions for customer satisfaction which is published, hard to know where to find and who is doing what, information overload, nightmare getting hold of people, especially as a homeowner it is difficult."
- It was suggested that:
  - A quick video from the Mayor or Councillors on the plan would have been useful - to cut through other information and increase engagement.
  - They would like to see success indicators reported, metrics for success or targets. Questions like, "are we on track, where is the needle, how do we know we're achieving goals" could be navigation options for readers.

## 3. Rates options 2020/21

- Of those that participated in this group, people were split on the rates with only a few more participants in favour for a 2.3% increase. Many noted and agreed that WCC needs more money now especially with the recent water crisis, earthquake strengthening, and for the COVID-19 response.
- It was noted that if there was any increase, landlords are likely to pass on the costs.
- It was noted that rates always go up but never stay the same, or come down - and the cost of living is always increasing, but not salaries or wages.
- WCC was questioned on if there are any published customer service surveys on ratepayers satisfaction. It was suggested this could be part of managing the performance of the CEO. Some were unsure on the approach of getting information from the council to the ratepayer. Open and transparent communication that is easily accessible (and easy to read) was desired.

## 4. Tipu Toa: Build Back Better - new initiatives

- 4.1. Overall, there was a strong feeling that WCC has already decided on its priorities and what is important. Many questioned if consultation feedback will be used, or if it will affect this list of pre-decided challenges.
- 4.2. Many worry about lack of inclusion of trans people in this plan and about domestic violence. There was specific feedback which was supported by the NCWNZ Wellington Branch from Gender Minorities Aotearoa (GMA), which we support:

- Importance of access to recreational spaces like gyms and pools and waiving entry fees - organised in a sharply gendered way causes a barrier to transgender people being able to access them feeling comfortable and safe. GMA noted Upper Hutt City Council has reached out to GMA to open a discourse about how their spaces can be managed better and they welcome similar engagement from WCC.
- Increase in funding for community groups - specifically more funds set aside for Rainbow initiatives, as the vast majority of that funding goes to cisgender led organisations. Although cisgender led organisations do work on behalf of trans people, there is a noticeable absence of trans people, especially trans women, in leadership positions in these organisations. Trans led and trans staffed organisations are the key organisations offering specialist support that trans people need, but are generally unsupported to access funding.
- Urge WCC for a plan to make city-funded homeless shelters accessible to trans people, especially trans women, who have the greatest need. It is critical for transgender people to be named as a priority population in homeless strategies. Transgender people are a high risk population for homelessness and 1 in 5 are homeless at some stage of their life. Current homeless shelters are set up very incredibly gendered, excluding trans people from accessing all but one shelter in Wellington. This needs to be addressed, either through the City Mission, or by WCC setting aside social housing specifically for transgender people in need of housing. Another way to support all trans people is to put up inexpensive public shower blocks, where people sleeping rough could take a shower.
- Transgender people named as a priority group in employment promoting strategies. Trans people face barriers to both housing and employment, and should be named as a priority group in reestablishing employment in the region. The median income for trans people is half that of the general population. While the economic fallout from COVID-19 affects all, it is particularly harsh on people who were already struggling to find sufficient work to get by.
- Suggest WCC work with communities on positive messaging about trans people around Wellington to help challenge the stigma and exclusive narratives, especially in light of anti-trans organising and media around Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (BDMRR).
- Urge WCC to note Gender Minorities Aotearoa (GMA) submission, noting that NCWNZ Wellington Branch tautako our friends and the issues raised.

Participants discussed the specific new initiatives:

### .3. Arts

- Arts are our community builder, part of Welly identity, and source of tourism revenue. Important for younger generations for inspiration and as a potential career. We need support to produce good artists.
- Suggest the City Recovery Fund will encourage more people to come into the city - which will help with the local economy and with Wellington.
- Hopefully will encourage more people to come into the city, spending money, parking in the street, this will give the council more money.

- Noted the library is a great place for gathering, meeting, staying warm - this is important. Keen to get this back and running in its place.
- Public events should be free to bring a group, as supports wellbeing.
- Suggested if the WCC seeks to provide more funding for public events, Pride events should centre the concerns and needs of Rainbow people, not tourism. Funding should go to groups who are accountable to Rainbow Wellingtonians and do open consultation such as Out in the Park.
- Noted we can't live without the arts - can't encourage young people that music or the arts isn't a viable career. It's part of our social wellbeing. The capital city needs to fly the flag high, and our arts in the capital city is an attraction.

#### 4.4. Home energy

- Questioned if we are investing enough to provide basic human rights, for health and basic comfort to young people in development?
- Noted it feels really relevant, safe and healthy environment especially for children, important to have proper heating and a place to keep warm. It's a basic human necessity, and more so important due to COVID-19 with more people working from home.
- While it was seen that this initiative was a step in the right direction - can we increase the funds? Is it enough? \$150k didn't seem like enough investment for home energy audits.

#### 4.5. Stormwater

- Urged the WCC to create basic infrastructure which would be sound and green.
- Agreed this was a great focus as it appeared to be a dire situation.
- Many were curious on the details of how this is going to actually be implemented; including the development/replacement plan.

#### 4.6. Built heritage

- Agreed there was little doubt about the importance of this issue, it was agreed that "it needs to be done".
- However many worried about equalities. The topic triggered discussions about homelessness, equal access, domestic violence.
- Noted that investment in earthquake resilience was also important - plays on the mind of young people.
- Noted that COVID-19 showed how we can get people into housing if they need it.

#### 4.7. Weed management

- Agreed that "green" is a big selling point for Wellington inhabitants and visitors. Not many capital cities where you can walk 10 minutes and be in a park. This topic raises issues of managing pollution, education, human diversity, tourism, wellbeing.
- Noted the city's selling points are our green landscape, which contributes to tourist dollars, for environmental protection. We need to be future based about our choices

- Desire for a green city that contributes to the future, people want a great city to grow up in.
- Noted by caring for biodiversity it's possible to manage pollution, human interaction. This has an affect on tourism - so many repercussions.

#### 4.8. Road improvements

- Wellington must stay a walkable and safe city, also for disabled persons and children. Cars should not be primary road users. In Brussels car drivers bear the burden of guilt in case of accidents with weaker road users, also bicycles are encouraged to use the road so cars get used to sharing it safely.
- Anything that makes walking easier is good - kids active learning, walking and scooting. The ability to send a group off by themselves affects programmes like the ones run by GirlGuidingNZ.
  - Invest in good footpaths
  - If living in the Northern suburbs and working at primary school - initiatives like "Moving March" are great to get kids walking.
  - Desire to normalise the act of walking to school - both initiatives nationwide or council driven, to keep kids motivated to walk to school - footpaths that are in a state that make it easy to walk.
  - Make it easy for people to make the choice to leave the car at home. Education and infrastructure will be key.
- Agreed accessibility for people of all abilities is key. Roads need to be safe, well lit at night, not covered in cracks. Minor road improvements - does not show where the disability analysis is.
- Great to encourage cycleways, but questioned how this limits parking? What about people with mobility issues? Safety concerns about forcing people to walk a bit further to get to a space?
- Need to consider rideshare services. Owning a car/having a bicycle is yesterday's form of transport.

#### 4.9. Resource recovery was not discussed.

#### 4.10. Other issues: Homeless shelters

- Homeless shelters are set up very incredibly gendered, excluding trans people from accessing all but one shelter in Wellington.
- Trans people face barriers to both housing and employment, and should be named as a priority group in these initiatives. Median income for trans people is half of the median income for the general population. While the pandemic is affecting everyone, already marginalised people are getting hit so much harder.
- Urge WCC for a plan to make city-funded homeless shelters accessible to trans people, especially trans women, who have the greatest need. Another way to support all trans people is to put up inexpensive public shower blocks, where people sleeping rough could take a shower.
- Suggest WCC to work with communities on positive messaging about trans people around Wellington, to help challenge the stigma and exclusive narratives, especially

in light of anti-trans organising and media around Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (BDMRR).

## 5. Changes to fees and user charges - Southern Landfill fees & marina fees

### 5.1. Southern Landfill fees

- Attendees were split in their support for introducing landfill fees.
- Those in favour said people should pay / understand the true cost of doing things.
- Those against noted:
  - Concern for landfill fees - may entice people to dump that rubbish elsewhere?
  - Need to improve the recycling of things before fees go too high - move for much better recycling.
  - Consider option for bins of green waste collected from households - everybody may then be concentrating on they're recycling / putting into waste
- Discussed inability to recycle during COVID-19, and why does some 'recycling' get put into landfill.

### 5.2. Marina fees

- Attendees were also split in their support for introducing marina fees.
  - Those in favour were so on the condition that WCC use money to properly manage recycling and inform people. Some suggested:
    - fees could be quadrupled - suggesting people should be paying their way if they have a boat.
    - could there be a tiered system? Boats mooring, depending on the price of the boat, the higher the mooring cost. More according to the worth or size of the boat; or take into account the pollution of the boat, trash they leave behind.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1. We suggest WCC support and encourage further engagement face-to-face sessions like "What Wellington Women Want", facilitated by groups such as NCWNZ Wellington Branch. The Branch was pleased to see such interest to attend the consultation session, our first online public session.
- 6.2. We thank the WCC councillors who attended online on the night. Their support and insights were much appreciated, as was their inclination to listen and help answer questions alongside attendees. A special thanks to Councillor Jill Day, our Branch Co-Patron and Councillor Rebecca Matthews for their willingness to support this event.

## 269. Chris Horne, Wellington Botanical Society

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To whom it may concern

### **Submission: Mahere ā-Tau Annual Plan 20/21 consultation document**

Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission. When hearings are held, we would like to speak in support of our submission, then take the opportunity to answer any questions from councillors and staff.

#### **Introduction**

Wellington Botanical Society was formed in 1939. Our membership of c. 245 people includes amateur and professional botanists.

#### **Our advocacy work**

We advocate for the protection of:

- existing scenic reserves and recreation reserves as required by the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977;
- the Wellington Town Belt as required by the provisions of the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016.

We advocate for legal protection to be given to areas of native vegetation which are not subject to it. If the plant community is privately owned we may alert Wellington City Council or Greater Wellington Regional Council or the QE2 National Trust to the natural values of the site.

#### **Our programme February – November**

- First Saturday each month: Field trips to reserves and other protected natural areas in Wellington city and beyond;
- Third Monday each month: Public meetings in Murphy Lecture Theatre 101 at Victoria University when speakers give presentations on botanical subjects.

#### **Global biodiversity crisis**

New Zealand and the rest of the world face an intensifying four-pronged indigenous biodiversity crisis:

1. Global climate change and rising sea levels;
2. Pollution of soils, air and waters as a result of human activities;
3. Pest animals which infest indigenous plant communities, browsing on palatable plant species. Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council have done excellent work in the last two decades by almost eliminating possums from our urban areas;
4. Pest plants and other weeds which crowd out those indigenous plant species which occur naturally in the areas infested and in addition may adversely impact on soil micro-organisms associated with those indigenous plant species.

#### **Wellington City Council's responsibilities for protected areas**

The legislation:

- Reserves Act 1977
- Conservation Act 1987
- Wellington Town Belt Act 2016

For many decades, WCC's funding for the control of weeds on the lands which it manages on behalf of Wellingtonians has been woefully inadequate. The result is a huge backlog of weed-control work to be done on many areas of the city's scenic reserves, recreation reserves, road reserves and the Wellington Town Belt. Many of these areas are infested with a wide range of aggressive weed species which prevent or delay the growth of native plant species.

#### **Tipu Toa Build Back Better**

Wellington Botanical Society welcomes the allocation of \$200,000 in the Tipu Toa Build Back Better

package in the draft Annual Plan 20/21. We note that this is for only one year. Given the huge amount of weed work which has accumulated over the decades because WCC has failed to keep up with the rate of infestation, vastly larger sums must be budgeted for and spent each year for the foreseeable future.

### Recommendation

The bulk of this money should be spent teaching the members of community groups which work in the city's scenic reserves, recreation reserves, road reserves, the Wellington Town Belt and unclassified public land to identify and control the weed species infesting the areas they look after. We believe that contractors should only be employed to do weed-control work which is too dangerous to be done by community groups.

\$200,000 Tipu Toa Build Back Better funding would be quickly absorbed by money paid to the contractors for wages, herbicides and wear-and-tear on equipment.

### Some pest plants infesting public land in Wellington

We list below some of the many weed species which infest parts of the city, suburbs, rural hinterland and coastal areas. These lists are far from comprehensive. They indicate the scale of the threats faced by native plant communities in our scenic reserves, recreation reserves, road reserves, the Wellington Town Belt, unprotected public land, QE2 Open Space Covenants, a DOC covenant and private land.

<b>Climbers</b>	
Cape ivy	<i>Senecio angulatus</i>
Cathedral bells	<i>Cobaea scandens</i>
English ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Garden nasturtium	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>
German ivy	<i>Delawarea odorata</i>
Great bindweed	<i>Calystegia silvatica</i>
Hairy vetch	<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>
Jasmine	<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>
Mile-a-minute	<i>Dipogon lignosus</i>
Old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
<b>Ferns</b>	
Maidenhair (one of several ferns with this common name)	<i>Adiantum raddianum</i>
Male fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
Tuber ladder fern	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>
<b>Grasses</b>	
Buffalo grass	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>
Marram grass	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>
Purple pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>
Veld grass	<i>Ehrharta erecta</i>
<b>Ground-cover plants</b>	
Allseed	<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>
Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>
Annual mouse-ear chickweed	<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>
Buck's horn plantain	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>
Bur medic	<i>Medicago nigra</i>
Catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Hedge woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>
Mexican daisy	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>
Periwinkle	<i>Vinca major</i>
Tradescantia / wandering willie	<i>Tradescantia fluminesis</i>
<b>Herbaceous plants</b>	
Agapanthus	<i>Agapanthus praecox</i>
Arum lily	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>
Bear's breeches	<i>Acanthus mollis</i>
Black nightshade	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>
Broad-leaved dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>
Bur medic	<i>Medicago nigra</i>
Cape crassula	<i>Crassula</i>
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
Ginger	<i>Hedychium</i> (Two species)
Holly-leaved senecio	<i>Senecio glastifolius</i>

Montbretia	<i>Crocsmia Xcrocsmiiflora</i>
Onion weed	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>
Oxtongue	<i>Picris echioides</i>
Parsnip palm	<i>Melanoselinum decipiens</i>
Pellitory-of-the-wall	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>
Scotch thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Selfheal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>
Spur valerian	<i>Centranthus ruber</i>
Three-cornered garlic	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>
Velvet nightshade	<i>Solanum chenopodioides</i>
Wild carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>
Wild radish	<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>raphanistrum</i>
<b>Trees and shrubs</b>	
Australian ngaio	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>
Bamboo	<i>Bambusa</i> species
Bay	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>
Bishop pine	<i>Pinus muricata</i>
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
Boneseed	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>
Brush wattle	<i>Paraserianthes lophanta</i>
Buddleia	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>
Cotoneaster – several species	<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.
Darwin's barberry	<i>Berberis darwinii</i>
Elaeagnus	<i>Elaeagnus Xreflexa</i>
English broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Flowering cherry	<i>Prunus</i> species
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Himalayan honeysuckle	<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Inkweed	<i>Phytolacca octandra</i>
Japanese spindle tree	<i>Euonymus japonicus</i>
Macrocarpa / Monterey cypress	<i>Hesperocyparis (Cupressus) macrocarpa</i>
Montpellier broom	<i>Teline monspessulana</i>
Pig's ear	<i>Cotyledon orbiculata</i>
Radiata	<i>Pinus radiata</i>
Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Tree lucerne / tagasaste	<i>Chamaecytisus palmensis</i>
Tree lupin	<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>
Tree mallow	<i>Malva dendromorpha</i>
Tutsan	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>

#### Native plants not occurring naturally in Wellington Ecological District 39.01 and are invasive

Karaka	<i>Corynocarpus laevigatus</i>
Karo	<i>Pittosporum crassifolium</i>
"Karo"	<i>Pittosporum ralphi</i>
Lacebark / houhere	<i>Hoheria populnea</i>
Mangeo	<i>Litsea calicaris</i>
Pōhutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>
Pseudopanax hybrids	<i>Pseudopanax lessonii</i> hybrids
Pūriri	<i>Vitex lucens</i>

#### Weed control in Wellington

- *Pest Management Plan for the management of weeds and pest animals*. WCC, 2004. This was followed by:
- *Our Natural Capital*. WCC, 2015. This set objectives and priorities.
- Some weed-control work is done by community groups of which there are over a hundred in the city, some by contractors and some by council staff.

#### Request for information

Please provide us with:

1. the results of Wellington City Council's weed-control work year by year – areas worked on - cost; since 2000;
2. the cost-effectiveness of WCC methods of doing weed-control work.

## Recommendations

Wellington City Council:

- invests in some of the “shovel-ready” capital projects identified by WCC for potential Government funding to support economic recovery will incorporate indigenous biodiversity actions identified in WCC’s *Our Natural Capital* and in recent statutory management plans, e.g., the *Outer Green Belt Management Plan*;
- assesses the impacts on WCC’s funding of weed-control work of Greater Wellington Regional Council’s *Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039*;
- assesses the impacts on WCC’s funding of weed-control work of the Ministry for the Environment’s draft statutory *National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity*;
- allocates at least \$200,000 in the Tipu Toa Build Back Better package and very much more in every Annual Plan for the foreseeable future, until such time as infestations of pest plants and other ecologically damaging weed species are uncommon, if not eliminated, from all scenic reserves, recreation reserves, road reserves, the Wellington Town Belt, covenanted areas and unclassified public lands;
- undertake a thorough and independent review of its weed management role over the last two decades. This should include Council’s present approaches to weed management planning, results to date, cost effectiveness, monitoring, priorities over the last two decades and implications for the next decade, partnership opportunities with GWRC, iwi, residents’ associations, secondary schools, service clubs, sports clubs, etc., fragmentation of public lands caused by pest-plant infestations, public attitudes to weed control, the potential for new jobs for those involved on community-led weed-control projects who have gained experience in identifying weed species and learning control methods, the benefits of doing work in-house rather than using contractors, the implications of climate change for weed control in Wellington; This review is essential because of the mounting crisis of global climate-change and its impact on indigenous biodiversity. In addition, central government and regional authorities are raising the profile of indigenous biodiversity, so Wellington City Council must do likewise. The reasons include increased funding by central government for the protection of indigenous biodiversity and “shovel-ready” projects, the increased role for iwi in decision-making under DOC’s and MfE’s indigenous biodiversity strategies, the overlapping of weed-management roles in public-sector agencies, the complexity of health and safety matters and the impacts of weeds on restoration projects;

We ask Wellington City Council to prepare a concise **Current Situation Report – Weed Management** to be the basis for weed-management planning. The report should list:

1. what has been achieved since 2004;
2. annual investment since 2010, showing average investment and trends in allocation by provider group, e.g., volunteers, contractors, partner agencies’ work such as GWRC’s work in Key Native Ecosystems (KNEs);
3. how the available budget is allocated, prioritised by severity of the threats to indigenous biodiversity values;
4. what remains to be done, prioritised by the severity of threats to indigenous biodiversity values;
5. official performance objectives and trends from Annual Plans, and reports on management plans;
6. what has been established from WCC and third-party monitoring or research;
7. the number of weed management jobs funded by WCC;
8. the social make-up of existing partnerships, e.g., residents’ associations, sports clubs, ‘friends of’ groups, conservation organisations, etc.

## Focus groups

We suggest that WCC establish focus groups to determine public and landowner attitudes to weeds and weed control.

## Job creation

The enormous backlog of weed-control work required should provide the opportunity for WCC to create permanent positions within WCC and among contractors to do hazardous work which volunteers should not do. Volunteers already do a large amount of weed-control work, so the onus should not be put on them to do even more.

J C Horne

For the committee of Wellington Botanical Society

## 270. Julia Stace, Tamera Gully Restoration

Hard copy submission

### Submission on behalf of Tamera Gully Restoration Group

We wish to submit on the following section in the 2020/2021 Draft annual Plan

#### Section 4 Tipu Toa: Build Back Better.

We strongly agree with these initiatives, in particular the proposed biodiversity fund of an additional \$200k to fund the protection of biodiversity through an expanded weed management programme, for the reasons below.

Many restoration groups are removing weeds on public sites all over Wellington City to replant with Wellington's native species instead.

We have been weeding and planting for a decade or so around Aro Valley and this is our sixth year in Tamera Gully, which covers the valley at the top of Epuni St and the bushy surrounds of Tamera Park, bounded by Ohiro Rd, Laura Ave and Mortimer Tce. In the last 2 years a huge volunteer effort has gone into removing hundreds of mature old man's beard (OMB) vines that were smothering trees there, many of which were native trees. In Tamera there is a pine/ native/ exotic tree cover over 7 ha. of Town Belt.

Although it is close to being eliminated on our restoration site, there are many mature plants seeding conspicuously every year on Council land surrounding our restoration area. These are often on road reserves, with cuttings and the steep banks that are beyond the capabilities of weekend volunteers.

We have had tremendous support in our restoration efforts from WCC who provide us with a ranger to call on for assistance, a team of botanical experts to call on for advice and a nursery which supplies an annual allocation of new plants. We provide 100+ hours of volunteer labour most months, almost the equivalent of having a paid full time worker on site.

On several occasions we have been provided with WCC workers to spray huge area of blackberry or WCC has engaged contractors to chain saw down swathes of mature weed trees. But the existing budget for that has been far too small for all the work needed.

We are asking that money from the proposed biodiversity fund be spent on the serious weed problems on public spaces like road reserves, particularly in Aro Valley. Cuttings above busy roads like Raroa Rd are far too dangerous for amateur volunteers to tackle, but we need to get the whole area weed free to stop re invasion of the newly cleared sites. Prevailing westerlies blow seeds downwind from Aro Valley. Work done here prevents the seeds downwind to contaminant other suburbs thus extending the area needing to be weeded.

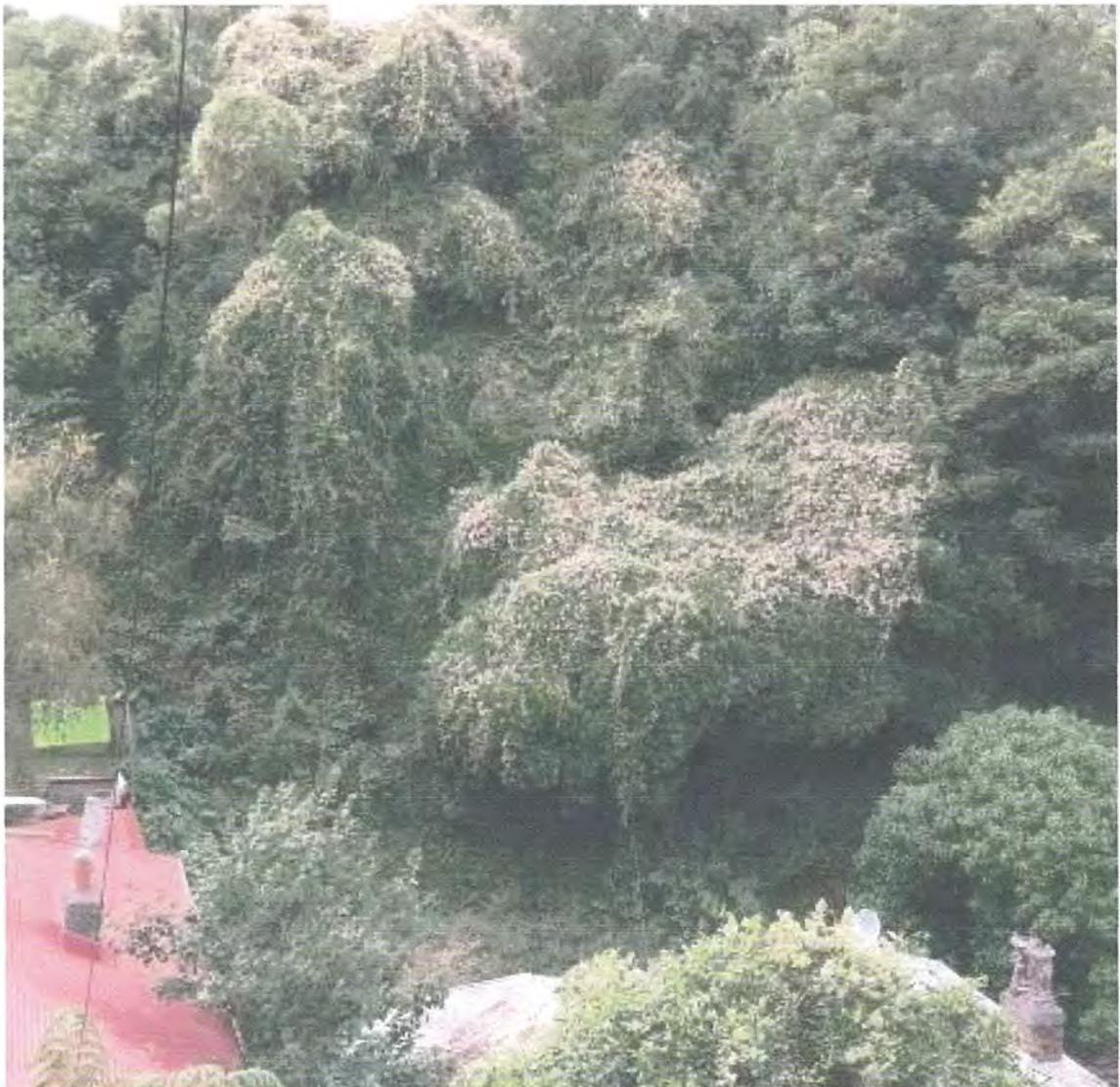
WCC has been very helpful with supporting our weed control, for example Illona Keenan will give a herbicide demo before our weeding bee on Sunday 6 June so everyone who comes regularly can handle the Picloram safely.

There is a need for more professional weeders on the WCC payroll to do the weed work that requires skill and equipment. There is so much work being done voluntarily on public land by

community groups all around Wellington that a hit squad of weeders could be kept busy all year round. Old man's beard is a major problem for half the year, but when it is dormant there are still plenty of other weeds, trees like barberry, flowering cherry, sycamore and Eleagnus spring effortlessly to mind, to keep a weed team going.

Weeding on ropes, or chain sawing trees, are too hard and dangerous for weekend volunteers.

We have recently assembled a squad of volunteers under the banner of OMB MUST GO ready to help control OMB on public and private land at the request of the owners. The plans is to help WCC by controlling sites accessible to volunteers, leaving the experts to tackle the inaccessible land.



Old man's beard on steep public & private land in Devon St gully. March 2020

Our long term goal is to return Tanera Gully to the typical forest of two centuries ago and to extend the food resources for native birds expanding out from Zealandia. We are beginning see this happening, especially over lockdown when in the quiet the birds were more conspicuous, and kereru, for example, are now known to be travelling via Tanera to the Eastern suburbs.

We think that a fulltime WCC weed squad is what's needed next to support and extend the work of all the restoration groups throughout Wellington, to help achieve the Council's goal of Our Natural Capital.

Julia Stace  
Tanera Gully Restoration Group  
5 June 2020

## 271. Michael Gibson

Email submission

From: Michael Gibson  
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 4:53 PM  
To: Ian Hunter; Barbara McKerrow  
Subject: Formal submission re WCC's Annual Plan

I object to the lack of information in the Annual Plan regarding a proposed children's play ground on the waterfront. The material below illustrates the reasons for my concern.

SIGNED

Michael Gibson

Ratepayer and father or grandfather of eight Wellingtonian residents

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From: Michael Gibson  
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 4:46 PM  
To: Ian Hunter  
Subject: Meeting re Frank Kitts playground

Dear Mr Hunter - following my request for information under the LGOIMA about the formal meeting which took place in the last Mayor's office my record of what happened at the meeting in question is as follows:

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD May 22 2018, 3.15 p.m., WCC Mayor's Office.

Present: Mayor Justin Lester, his P.R. chief (Joseph Romanos), two senior WCC Waterfront managers, Victor Davie (Chair of Waterfront Watch) and Michael Gibson whose letter requesting this meeting is shown below.

Michael Gibson started by thanking the Mayor for agreeing to a meeting with the two Environment Court appellants. He said that he thought that a way could be found forward so that the Frank Kitts Park Playground could be progressed without affecting any decisions regarding the destruction of the arena or which concerned the proposed Garden of Beneficence. He said that he had noted in particular that a majority of local Chinese were worried that proceeding with the Garden of Beneficence would bring Chinese people into disrepute locally even with its new name of Garden of Beneficence.

Justin Lester said that he had a new plan for the Garden which he tabled.

Victor Davie responded that the colours in the new plan were far from compatible with the green space which presently characterised Frank Kitts Park.

Justin Lester immediately got to his feet and said that the meeting was over.

The meeting therefore ended at 3.25 p.m. having lasted for ten minutes.

END OF FORMAL MINUTE

As a matter of further information please let me have details of all interchanges with the Council in the last year regarding the undertakings given to the Council for contributing funds to the proposed re-development of Frank Kitts Park.

With kind regards,

Michael Gibson

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COPY OF OPEN LETTER to Mayor Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington  
and to Victor Davie, President, Waterfront watch Inc.

From: Michael Gibson

Sent: Saturday, 21 April 2018 9:26 AM

To: Justin Lester; Victor Davie

Subject: Suggested way to make progress

Dear Justin and Victor,

I was shocked to see that the Council's claim that the present legal action in the Environment Court is being used as a reason for delaying the improvements which have long been so desirable to the playground in Frank Kitts Park.

The development of the playground is surely an entirely different matter from the separate creation of the dangerous and unsafe areas elsewhere in the Park which were the subject of my Appeal to the Environment Court.

During the Hearing it was clear that the playground was being used by the Council as an excuse or reason for the separate attempt to create a Garden of Beneficence (see below) and to destroy the amphitheatre.

This approach seemed to me to be obfuscatory and unworthy of a public body like the Wellington City Council.

I therefore formally request a meeting of the Respondent and the two Appellants so that any problem with agreeing resource consents for improvements to the Playground can be agreed and therefore removed from possible contention.

In the meantime, I note that the Environment Court's Decision stated that the proposed Chinese Garden was "to be known as the Garden of Beneficence" (Decision dated 6 Apr 2018, Para 3). I am pleased about this and record that, in future, I intend to refer only to a "Garden of Beneficence".

Finally, I record that, apart from circular emails which have been distributed to all other relevant parties, I have not communicated with either the Respondent (Wellington City Council) or the other Appellant (Waterfront Watch) in the Environment Court proceedings.

Yours with very kind regards,

Michael Gibson  
Appellant

## 272. Bruce White

Email submission

### SUBMISSION ON WCC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2020/21

#### Key Points

- 1.1 **How credible is it to set rates for 2020/21 (an increase of either 5.1% or 2.3%) predicated on an increase of at least 2-3 times that (either 10% or 14%) for the following year?** The recession New Zealand is entering can be expected to be deep and prolonged. In which case the economic conditions prevailing at the time the next long-term plan (LTP) for 2021-31 is being developed, in first half calendar 2021, are likely to be at least as, if not more, difficult than currently. By then anticipated job losses and business failure will be real job losses and business failures. A double-digit percentage increase in rates for 2021/22 will be no more, and probably less, credible than it would have been to have proceeded with the initially forecast 9.2% increase for 2020/21. The irresistible force (Council aspirations) seems to be running into the immovable object (the budget constraint).
- 1.2 **The alternatives given for 2020/21, as between rates increases of 5.1% or 2.3%, are not really alternatives, given that the underlying spending programme is the same in each case.** The only difference is in the amount to be borrowed; whereas it is the amount, quality, and prioritisation of spending that matters. How spending is financed - rates now or more borrowing now with additional rates later - is a secondary consideration.
- 1.3 **Council needs to shift now to focus its planning work on preparing for the next LTP, due to be finalised by 30 June 2021.** Prompted by a reading of the consultation document for the 2020/21 Annual Plan, this submission identifies some specific areas and aspects of Council policy and activity on which in-depth analysis needs to be undertaken, with that feeding into the information and alternatives to be put to the community for consultation next year (due around March/April 2020/21) on the next LTP. The quantum of work needed is such that it needs to be scoped and to commence now.
- 1.4 **It is also submitted that it is necessary for Council to augment consultation on the next LTP with a process by which it can obtain representative views from the community on how the community sees the priorities.** Self-selected responses, such as by way of responses to a consultation document, cannot be relied on for that purpose; indeed such responses are likely to give a (possibly highly) biased indication of the community's preferences. More likely is that Council hears disproportionately from those with 'narrow agendas' to promote or 'barrows to push'.

That, of course, is a legitimate part of the democratic process. But it must also be recognised that where those with a vested interest can get the Council to pay for or subsidise their interest, then their gain is at the expense of the wider community. And because the gains are concentrated on "the few", with the costs being spread across "the many", the consultation process is necessarily skewed. Those with an agenda have a strong incentive to push for their (narrow) interests since, with Council paying, they potentially get 'something for nothing'; whereas, because the cost is widely spread across the whole community, individual members of that wider community have only a weak incentive to respond. In Kiwi parlance, it's a process by which those with a narrow agenda can 'screw the scrum'. It is therefore important that the Council augments its standard consultation process with a 'survey' mechanism that puts alternatives and trade-offs to the community in a neutral manner and enables feedback to be received that is genuinely representative of the whole community – recognising the old saying that 'there is no free lunch'.

#### Background

2. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Wellington City Council 2020-2021 Annual Plan.
3. I am a Wellington City residential property ratepayer; and have been continuously for nearly 45 years. I am semi-retired, but still undertake economic consulting assignments, some in New Zealand but mostly internationally, including in some of the world's poorer countries.

4. This submission is informed by my local and international experiences, as well as by my professional understanding of the economic effects of the Covid-19 crisis. The latter are very considerable and, notwithstanding that virus has been well-contained in New Zealand, will be with us for some time. Any short-term bounce-back in consumer and business spending is likely to leave economic activity well short from pre-Covid levels. Given the damage that has been done to the incomes/cash-flows and balance sheets of many firms and households, and lingering uncertainty associated with the possibility of further clusters of infection, full economic recovery can be expected to take years rather than months. Recall that, following the GFC, it was not until the December quarter 2012, five years from the depths of the crisis, that the real average income of New Zealanders reached its pre-GFC level (source <http://archive.stats.govt.nz/infoshare/ViewTable.aspx?pxID=2a326eb3-d112-4f9c-a1b5-a4d3065f5cfc>).

5. This downturn is going to be very much deeper and potentially longer than the GFC recession, and most probably the deepest New Zealand has experienced since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Over the next 3-4 years New Zealanders, on average, **can expect lose at least 20 per cent of a year's income**. To be sure, for some, e.g., those employed in relatively sheltered sectors such as central and local government, the loss of income may not amount to much at all, perhaps just the absence of a couple of annual pay increases. But for others - those who lose their job, or their business - the loss will be very much greater.

6. Given the significance of central and local government to Wellington City, Wellington can expect to be somewhat more sheltered from the downturn than other regions. But still, the extent and duration of the downturn should not be under-estimated. Clearly there will be significant contraction in some areas of activity, e.g., export education, tourism (cruise ships), and the airport, as well as a more pervasive 'pulling back' across the City's economy as firms and households reassess what is now affordable/economic, in light of increased uncertainty.

#### **Comments on 2020/21 Annual Plan**

7. Against the preceding backdrop, **my key submission for 2020/21 Annual Plan** is that the Council should use the remainder of this calendar year to think long, and to work hard, on preparing for development of its next LTP, focusing in particular on the initial 3 years commencing from 2021-22, until the LTP is revisited in 2024.

8. Accordingly, I do not propose to provide specific input on the specific proposals included in the consultation document for 2020/21. I accept that there is insufficient time to make anything other than marginal changes to those before the plan and budget for 2020/21 have to be finalised. Rather, I will take the opportunity to outline some of the **work that I think needs to be undertaken by the Council's management for the Mayor and Councillors** during the remainder of this calendar year, so as to ensure that the work needed adequately to prepare for formulating the next LTP is undertaken in time.

9. But before proceeding to that, let me make two general points prompted by the current consultation document:

#### ***Rating Options for 2020/21 Annual Plan***

9.1 The rating options presented for 2020/21 are not real alternatives, but different representations of the same thing. The underlying spending programme is the same under each option, and it is that programme which really matters. Whether funded initially by rates or borrowing, spending has to be funded, ultimately, by taking resources from the community. Whether that happens this year, or in future years (by borrowing more this year), is a secondary consideration. In this sense, I submit that the alternatives presented in the consultation document distract from, rather than focus on, what matters. They are, in most respects, 'Clayton's options'.

There is also a question about the credibility of either option, presented in the consultation document as follows:

<b>Proposed 2020/21 Annual Plan rates options compared</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>
Rates increase 2020/21	5.1%	2.3%
Rates increase in 2021/22	10%	14%

Both options for 2020-2021 are predicated on double-digit percentage increases in rates for 2021/22. How credible is that given the likelihood that income levels in New Zealand, including Wellington, in first half next year will still be well below pre-Covid levels? If anything, the levels of hardship in the (business and household) community by then will be greater than they are now. Redundancies and business failures that now are anticipated will by then be real. It seems to me that what we have is a case of 'the **irresistible force**' (Council's aspirations) running into the '**immoveable object**' (the budget constraint) – with things approaching the point where 'something has to give'.

Perhaps that might be taken as suggesting a preference for option A for 2020/21 - that is, "get the rates up whilst you can". But that, I think, would be an excessively cynical approach, and unbecoming of a Council that seeks to provide effective leadership for its community - which I am sure is what Wellington City Council aspires to.

I therefore urge the Council, instead, to adopt option B for 2020/21 - that is, keep the increase in rates to the lower figure, on the basis that if the Council commences now on the process of review and reprioritisation needed for preparing the next LTP, it will be possible to identify some 'quick wins' that realise savings within the upcoming financial year. And in the unlikely event that is not achievable, it will be better to have been a little over-ambitious and to end up with a 2020-2021 operating deficit a little larger than budgeted, than to have taken the more 'leisurely' route afforded by increasing rates by the greater amount (5.1%).

### ***Consultation Process for 2020/21 Annual Plan***

9.2 I have two concerns about the consultation process that is being followed. One concern is about the 2020/21 consultation document (and Mayoral/Councillor webinar thereon) - with carry-over implications for the next LTP. The other is more general in nature. Taking each in turn:

(a) *Is the Council consulting on spending or funding choices?*

I should say at the outset that I fully recognise the Covid-19 crisis will have seriously complicated the process for consultation on the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Plan. And from what I can see, Wellington City has done better than many other councils in getting consultation material out to its community.

But I do have a concern that the consultation is focused not much at all on spending priorities and options, and instead is concerned mostly with how an essentially given spending programme is to be funded - i.e., how much by rates now and how much by rates later (by borrowing). How spending is to be funded, in my view, is quite secondary to the choices to be made on the spending side of the budget - both the 'on what' and the 'how much'. The 2020/21 consultation process, if anything, steers people away from those questions.

(b) *Consulting with versus surveying the Community*

My more general concern is about how the process seems to conflate true 'consultation' with the community and undertaking a 'survey' of the community.

Consultation is a process for seeking input for the purpose of making a proposal better by checking for perspectives and insights that those affected in the community might have but which Council Officers and Councillors can miss. It should not be about gauging where community preferences lie, or in other words what is the most 'popular' option. To discover community preferences and priorities, it is necessary to 'survey' the community - paying careful attention to ensuring that real alternatives are portrayed, that they are presented in an un-biased manner, and that the population or sample being surveyed is representative. Too much of what the Council puts out for consultation comes across as 'advocacy' (making the case) for a Councillor/Council Officer-preferred proposal, for self-selected respondents to respond to. This means that the feedback received cannot, indeed must not, be taken as necessarily providing a true reflection of community views. The feedback mostly will be from the 'noisy minority', not from a representative cross-section of the community.

To discern the true preferences of the community, the Council needs to present a well-informed and analysed set of spending options to a representative (not self-selected) population or sample. It should also elicit preference weightings on, say, the proportion of the budget that should be allocated amongst broadly defined strategic priorities, and amongst competing projects/priorities within those areas. Critical is that candidate projects and programmes have costs (and possible fees/charges) attached so that respondents can make informed assessments of trade-offs, for example, that by indicating a preference for X, it is clear that also entails a preference for not having Y or Z instead. If proposals are put forward without the trade-offs being clear, it is not difficult to obtain expressions of support for just about anything!

### **Further Work Needed Ahead of the Next LTP**

10. From the consultation document for the 2020/21 Annual Plan I have identified a number of matters on which further work should be undertaken to be able to obtain informed feedback on what the Council is proposing. As above, it will not be feasible to do that before the upcoming Plan must be finalised, but the work is necessary in preparation for the next LTP, due to be finalised by June 30 2021.

11. This is not to overlook that the Council has already set a 'savings target' for 2020/21, of \$3.2 million (page 8). But that target is out of operating costs of \$577 million, i.e., not much more than 0.5% and still leaving a (net?) increase in operating expenditure for 2020/21 of \$53 million (an increase of over 10% compared with 2019/20). That suggests that the 2020/21 "organisational savings target" is very much 'on the margin' - not the kind of basic 'organisational effectiveness and efficiency review' that needs to be undertaken ahead, and as part, of preparing a LTP.

12. Nor is it to overlook that some such work already appears to be slated for 2020/21, with the Annual Plan consultation document including the following:

- "Policy work in 2020/21 will include developing a new Economic Strategy, an Arts and Culture Strategy, a review of the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings policy, how we might regulate the Beauty Industry, our approach to Footpath Management and Trading in Public Places, changes to the Traffic Bylaw to accommodate delegations from NZTA, an update of the Procurement Strategy, a review of our Gambling Venues Policy, and the regional waste management by-law.

The above is a highlight only, and the full forward programme of work is regularly considered by Council committees" (page 22); and

- "A Mayoral Taskforce has been set up to better understand the state of Wellington's water network, and to provide a recommended action plan to help inform the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan" (page 26); and
- Wellington City's Waste Operations team has several key areas in waste where we are looking to make substantial improvements" (page 27).

13. While I am not sure that any need to regulate the beauty industry has been well-established (perhaps that is another of those impositions from central government?), some of these other proposed work programmes could be consistent with the kind of effectiveness and efficiency evaluations that I see as required.

14. Other matters meriting rigorous review and analysis also came to my attention from reading the current consultation document. These include the following:

#### **14.1 Wellington venues**

These I understand include the:

Michael Fowler Centre

Old Town Hall

St James Theatre

Embassy Theatre

Opera House

TSB Arena

Convention Centre (under construction)

Taken together these must represent in the vicinity of a billion dollars worth of Council's (scarce) resources. That is a very substantial investment amount, which points to a corresponding need for careful and continuous attention to how well the resource is being utilised, in its current use. There is no lack of competing claims for the Council's investment resources!

A starting point for keeping track of the costs of, and benefits being delivered by, this investment would be to account annually for:

- the cost of capital (depreciation plus the opportunity cost of capital) plus operating cost; alongside
- an up-to-date record of the basic state of these facilities - some seem, repeatedly, to have required upgrades/strengthening and/or to have suffered repeated escalation of costs arising from the uncovering of more serious structural issues than had been expected;
- utilisation levels (% days used)/attendances, including
  - o revenue generated (being what direct beneficiaries have been prepared to pay for the benefit delivered);
  - o the attendees - which segment of the community are ratepayer funds being used to support/subsidise?; and
  - o the balance of the cost borne by those (the majority?) who do not use the facilities, relative to the 'public benefit' (along with identification of the assessed nature of that benefit).

I also note the following from the 2020/21 Annual Plan consultation document:

- with respect to the Convention Centre (under construction), it is stated that:  
"In addition, the ground floor will have a public exhibition gallery to showcase leading touring exhibitions, attracting primarily domestic visitors and Wellingtonians alike (page 33)."
- and with respect to the Wellington Museum upgrade (at a cost of \$10 million), it is stated that:  
"While the building is being strengthened the Wellington Museum Trust are seeking to make a range of improvements to the Museum and particularly the ground floor to improve the visitor experience and enhance the way the Museum displays and tells the stories of Wellington's rich history and connection with mana whenua. Initial planning and design work has commenced and a final business case will be presented to Council before funding is confirmed (page 36)."

Is there some duplication here?

## 14.2 Library services\_

The closure of the City Library provides an opportunity to assess what kinds of library services are fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century digital age. It has already necessitated something of a change of model with the establishment of the Collection and Distribution Centre (CDC) at Johnsonville. And plans are already in place to enable approximately 350,000 items to be ordered online from the CDC and collected from a library of choice (page 41). With that, is it now the case that Council could, and should, move more fully to a model under which access to library resources is provided more effectively (and at lower cost) by way of an online service, say, with courier delivery and return? Perhaps in conjunction with an audit of utilisation of the whole library collection - what proportion of the total collection has not been accessed for over 5 years, 10 years, etc? With modernisation of the library service, would it be possible to repurpose existing library buildings, to become more predominantly community facilities for events, meetings, functions, displays, etc? Many library-like services in other settings have already moved to more efficient digital modes of operation.

Also, are there opportunities for some integration of the platforms for library and archives resources? The consultation document mentions, on page 23, that “we launched Archives Online, as part of a wider programme to make Wellington City Council’s archives more accessible and to offer our services online. Anyone can now search online to discover what we have in our collections. Many of our digitised records are available for download and the public can request items to be digitised (page 23).” And on page 40: we are “re-homing Wellington [Library’s] rare book collection to the Wellington City Archives.”

I should emphasise that none of the above is suggesting any curtailment of the library services provided by the Council to its residents. Rather, it is about how the service can be made more effective and at no more, or less, cost. I for one, as an avid reader, would find the service considerably more effective if I could have books issued on-line and despatched/returned by courier (even though the library caters only for a smallish proportion of the titles of interest to me).

#### 14.3 The flora and fauna ‘portfolio’ (Zoo, Zealandia, Otari-Wilton Bush Reserve, Botanical Gardens... etc).

When did Council last undertake a strategic review of this collection of facilities/reserves? What are the current relative priorities and how can they most effectively be catered for? If there is a budget constraint - which there always is, we can never have everything we would like to have! Where does the balance of priorities lie between:

- native flora and fauna/exotic flora and fauna?
- the demographics catered for e.g., children/adult; local v international, etc?
- a Wellington ‘point of difference’/having something for everyone - is there a trade-off between ‘focused excellence’ v broad-based ‘mediocrity’?

Are short-term decisions in these respects - e.g., \$4.575 million allocated for snow leopards at the Zoo, and \$3.520 million for upgrading the visitor facilities at Zealandia - being made within a clear longer-term strategic context, or piecemeal?

#### 14.4 The economic development portfolio

The “What we do” section of the 2020/21 Annual Plan consultation document seems more vague than the corresponding content for other strategic areas. It includes only general deliverables:

- Monitor domestic and international visitor numbers to Wellington.
- Support high-quality events such as concerts, festivals and sports matches, including WOW, All Blacks matches and Home Grown.
- Promote Wellington as a tourist, conference and business destination.
- Encourage the business community to work together through our Business Improvement Districts.
- Operate venues and convention centres
- Support large- and small-scale economic growth programmes through the City Growth Fund.

Rigorous review is needed of what is being achieved by the various programmes undertaken under the auspices of ‘economic development’. At least some will have proceeded on the basis of consulting advice suggesting benefits as a multiple of the outlay of Council funds. Periodic and independent/peer review of such advice needs to be undertaken, as a check on how the assumptions and analyses upon which such conclusions were arrived at stack up against actual results delivered.

In this connection, I note in passing the reference on p 17 that the Convention Centre will, during the construction stage, contribute \$76.3m to Wellington GDP and provide 864 jobs. On its face, this is plainly flawed economics - it takes use of resources, i.e., input costs, as one and the same as economic benefit. In a market context, where there is some basis for assuming that costs will be at least covered by revenue generated, that might provide the basis for a meaningful rule of thumb (and is the basis for the macroeconomic identity Production GDP = Expenditure GDP = Income GDP). But in the non-market context, resource use does not necessarily equate to economic benefit. To see that, consider the implications if construction of the (same) Convention Centre was to require twice the number of workers and to cost twice as much - would we then have a \$150m contribution to Wellington GDP and 1,700 jobs to celebrate? Or would the Convention Centre have just cost twice as much, for the same benefit?

A related point concerns the role of local government in providing support to the local economy through periods of macroeconomic contraction, like at present. (This I mention only in passing as the point relates only to the short-term (cyclical), not the fundamental structural issues now facing the Council.) To the extent that there is a temporary loss of demand from an exogenous 'shock', and consequential curtailment of private consumption and investment spending, a case can be made for the public sector to step into the breach, and to dis-save (to borrow). That can help to keep aggregate demand closer to the level of the economy's capacity to produce. But there is also a need for caution. Ramped-up spending that would not ordinarily pass a cost-benefit test carries a permanent opportunity loss - a permanent offset to any short-term gain that might be achieved. And, in that regard, it is generally very difficult at short notice to bring forward spending without some loss of quality in that spending - especially if the capacity needed to ensure maintenance of standards of project and programme rigour is already under strain.

For these reasons, considerable care is needed by the Council, with its limited capacity, to avoid rushing forward on things that carry a risk of long-run regret. Arguably, macroeconomic 'stimulus' is something that is much better left to central government fiscal policy, and to the central bank through adoption of expansionary monetary policy. The Council does not have the capacity needed to do it well, consistent with, as many would say, it not being the Council's role.

I should perhaps also add a further cautionary note. Even at the best of times an economic promotion/development programme requires some very hard-headed thinking. Some of what happens under that kind of banner will pass muster, but a whole lot of what I have seen, both here and abroad, is based on little more than 'snake oil' economics. I urge Council to be especially wary of those analyses that would have you believe that there will be, say, \$7 of benefit for the community for each \$1 of 'ratepayer investment'. If you believe that, you probably also believe in the 'tooth fairy'! (And I say that as an economic consultant!)

#### 14.5 Council pricing policies (fees and charges)

There is a good case for the Council pricing the services it provides, particularly where the user has a choice between the Council-provided service and an alternative, e.g., Council refuse collection or an alternative; or where control over the level of service use can be exercised by the user, an obvious example being water use. A case can also be made for the Council to charge to recover (some or all of) the cost of other services, even if access to alternatives is not available, or user control over use is not so possible, e.g., consent and licence fees. At the same time, especially in these latter cases, where the user 'cannot go elsewhere', it is imperative to have in place robust arrangements to ensure cost effectiveness of delivery.

Also, care is needed to avoid taking good practice on pricing too far. Good practices taken too far tend to become not such practice! In this connection, there is a question whether Wellington City Council (and other Councils) are increasingly framing their approach to setting fees and charges less in terms of "getting the pricing right" and more in terms of "where can we generate some additional revenue, so as to keep the rates increase down?".

If there is something to that question, it will be resulting in loss of coherence in pricing. For example, at the same time as we have seen steady increases in pricing of some services with a large element of public health benefit (proper disposal of garbage at a properly run facility), there appears to have been increased subsidisation of provision of venues for 'cultural' performances (the many Wellington venues). To be sure, a rational case can be made for public provision of both yet one might have thought that the priorities would be the other way around - public health (a 'public good') being of higher priority than cultural performance (a 'merit good'). Both the current Covid crisis, and my work in developing countries (get sanitation and disease under control and you are well on the road to development) underscores the validity of this, perhaps seemingly academic, distinction.

This is just but one example of how the Council's approach to setting fees and charges may have become less than fully coherent. Is it time for the Council to take a reasonably comprehensive and 'first principles' look at its policy for setting fees and charges? The Controller and Auditor-General's publication *Charging for public sector goods and services* (2008) outlines guiding principles.

## 14.6 Spatial planning

A prominent element of the 'Urban Development' strategy component of the proposed 2020/21 Annual Plan is the 'Planning for Growth' programme. Getting this right will be vital for the future of Wellington City.

I include this programme on the list of matters in need of careful review and evaluation out of concern about aspects of the approach adopted to urban planning to date. My concern relates mainly to possible over-prescription and excessive rigidity in the final 'Planning for Growth' template that is to emerge. This is not the place to go into detail on that, but I do want to highlight one point. The process to date has been based on the definitively stated view that:

"Wellington City is poised to grow by between 46,766 and 74,484 people by 2047 from a base of 209,713 people in 2017."

[https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/3282/Wellington-Regional-HBA-Chpt-2-Wellington-City-Council.pdf](https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/3282/Wellington-Regional-HBA-Chpt-2-Wellington-City-Council.pdf), p 59)

Yet the reality is that no one knows what will transpire over the next 25-30 years. Over that time a number of things likely will happen that we cannot now remotely foresee. Just as the Covid-19 crisis was not anticipated (other than in the sense that many epidemiologists always considered that it was a matter not of 'if' but 'when'). And there will be other shocks, some of which will result in population projections being revised upwards and others in downward revisions.

The forecast that the Wellington City population will increase by 46,766 and 74,484 people over the next 25-30 years appears to be based on extrapolation of the NZ population growth trend during the past decade or two - a period of unusually rapid growth, attributable to an exceptional level of immigration. If that is so, it may be tempting now to revise the numbers down, possibly substantially, given that immigration levels, post-Covid, could be considerable lower than they have been over the past decade or two.

But that would also be to miss the point. Rather, what is needed is for a good amount of elasticity to be built into the planning framework - elasticity that enables housing supply to flex with shifts in demand, both up and down. That should include early moves to relax some of the constraints on supply that have seen the massive increase in residential land prices over the past decade or two - a truly man-made problem that is causing considerable damage to the fabric of society. That should remain the case even if it is thought that with slower population growth for a period, demand pressures might now ease. There is still a substantial backlog of unmet housing demand - evidenced by the fact that land values have yet to fall much, if at all. Also, an early shift to a more flexible planning framework would be entirely consistent with a need for there to be a lot more elasticity in the system - the flexibility needed to cater for the unforeseeable. That might be seem counterintuitive to planners - who like to plan (if not prescribe) for foreseeable scenarios. However, recent experience will hopefully have made clear how, because we cannot see the future, the best laid plans are as likely as not to end up anything but that. (For a similar assessment, in the current town planning context, see this recent short piece from the Productivity Commission <https://www.productivity.govt.nz/pandemicblog/dont-stand-so-close-to-me/>)

### End note

15. This submission, in essence is a proposal that Council, during 2020/21, undertake a review of its effectiveness, in preparation for development of the next LTP, due for finalisation by 30 June 2021. This needs to be done with a '**hard head**', as well as the '**soft heart**' that comes from really caring about the well-being of the community that the Wellington City Council serves.

16. To a significant extent that '**soft heart**' will be about how the costs and benefits are distributed. That ultimately involves making value judgements about the balance to be struck between 'individual' and 'social' responsibility', which may entail a 'political' dimension. Yet **hard-headed** analysis can also help to inform those judgments, particularly when it is recognised that the ultimate incidence of costs and the distribution of benefits often, if not almost always, is quite different from what, at first blush, seems to be the case.

(Don't be tricked by the 'corporate veil', and beware of 'middle class capture', and of how incentives are skewed when a wedge is introduced between the allocation of costs and benefits).

17. I should also emphasise that the thoughts set out above are not directed at just cost-cutting. Rather the driver should be cost-effectiveness - with at least as much attention being given to whether what the Council does is **effective** in delivering benefit to those who it is intended should benefit, as to how much it **costs**. If such a review is undertaken, I expect you will find programmes and projects that, while well-intentioned, are actually not delivering much at all to those whom the Council wants most to benefit, and others that, with some adaptation, could deliver a lot more benefit than they currently do.

18. I wish the Council well in preparing its next LTP.

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## **273. Lynn Cadenhead, Environmental Reference Group**

Email submission

### **Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2020/2021; submission from the Wellington City Council Environmental Reference Group (ERG)**

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#### **Introduction**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the 2020-2021 Annual Plan. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

The WCC Environmental Reference Group (ERG) roles include to;

- Advise Council on the best ways to improve Wellingtonian's quality of life environmentally, socially, culturally and economically by protecting and enhancing the local environment and,
- Bring knowledge and insight into Council around the environment, including water, energy, waste, biodiversity, urban design and transport management, in the context of Council's roles and priorities.

#### **General Comment**

ERG is not commenting on the rates increase options as it is beyond our scope.

We would, however, in the interests of clarity and transparency, suggest that WCC provide alongside its detailed costing information, where this sits in light of the Long-Term Plan (and any variance against the Long-Term Plan)

This will help people see the 'bigger picture' and better understand the proposals in light of this.

For example, see Appendices One and Two, below, for selected pages from Christchurch City Council and Nelson City Council's 2020-2021 Annual Plans. These demonstrate the level of detail we would like to see in order to make an informed submission, and which is missing from the WCC Annual Plan. Note that they both reference their

Long-Term Plans.

#### **Transport**

We support the proposals here as WCC's contribution towards Let's Get Wellington Moving.

#### **Climate Change**

As a general statement, the ERG appreciates that Covid-19 has put an economic strain on many Wellington businesses, and especially those that are wholly or partially dependent on tourism. Nevertheless, it is widely accepted that the reduction in greenhouse gases has significantly improved Wellington's chances of being 'First to Zero' as promised in Te Atakura.

Future generations and the natural environment would be better off if WCC stopped changing the climate with its petrol, diesel, kerosene, bunker fuel and sewerage (methane) projects, as follows:

- Petrol - stop building motorways, car parks and roads. Start building German-standard bike roads and allowing German-type public transport; remove the golden mile "bus blockade" and build car-free streets - again, like German cities and elsewhere. Fix planning so people can live within 15 minutes' walk/public transport of central business district (so that, in the future, citizens can afford to buy apartments and townhouses with access to the city)
- Diesel - prevent diesel vehicles entering the city, which are also air polluters
- Kerosene - stop encouraging flying to and from the city. Shrink the airport and aviation activity. Build video convention facilities and promote the rapidly expanding technology of Virtual Reality tourism instead
- Bunker fuel - stop promoting the cruise ship industry
- Sewerage - stop converting it to methane in the tip. Instead, burn the sludge as a fuel or otherwise process it without releasing greenhouse gases.

## **Waste**

We strongly support bringing forward the business case analysis and additional \$75k funding for the transition of the Southern Landfill to a resource recovery park.

We welcome the regional goal of 30% waste reduction over 10 years, but urge the regional councils to set a bolder goal to reflect that NZ is ranked the 4th most wasteful nation. Other areas in New Zealand have achieved much higher targets already. For example, Raglan has reduced household rubbish by 76%.

We agree with the need to increase landfill fees to incentivise waste diversion and provide increased funding for sustainable waste solutions. This has proven to be effective in the past, and even in a time of difficult financial circumstances, the council must remain committed to its long-term objectives. We recommend that the increase is supported by a public education effort, which will help ratepayers understand how they can reduce their costs. We would like to see the Council monitoring the level of fly-tipping/unauthorised waste disposals following any fee increase. It is positive that green waste will now be free.

We strongly support the kitchen waste diversion trial.

We are excited to see the council signalling a shift to a Circular Economy mindset, and encourage the council to consider this as a framework for wider waste issues, such as sewage sludge and construction waste, as well as household and kitchen waste. Waste should be seen as a resource wherever possible.

We accept the extension of the landfill as a transitional solution, but strongly urge WCC to link the extension to a commitment to a sustainable long-term alternative to landfilling sewage sludge in order to minimise future landfilling.

## **Resilience**

We support the provision of additional funding for Wellington Water Limited (WWL) for water leak detection and repair; an assessment of the condition of assets; and to cover the additional cost of sewage sludge disposal. We also agree with fixing sewage leaks. However, we recommend that techniques such as tracing with dye and other new techniques should also be used in addition to roving teams .

We agree with the commitment to progress a green infrastructure demonstration project for stormwater, and would expect water sensitive urban design to be mandatory within 12months for new builds.

We agree with the investigation of minor roading improvements that are designed to make walking safer and to more safely allow social distancing. Council must not only 'investigate' these improvements they must also *implement* them.

To maintain and improve community resilience we agree with the need to work with others to address emerging needs. We note that existing needs must also be addressed. We particularly agree with the need to maintain transitional housing, to ensure food is available for all, and to address harm reduction and family violence.

## **Water**

We strongly support the proposed three waters work programme that will be delivered, on WCC's behalf, by Wellington Water Limited (WWL).

The Omāroro reservoir is a critical piece of resilience infrastructure, and the sludge project is also important in light of the ongoing issues with the landfill and its (in)ability to take this into the future.

We support the Mayoral taskforce that is being set up from which to develop an action plan to help inform the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan.

As an outcome of this, we ask that the public and ratepayers be provided with a very clear picture of the current state of assets; their current capacity; and where increased capacity and resilience is needed to adjust to climate change. Furthermore, we expect that this should meet increased density and growth that is forecast for Wellington, without any risks to the supply or quality of water.

We anticipate that these issues will require significant investment. For that reason, the sooner ratepayers are provided with the true costs of better managing our three waters' resources and delivery infrastructure, the better. Having a sound information base is crucial to this.

## **Mana Whenua Iwi & Treaty Relations**

ERG strongly advocates for meaningful relationships between the Council and Iwi, and we believe it is crucial for the Council to ensure that the voice of Mana Whenua is included in all planning processes. We therefore support the continuing funding provided for this.

As a group that is providing advice on environmental matters, the ERG also notes the Kaitiaki role of Māori in relation to Wellington's natural resources and supports their direct input on this plan.

## **Biodiversity**

We strongly support an additional \$200k in funding for the protection of biodiversity through an expanded weed management programme. This work is hugely important for safeguarding Wellington's natural environment.

It's important to recognise that a healthy environment has many links with good mental and physical health, social cohesion, and cultural identity. It's also imperative that intergenerational equity is taken into account when considering environmental matters - future generations deserve a clean and healthy natural environment.

It is for these reasons, as well as the intrinsic value of nature, that we support increased funding for biodiversity protection. Additionally, we continue to encourage WCC to prioritise environmental protection and restoration in future planning.

## **Heritage**

We strongly agree with an additional \$100K in funding for the Built Heritage fund to progress earthquake strengthening. This work increases the resilience of the city, adds to the city's desirability as a place to both live and visit. We would also like the Heritage

Team to be adequately resourced so that Heritage Trails, signage and other work can be progressed. This work will be important to Wellington's local tourism recovery and to increase Wellington residents' enjoyment of their city during their stay-at-home holidays.

We support the cultural landscape principles proposals.

**Lynn Cadenhead, On behalf of the WCC Environmental Reference Group**

**Appendix One: Christchurch City Council pages 8 and 12 from the 2020-2021 Annual Plan**

**Revenue**

Property based rates are the primary source of revenue. A brief explanation of each source of revenue is included in the Funding Impact Statement rating policy section of the LTP.

**Major changes from the LTP are:**

- Lower interest revenues from funds held (\$10.2 million). Refer to interest expense comment on the Capital Endowment Fund, and impact of falling interest rates.
- Lower Vbase recoveries (\$8.3 million) – offset by lower costs.
- Lower volumes of building consents (\$5.6 million) reflecting the drop in demand. These are largely offset by cost reductions.
- Reduction in Trade Waste revenues (\$2 million), due to several large clients who have downsized their business.
- Lower Housing revenues of \$2 million, reflecting current income received due to the transfer of housing stock to the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust.
- Crown funding for the Canterbury Multi Use construction costs (\$5.4 million). The Crown's contribution had not been confirmed when the LTP was adopted
- Additional NZTA operational (\$1.7 million) revenues as a result of Council revising its work programme to take advantage of enhanced subsidies.

**Surplus, operating deficits, and sustainability**

The Draft Annual Plan for 2020/21 shows an accounting surplus of \$49.3 million before revaluations of \$233.6 million. Under accounting standards Council is required to show all revenue, including earthquake-related recoveries, and contributions from central Government and NZ Transport Agency, as income for the year. However, some of these recoveries reimburse Council for capital programme expenditure.

**Capital programme expenditure**

\$512 million will be invested in the capital programme in 2020/21, an increase of \$2 million over the LTP. Excluding any carry forward / bring back of budgets from prior financial years, the increased budget which relates to:

- Christchurch Northern Corridor Downstream Delivery Package 1 & 2 (\$16 million) – bringing forward budgets to address designation conditions regarding the Northern Arterial and Cranford Street Upgrade ahead of the opening of the Christchurch Northern Corridor due mid 2020.
- Cycleway Projects (\$12.5 million) originally brought forward to take advantage of the NZTA Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rates (TEFAR). Specific projects can be seen in the Capital programme section.
- Strategic Land Offset Programme (\$9.4 million) – reprogrammed to reflect changes in timing of related projects.
- Performing Arts Precinct (\$8 million) – funding was planned 2018/19 – 2019/20 in the LTP. Project was retimed due to a delay in the land transfer from the Crown and development agreement approval.
- Linwood Pool (\$6.9 million) – updated to reflect the current work programme with funding through to 2021/2022.
- Well Heads Improvement Programme and Water Safety Plan requirements (\$5.6 million) – bringing forward budgets for further well and well head replacements plus funding added for backflow prevention, rezoning and smart meters to meet the changing safety standards.
- Robert McDougall Gallery Strengthening (\$5.5 million) – project has been rephased to be delivered earlier.
- Wastewater Reticulation Renewals (\$5.3 million) – the budget was pushed out during the 2020 Annual Plan, due to incomplete work in 2018/19 which was carried forward to 2019/20. This resulted in an additional spend planned for 2020/21.
- Old Municipal Chambers (\$4.9 million) – project has been rephased to be delivered earlier.
- Neighbourhood Reserve purchases (\$2.6 million) – due to increasing demand growth for new reserves and funded through development contributions.

Annual Plan	Note 2	Long Term Plan	Annual Plan	Variance	Expenditure Category		
2019/20	Capital Programme	2020/21	2020/21	to LTP	Renewals & Replacements	Improved LOS	Increase Demand
69,614	Communities & Citizens	103,016	118,040	15,024	94,473	1,500	22,067
24,522	Flood Protection	48,346	39,008	(9,338)	7,218	131	31,659
	Governance	-	-	-	-	-	-
3,661	Housing	4,117	4,117	-	4,117	-	-
20,143	Parks, Heritage & Coastal Environment	28,350	54,246	25,896	47,731	963	5,552
2,570	Refuse Disposal	2,966	2,966	-	1,234	1,732	-
2	Regulatory & Compliance	-	3	3	3	-	-
78,373	Roads & Footpaths	75,826	95,200	19,374	23,824	64,578	6,798
19,987	Stormwater Drainage	22,439	28,087	5,648	28,027	-	60
872	Strategic Planning & Policy	1,020	1,020	-	-	-	1,020
30,483	Transportation	34,405	43,718	9,313	3,845	39,075	798
58,782	Wastewater	85,817	81,883	(3,934)	69,346	11,208	1,329
33,154	Water Supply	53,281	48,476	(4,805)	44,695	2,047	1,734
77,595	Corporate	50,402	(4,802)	(55,204)	15,448	(10,173)	(10,077)
<b>419,758</b>	<b>Total capital programme</b>	<b>509,985</b>	<b>511,962</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>339,961</b>	<b>111,061</b>	<b>60,940</b>

One page from the Nelson City Council's Annual Plan - Financial section

**SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OVER \$100,000 IN ANY ONE YEAR**

Project	Annual Plan 2019/20	Long-Term Plan 2020/21	Annual Plan 2020/21	Difference to LTP 2020/21
<b>Corporate</b>				
<b>Civic Expenses</b>				
Christmas decorations CBD	51,100	52,224	100,000	47,776
<b>Civic House</b>				
Floor 1 upgrade	800,000	-	-	-
Airconditioning	400,000	52,224	50,000	( 2,224)
Capital: Furniture & Fittings	30,000	18,801	120,000	101,199
Building modifications	50,000	1,357,824	-	( 1,357,824)
Civic House Renewal Program	174,498	5,222	586,000	580,778
Floor 6 fit out/ upgrade	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
<b>Strategy</b>				
Haven precinct capital works	558,800	-	-	-
<b>Administration</b>				
Aerial Photography Programme	136,000	-	93,000	93,000
Upgrade TOTSM	-	104,448	104,448	-
Capital: Motor Vehicles	143,622	90,327	150,000	59,673
Core Systems enhancement	275,940	282,010	282,010	-
<b>Corporate Projects under \$100,000</b>	<b>728,963</b>	<b>411,487</b>	<b>562,139</b>	<b>150,652</b>
<b>Total Corporate</b>	<b>3,448,923</b>	<b>2,374,567</b>	<b>2,147,597</b>	<b>( 228,970)</b>
<b>Economic</b>				
<b>Economic Development</b>				
CBD Enhancements	590,000	208,896	590,000	381,104
<b>Total Economic</b>	<b>590,000</b>	<b>208,896</b>	<b>590,000</b>	<b>381,104</b>
<b>Environmental Management</b>				
<b>Monitoring the Environment</b>				
Healthy Streams	110,478	112,908	112,908	-
Plant & Equipment	86,870	104,448	141,005	36,557
Upper Trafalgar Street Pedestrian Precinct	250,000	-	-	-
<b>Environmental Management Projects under \$100,000</b>	<b>113,949</b>	<b>104,256</b>	<b>13,861</b>	<b>( 90,395)</b>
<b>Total Environmental Management</b>	<b>561,297</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>267,774</b>	<b>( 53,838)</b>
<b>Flood Protection</b>				
Maitai flood management	51,100	104,448	150,000	45,552
Brook Stream fish passage	51,100	167,117	167,117	-
Brook Stream Catchment Improvements	-	112,908	50,000	( 62,908)
Inventory of Urban Streams	251,400	104,448	104,448	-
Review of Jenkins & Arapiki (airport)	-	121,433	121,433	-
Flood Mitigation	161,610	165,165	165,165	-
Saxton Creek upgrade	1,300,000	-	2,100,000	2,100,000
Minor Flood improvement prgm	300,000	-	-	-
Whakatu Drive (Storage World)	600,000	-	80,000	80,000
Secondary Flow Paths	102,200	-	-	-
Saxton Creek Culvert Upgrade	150,000	3,951,790	300,000	( 3,651,790)
Orphanage Stream - bunding and Suffolk Road Culvert	918,480	668,467	500,000	( 168,467)
Vested Assets	169,652	173,384	173,384	-
<b>Flood Protection Projects under \$100,000</b>	<b>300,051</b>	<b>288,680</b>	<b>511,480</b>	<b>222,800</b>

## 274. Jackson Lacy

Email submission

TAWA. TE WHANGANUI-Ā-TARA

# Jackson Lacy

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5 May 2020

Wellington City Council Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee  
By digital submission

Kia ora koutou,

### **Re: Wellington City Council 2020-21 Annual Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the 2020-21 Annual Plan. This Annual Plan comes at an important time for Wellington, and in my opinion, will set us up for a successful recovery from the economic consequences of Covid-19. I support the Option A rates rise recommended by Council, for a multitude of reasons most prominently its preservation of Council's fiscal position so it can continue to invest in the city. I also generally support the proposed work plan, therefore my submission is less a set of requests for new work, and more an idea I would like you to think about.

We don't have an economic recovery *and* a social recovery, we have *one* recovery, and it's got to work for everyone.

While the economic effects of Covid-19 are the most harmful for Wellington as a city and as an economy, it's the social effects of Covid-19 that will do the most harm to Wellingtonians as people. I'm referring here to the combined mental and social tolls of the news of a global pandemic, of a nationwide lockdown, and yes, of an economic crisis. Personally, even though I've held on to my job with a small CBD business, my mental health has suffered, and I am far from alone. Young Wellingtonians, and Wellingtonians in general, share the collective traumas of the lockdown period and its consequences.

Before Covid-19, Council was in my view doing an excellent job of supporting Wellingtonians to maintain their hauora, and their connection to others. That job is now bigger than ever, and I look forward to seeing increased social spending in next year's Long Term Plan. In the mean time, I am pleased there is no change to the proposed Annual Plan work programme for the social and recreation sector.

None of this is to say we should ignore the economic impact of Covid-19. I believe, however, that we need to be very careful about the way we think of that recovery. The three sectors that have arguably been hurt most by the economic effects of Covid-19 are hospitality, retail, and events. The workers in these sectors are predominantly young, and their situations of work are often precarious. If we are truly to 'build back better', a hope I share, then we need to make sure that the recovery of Wellington's economy does not come at the

expense of its workers. I urge Council to engage with workers and unions directly when considering its continued economic response. In particular, I believe much good could come out of appointing workers and union representatives to the Wellington Recovery Advisory Panel, and to other economic think-tanks Council organises.

Finally, I remain hopeful that Council's continued focus on the social needs of Wellingtonians will mean that the Linden project will not fall by the wayside. This hope is, in my unofficial opinion, one shared by the Tawa community and in particular its Community Board. I look forward to being engaged, as a Board member, in further progress in this area.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackson Lacy', written in a cursive style.

Jackson Lacy

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## 275. Ian Reid, Owhiro Bay Residents Association

Email submission

### OBRA Submission to 2020 Annual Plan

#### Introduction

Wellington's South Coast is the raw edge of the innovative capital – known to be a little wild and a little eccentric but also highly innovative. It is the leading edge of Wellington when the wind turns to the South and it should be the leading edge for recovery and recycling.

OBRA agrees with the Draft Annual Plan's (AP) statement that the "role of Wellington City Council is to deliver services that support a well-functioning city" (page 4) and also the Annual Plan as a mechanism to support the building of a stronger Wellington to meet current and future challenges (page 8).



This submission covers the following aspects of the Annual Plan

1. **Investigation Process of the Owhiro Catchment + Roving crews**
2. **Digital Platform for Wellington Freshwater Super Catchments**
3. **Coastal Mitigation**
4. **Residents Associations and Democracy Project**
5. **Landfill**
6. **Recycling Precinct**

#### 1. Investigation Process of the Owhiro Catchment + Roving crews

Owhiro Bay Residents Association welcomes the news that WCC has approved funding for the Roving Crews to investigate contamination in Wellington Waterways, commencing with the Owhiro Catchment. Councillor Sean Rush and Wellington Water CEO Colin Crampton have confirmed this at recent meetings and we look forward to this work commencing in the coming months.

OBRA have been invited by Wellington Water to help establish the requirements/parameters for the Roving Crews.

We believe Wellington City Council will need to provide significant financial resources to Wellington Water to ensure that the programme is professionally structured to achieve the following cycle of activity which to date has not been carried out systematically in any catchment:

1. Monitoring
2. Evaluation & Reporting
3. Investigation
4. Evaluation & Reporting
5. Remedying
6. Reporting

WCC and Wellington Water face rising expectations from both the community and its commitments under the National Policy Statement on Fresh Water. Wellington Water does not have a high level of expertise or adequate budget to undertake serious ongoing freshwater investigation and remediation of the kind that will significantly improve water quality in Wellington's catchment. The Owhiro Catchment, feeding into the Taputeranga Marine Reserve, will be the test case for whether Wellington City Council is serious about meeting its commitments. To do so, Wellington Water must be tasked and funded by WCC to undertake this work as part of a Catchment Management Plan developed in collaboration with the community.

#### 2. Digital Platform for Wellington Freshwater Super Catchments

At a meeting between Wellington Water's Senior Management, led by CEO Colin Crampton, and the Owhiro Bay Residents Association on 28 May, it was agreed that Wellington Water would lead a project to create a significant digital platform for sharing information, including monitoring, investigations, surveys and plans, with the public.

The agreement is to use Owhiro Bay as the Beta test case and rapidly expand it to cover all of Wellington's super catchments. Wellington Water has traditionally been extremely poor at sharing data with the community and this has contributed to the health risks in bays and the appalling state of contamination in our streams.

WCC is ultimately responsible for this and needs to ensure Wellington Water is adequately tasked and funded to deliver a first class digital platform that has two primary audiences:

**General public who need access to simple, clear information.** This would involve Wellington Water aggregating data, presenting to the public in visually simple and interesting ways and ensuring it is distributed to both the web and social media, such as the community Facebook Page. LAWA's Baywatch site system is hugely misleading and a menace to public health and safety and needs to be addressed by WCC and GWRC.

Accurate, up-to-date information that will help people make decisions about whether it is safe to swim, ideally getting real time information to the public.

**Stream and Marine ecologists, activists, etc:**

Community groups increasingly use applications with analytical capability and are developing their own analysis.

Therefore we need:

**Structured unit record data:**

Machine readable data – raw operational data at a low level of granularity to develop our own insights, with all the associated metadata. This will cover all monitoring, investigating and reporting of the waterways and bays, including leachates, e-coli and an array of other data currently gathered by Wellington Water and its suppliers.

This is a significant project and needs to be appropriately funded.

### 3. Coastal Mitigation

In recent months, the Mayor, WCC Chief Executive and WCC's Chief Resilience Officer have all told coastal communities that "hard conversations have to be had" over rising sea levels, increasing frequency of over-topping storm events, and other threats posed by climate change. We are not aware of anything practical that WCC has done to address this challenge or what budget currently exists for this.

WCC needs to provide significant funding to prepare the city and coastal communities for these changes and to ensure our coastal homes, businesses, roading network, bridges and other infrastructure are protected to the degree possible.

Budget needs to be allocated not just for "consultation" but for active collaboration with communities who need to be adequately resourced/funded to take part in this process.

Communities need to be engaged immediately and be active partners as the city starts the process of risk mapping and planning. Funds need to be made available to assess the risks, identify the most vulnerable points on our coastlines, and develop science/fact-based responses to the upcoming events. Decisions need a high level of scientific expertise including from Metservice, Niwa and coastal engineering specialists.

We suggest a permanent, multi-agency taskforce, with community membership, be immediately formed to start this process.

### 4. Residents Associations and Democracy Project

Owhiro Bay Residents Association welcomes WCC commitment to establishing an integrated digital platform for individual Residents Associations and the Wellington Residents Associations Network.

The quality of OBRA's community engagement experience with the Wellington City Council, it's officers and it's operational partners has been variable and primarily reflects a mind-set that Council is 'expert' with a focus on 'educating the community'. Generally, engagement is characterised by reductionist patriarchal over tones that minimises citizen voice and knowledge. OBRA acknowledges the advocacy efforts of some Councillors to strengthen constituent voices, knowledge, and expertise. However, given the rash of inaccurate information and poor management we are cynical about the quality of the Council's assessments of costs and option. The Annual Plan is silent on funding allocation to strengthen community engagement practices within council. This can be achieved with minimal impact on financial resources.

## 5. Landfill

The current process of minimal rubbish recycling, and dumping of sewage sludge, as outlined in the Southern Landfill, (page 9) is an embarrassment to a City. The Council is completely out of alignment with its Community in terms of its commitment to environmental protection. Community groups, such as the 'Predator Free' programmes have worked tirelessly in their own time to reintroduce Kaka to city suburbs, but this is not matched by the Council who continues to dump sewage sludge in the landfill. Rather than minimise waste it has created an incentive to increase waste to match a growing population.

OBRA considers the Southern Landfill Extension an opportunity for Council to enhance and strengthen its community engagement methodology and systems. The Resource Recovery hub and work to minimise Wellington's waste, sludge transformation and reduction in need to maximise Southern Landfill Extension are opportunities for Council to develop practice excellence with community engagement.

OBRA proposes the Council uses a co-design methodology to develop the Resource Recovery hub. Co-design provides a strength-based partnership model that values all participants equally, engages people who have used and are end users of services/ product to inform process and design. Co-design values all participants equally for their own unique expertise. The bringing together of a more diverse range of expertise to the design process, a wider range of ideas are generated and more creatively explored.

When well done, co-design services meet needs more efficiently, effectively and sustainably. The mutual respect required by the process encourages a sense of collective ownership for the service models that emerge from it

## 6. Waste Diversion and Recycling Precinct

We also support the Waste Diversion Trial (page 9) and OBRA is keen to endorse the concept of bring the timeframe for the Resource Recovery Centre forward.

Our initial assessment is that the budget of \$200,000 is appropriate for the beginning of the transformation needed, but more funding should be applied in future years to ensure a transformation of refuse recycling that is appropriate for a Capital City known for both leading edge innovation and environmental concerns.

We also believe that the Business Plan should be widened to consider:

- A recycling retail centre which moves the emphasis from disposal imports to re-using good quality older products.
- Related recycling industries which could range from recycled timber to repurposed furniture.

Our conversations with other entities suggest that there is far greater potential than the Council may be considering. Our initial conversations around re-cycling schools at Massey suggests that there is a growing potential for this model.

We believe that the potential can involve both commercial activities (repair of appliances) through to community based ones such as 'Mens Sheds'. There is the potential for

- recycling retail centre/department store for much greater recycling – that is big enough to compete with bulk retail as a destination for shoppers.
- Multiple types of retail activities including compost and plant growing.
- Recycling retail centre/department store for much greater recycling – that is big enough to compete with bulk retail as a destination for shoppers.
- Multiple types of retail activities including compost and plant growing.
- University-led programme on recycling innovation which attracts Government funding for education and research.
- A visitor centre for schools
- A recycling ‘incubator’ with space for start up firms which are trailing new technology

Owhiro Bay already is home to innovative concepts like the Carlucci Land and Nautilus Art Space, which demonstrate world class recycling and innovation. Let’s move from the drudgery of filling landfills to the innovation of recycling and reusing in a way which befit the ‘coolest capital in the world.’

### In conclusion

We are eager for the opportunity to present on these issues.

Responses can be made to:

Ian Reid  
Chair Owhiro Bay Residents Association

## 276. Luke Wilson, Good Food City

Email submission

# Wellington as a Good Food City

## City Council Submission 2020

As a group of local health professionals, academics and community members, we are calling for Wellington City Council (WCC) to adopt and action healthy, sustainable food policies.

As declared by Wellington City Council in 2019, we are living in a climate and ecological emergency. Agriculture contributes almost half of Aotearoa New Zealand's greenhouse gases; this must be addressed to allow us to shift towards a carbon neutral economy. In addition, our community faces significant health challenges, many of which are caused or exacerbated by our current food systems and food environments. Poor nutrition is a leading cause of health loss in Aotearoa New Zealand; healthy, sustainable food policies are central to improving the quality of life of all New Zealanders.

To protect and preserve the health of citizens and the environment, we call on WCC to align with the C40 Good Food Cities Declaration by committing to the following:

1. Align food procurement to the Planetary Health Diet, ideally sourced from regenerative organic agriculture.
2. Support an overall increase of healthy plant-based food consumption in Wellington by shifting away from unsustainable, unhealthy diets.
3. Reduce food loss and waste by at least 50% from a 2015 baseline.
4. Work with citizens, businesses, public institutions, and other organizations to develop a joint strategy for implementing these measures and achieving these goals inclusively and equitably, and incorporate this strategy into WCC's Climate Action Plan within two years.

Cities committed to the [C40 Good Food Cities Declaration](#) aim to promote and preserve the health of citizens and the health of the planet by introducing policies that make healthy, delicious, and low-carbon food affordable and accessible for all, while reducing food waste. Mayors will work with their citizens, aiming to achieve by 2030 a 'Planetary Health Diet' comprising nutritious food, reflective of the culture, geography, and demography of their citizens. More information is found [here](#).

In October 2019, 14 global cities signed the C40 Good Food Cities Declaration. These are Barcelona, Copenhagen, Guadalajara, Lima, London, Los Angeles, Milan, Oslo, Paris, Quezon City, Seoul, Stockholm, Tokyo and Toronto. We are asking WCC to join these cities in efforts to reduce climate emissions and improve population health by committing to the C40 Good Food City Declaration.

## An opportunity for Wellington and Aotearoa New Zealand

Wellington has a unique opportunity to become New Zealand's first 'Good Food City', a move that would lay the foundations for substantially improving the health of its people and environment. [Poor nutrition is a leading cause of disease and early death](#) in New Zealand, exceeding even cigarette smoking. Accordingly, actively improving food environments and reducing exposure to unhealthy foods is crucial. Phasing in edible landscaping, regenerative agriculture, and habitats that support diverse fauna, especially bees, across Wellington would bring a range of benefits. A shift towards sustainable eating patterns, including the reduction of food waste, is also vital to safeguard the health of the planet. As the 2019 [EAT-Lancet Commission](#) emphasised, a food-consumption and food-system transformation offers win-wins for individual health in the near term and for global population health over the long term. Here in New Zealand, the:

- Ministry for the Environment reported that in 2018, the agriculture sector was [NZ's largest contributor to gross emissions](#), at 48%. They recommend people [reduce food waste, compost kitchen scraps, and eat less meat](#).
- Ministry of Education [Climate Change Learning Resource](#) for schools recommends composting food scraps and eating less meat and dairy products.
- Ministry of Health [report on sustainability and health](#) recommends that the health sector promote reducing meat and dairy (referring to the EAT-Lancet commission) and composting organic food waste.

Researchers at [Otago University](#) recently found that a shift towards healthy, climate friendly eating patterns would confer diet-related emissions savings of up to 42%, large health gains for Aotearoa (1.0–1.5 million quality-adjusted life-years) and health care system cost savings (NZ\$14–20 billion). When an equity analysis was applied, per capita health gains among Māori were found to be between 121% and 178% greater than those found among non-Māori. Reduced rates of heart disease, type II diabetes, obesity, and certain cancers are likely.

In 2019, WCC publicly declared that the world is in a state of climate emergency that [requires urgent action](#). In addition to needed action on transport and energy, food policies must be prioritised.

A coordinated approach at multiple levels provides the greatest chance of achieving health, equity, and planetary benefits, both short- and long-term. Whilst the City Council, community, and other stakeholders can design the approach to achieving the goals, potential areas for action are listed below to guide the approach to achieving.

C40 Good Food City Declaration commitments	Examples of potential actions and approaches to meet commitment. <i>Informed by actions taken by other C40 Good Food Cities, adapted for a Wellington setting.</i>
Aligning food procurement to the Planetary Health Diet, ideally sourced from organic agriculture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Align Council food procurement to the planetary-health diet. Promote the use of climate-friendly menus and seasonal food; increase the share of plant-based foods like fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes; and reduce consumption of dairy products and meat. Aim for food procured to be 90% organic or regenerative by 2025.</li> <li>● Set up a Community of Practice with all the stakeholders and shareholders of the city to present and exchange knowledge on the framework of the Planetary Health Diet and the commitment of the City. Define a Voluntary Agreement with a set of joint guidelines to support other organisations and businesses to align with the planetary diet.</li> </ul>
Supporting an overall increase of healthy plant-based food consumption in our cities by shifting away from unsustainable, unhealthy diets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop an action plan with the DHB for promoting healthy, sustainable diets and the merit of shifting collective consumption.</li> <li>● Involve private caterers/restaurants/actors in the challenge of shifting procurement through voluntary commitment aligning with the Good Food Cities Declaration or the 'Cool Food Pledge'.</li> <li>● Investigate how Wellington can reduce the exposure of children and young people to unhealthy food marketing and advertising with a particular focus on making the areas in close proximity to schools nutritionally health promoting.</li> <li>● Co-create an awareness campaign on the food-climate nexus targeting citizens between 15-35 years (similar to the EU-funded project "FoodWave").</li> <li>● Promote and support the creation of school and community gardens. Pilot and scale programmes for children learn about food and sustainability in the food system. Leverage public property for urban agriculture by increasing the number of edible gardens in City parks and public libraries by 50% by 2025.</li> <li>● Working with community representatives, produce Food Poverty Action Plans, enabling a more strategic approach to address the underlying causes of food insecurity.</li> </ul>
Reducing food loss and waste by at least 50% from a 2015 baseline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop a baseline for food waste to find the potential for reducing food waste in the City and to set milestone goals for food waste.</li> <li>● Support initiatives to reduce food waste and collaborate with organisations, academic institutions and the business community to reduce food waste and food loss.</li> <li>● Pilot and implement community led kerbside food waste collection.</li> <li>● Teach young students in the schools about reducing food waste.</li> <li>● Ongoing support of campaigns and initiatives to prevent food and associated packaging going to waste, for example: Kaibosh.</li> </ul>
Develop a joint strategy for implementation	By 2022, agree a strategy to achieve goals inclusively and equitably, prepared with input from both internal and external (iwi, community based organisations, NGOs, businesses, other involved parties) stakeholders.

We would be delighted to discuss this concept further with the City Council and staff and welcome any questions.

Thank you for supporting meaningful change.

Professor John Potter, Epidemiologist, Public Health Doc, Centre for Public Health Research Massey University

Dr Mike Joy Senior Researcher, IGPS, Victoria University Wellington Dr

Luke Wilson, General Practitioner, Miramar Medical Centre

Dr Marion Leighton, Physician, General Medicine, CCDHB

Lai-Kin Wong, Clinical Nurse Specialist - Stroke, Neurology, CCDHB Raj

Nagar, Pharmacist, Unichem Miramar Healthcare Pharmacy Deirdre

Kent, former Director of Action on Smoking and Health Rachael

Horwood, Pharmacist/Director of Wellworks Pharmacy

Dr Lauren Richardson, General Practitioner, Newtown Medical Centre Simon

Terry, Executive Director, Sustainability Council of New Zealand

# Generation Zero



## Generation Zero's Submission to Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2020

**More ambition is required to ensure the Annual Plan can implement  
Council's commitments under Te Atakura - First to Zero**

Wellington City Council has made a commitment to a zero-carbon future under Te Atakura - First to Zero. This requires Council to take urgent action to reduce the city's emissions and improve its resilience. We appreciate the unprecedented circumstances and significant loss of council revenue in the past few months, but this plan is not ambitious enough if the council is to meet its zero carbon commitments, and reflects a history of underfunding and lack of planning.

***Generation Zero supports Tipu Toa and supports maintaining funding for Lets Get Wellington Moving and other council services, however projects supporting active transport must be fast tracked.***

There are many aspects of this plan that we do support including:

- Commitment to continuing to maintain service levels to the best of their ability and not cutting services in response to COVID-19.
- The preferred option of a 5.1% rates increase in order for council to adequately respond to the many challenges it faces at the moment.
- Holding the majority of fees and charges at current levels for 2020/2021 while increasing Southern Landfill fees to reduce waste going to landfill.
- Significant investment in repairing and upgrading our water infrastructure which is a long time coming.

Generation Zero recognises the extreme circumstances of COVID-19. This pandemic represents a large shock to council revenue and household income. However, we advise against a 'slash-and-burn' approach and instead support the 5.1% rates increase. Wellington is privileged to have a diversified and largely stable rate base. Government and the creative sector both are resilient to this shock and put the council in a better position to other local authorities in New Zealand.

A rates increase now avoids a far more painful increase in the next few years. It also avoids gutting council's workstreams and passing more costs onto future generations. To defund council services now puts Wellington into an immediate social debt, medium-term financial debt with higher costs to restart services, and a longer-term environmental debt. We support Council leveraging its balance sheet (within its constraints) and taking a longer term view.

We also strongly support the intent of the items under Section 4 Tipu Toa: Build Back Better, however none of these projects are ambitious enough and frankly, ought to have been included in the budget in the first place. The fact that Councillors had to fight to include this amendment reflects the lack of urgency we've seen from WCC on climate action.

A commitment to a business case for a resource recovery centre is not the same as actually committing to building a resource recovery centre (something Wellington needs desperately) and an additional \$100k in funding for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a drop in a bucket compared to the cost of the restoring even one building. These projects are not enough.

We are happy to see the council is not planning to delay investment in LGWM as part of the COVID-19 response; *"The capital expenditure funding has been allocated to the early delivery and city streets areas to enable LGWM to begin programmes this year, subject to the outcomes of the business case investigations. This work will relate to walking, cycling and public transport improvement."* However, COVID-19 has highlighted how desperately Wellington needs better walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure to improve mobility options and the resilience of our city. These projects need to be fast tracked. If we are to halve our emissions by 2030, we cannot wait until 2028 for the Cycling Master Plan to be completed.

***Generation Zero is concerned at the level of detail provided in the plan***

This draft plan is severely lacking in the detail interest groups need to be able to provide informed, useful feedback. Many of the items in the plan lack appropriate context and are often poorly justified. For instance, the plan refers to a 9.5% increase in operational expenditure in the past year, with the following explainer, *"which primarily relates to increased depreciation due to new assets, a property revaluation and inflation on contracts and personnel costs."* 9.5% is a massive increase for a single year and needs far

more explanation. What exactly are we paying for now that we weren't paying for before and how is it broken down?

The proposal also covers the specific projects the council intends to fund this year, which is useful to see, but without the context of knowing what the council has decided *not* to fund it is difficult for anyone to take a position on whether these are in fact the right projects to be funding. In addition, other potential investments in the next year are glossed over.

For instance, in regards to the Wellington Airport bail-out loan, the plan refers to the council's commitment to the *"underwriting of a convertible equity type arrangement that will ensure that funding is able to be quickly accessed by Wellington Airport"* but does not tell us how much money will be made available to the airport. Considering the controversy surrounding this decision, we are alarmed by the lack of transparency and it is unacceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to feedback on this proposal. As it is, the Annual Plan does not support the urgent implementation of Te Atakura. This Plan should be an important part of Wellington's transition to a zero-carbon future, and we look forward to seeing it strengthened.

Ngā mihi nui,

Generation Zero Wellington

## 278. Barry Blakett, Glenside Progressive Association

Email submission

Glenside Progressive Assn. Inc. c/-

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Barry Blakett,

Claire Bibby,

We would like to make an oral submission.

### Glenside Progressive Association

#### Submission to the Wellington City Council draft Annual Plan 2020-2021

7 May 2020

#### Introduction

Our submission this year comments on where we think Council's expenditure should be focused for the coming financial year. It then covers some selected issues including two issues that particularly affect our suburb at the moment.

#### General Comments

- The GPA supports most of what is proposed in the draft Annual Plan. Once again, emphasis needs to be on essential services and resilience enhancement rather than glamour capital expenditure projects.
- We support the 5.1% rates rise proposed due to the special circumstances posed by the Covid-19 shutdown as the best compromise between keeping rates low and saddling future generations with additional debt. In normal circumstances, we would want to see annual rates increases kept down to annual increases in wages, lower level salaries and benefits.
- Council needs to have another careful look at the *Get Wellington Moving* initiative, post Covid-19. The best time to do this might be sometime after the Transmission Gully project has been completed and assessed. We also believe it would be prudent for Council to place further development of the *Upper Stebbings Valley and Glenside West* structure plan on hold until then.
- Prioritising so called shovel ready projects to help the City return to normal economic activity is a helpful initiative but Council shouldn't spend a single cent on projects that are not absolutely needed or that do not make an acceptable return on investment. We advocate adding spade and lopper ready projects to the list of priorities.
- Once again, we remind Council that there is a dearth of walking tracks in the Northern suburbs, especially those accessible to the residents of Glenside, Churton Park and Grenada North. Council needs to give Northern Suburbs high priority when allocation funds for walkways. In particular, we strongly advocate advancing the planning for tracks along Marshall Ridge and within the Glenside Reserve. Please refer to our comments below.
- We welcome the proposed \$200k funding for weed control and comment further below.
- Recycling is an on again, off again story. In respect of plastics recycling, we urge that Council persists with finding ways to ensure that the recyclable classes of plastics (categories 1, 2 and 5) are in fact recycled and that residents are given good information about how to clean and separate recyclable plastic items from the rest. We also want to see more done to start recycling category 4 (LDPE).

#### Track Development

The walkway network in Wellington is one of the City's great assets. Walking tracks encourage awareness of our city, fitness and wellbeing, and are also much appreciated by tourists and visitors to Wellington as well as local residents.

In a number of previous submissions since 2006, the Association has asked for funding for the construction of walking tracks within or close to our suburb to fill a gap in the track network in the Northern suburbs, in

particular a track along Marshall Ridge and a loop track within the Glenside Reserve. These have not been progressed by Council so far for various reasons.

In the last few years, Council has been pushing for a track along Ohariu Ridge (Sector 2 of the Outer Green Belt). This is probably unachievable in the short to medium term due to lack of access to the land along part of the ridgeline so Council should cast its net on the other side of the boat and look to creating a track along Marshall Ridge in the meantime.

We provided a full discussion of the track network in our submission to the Annual Plan last year.

**Recommendation:**

We ask that Council set aside appropriate funding for the design work for the Glenside Reserve loop track and a track along Marshall Ridge for the year 2020-2021 and keep in mind that we would like actual tracks to be constructed as soon as possible after that.

## **Weed Control**

The GPA made a detailed submission on this item last year which we would like readers to refer to again.

Weeds spread rapidly and end up costing far more to eradicate when not controlled from the beginning. Weed removal is a necessary prerequisite to the planting of native trees and shrubs. Planting along streams and steep slopes also assists with stabilising banks, reducing water runoff, flooding and erosion and reducing sediment reaching our harbours (for instance, the 44,000 tonnes of sediment estimated to have washed into Porirua Harbour in the last five years can be mitigated over time by removing weeds and planting erodible slopes with native plants).

More and more native planting will be necessary from now on to maintain hydrological neutrality associated with housing developments (increased hard surfaces) and to counter the effects of increased rainfall due to climate change. Weed and pest control are necessary prerequisites to planting in reserves, on the lower slopes of hillsides and within riparian strips.

Wilding pines are also causing headaches in New Zealand and have high eradication costs. There is no excuse for wilding pines in urbanised districts such as the Wellington District. Council's weed control team and community groups as well as individual landowners should remove them when they first appear. We favour a Council led community initiative to remove wilding pine, macrocarpa, wild cherry and sycamore etc whilst still seedlings. This can be done at almost zero cost if done early enough. The wilding pines we do have should be felled now. The cost of removal doubles for every five years during their growing phase if left unattended.

We would encourage Council's Biosecurity Team to work with community groups to help eradicate weeds, not just from planting sites but all over their respective localities. Emphasis should be given to controlling weeds that belong to the dirty dozen list such as Old Man's Beard. Council's Weed Control Team could use part of the proposed funding to complement the activities of community groups by providing services such as spray programmes, and eradicating weeds from areas that are difficult or dangerous for community groups to access.

**Recommendation**

Retain the \$200k funding allocated for weed control in the draft annual plan and clarify how the money should be spent.

## **Plastics Recycling**

It is disheartening for residents to separate and wash plastic waste for our recycle bins only to find that it is being recombined with general waste at the Landfill. This is a great way to kill recycling for good! Innovative thinking is required.

What about encouraging residents to use their green bins for plastic which they think might not be recyclable (eg PP caps with cardboard inserts, PVC and category 7), as well as for glass jars and bottles? This would help avoid the recyclable and non-recyclable categories of plastic being mixed. Glass and non-

recyclable plastics would then be separated at the landfill which would be an easy process. This might help to keep the yellow bins free from or low in non-recyclable plastics.

We also advocate that collection of low density polyethylene be resumed. LDPE (category 4) constitutes about 25% of all plastic waste in New Zealand. It shouldn't be difficult to collect clear, undyed and unmixed LDPE film uncontaminated with other types of plastic for converting to granules, mixing with virgin granules (eg 1:1) and reconstituting as plastic film for non-food uses..

About a year ago, many supermarkets were collecting soft plastics for some type of reprocessing and need to be encouraged to do so again. They could use their security staff at the supermarket entrance/exit points to receive LDPE and hence ensure that only clear, undyed LDPE is accepted.

We want to see WCC work with the providers of LDPE film, other councils and users such as supermarkets, the Dom Post and other newspaper distributors to find a recycling solution to this problem. Some degree of manufacturer recycling fee and/or ratepayer subsidy may be warranted to help solve an unnecessary environmental sore.

#### **Recommendation**

Share the problems openly. Throw them open to experts outside of Council and others, and seek innovative solutions. Don't keep putting this on the backburner.

Thank you for reading our submission. We are available to discuss these matters further.  
Barry Blackett,

Claire Bibby,

Glenside Progressive Assn. Inc. c/-

267 Middleton Road Glenside

## 279. Paul Hay

Hard copy submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The plan does not adequately contemplate that we in at the start of a significant downturn that will affect all of the community. It needs to be overhauled to look at more aggressively at where optional costs can be cut out in order to deliver on only the essential services, core infrastructure improvements, or supporting vulnerable people within the Wellington community. As an example, I am a keen cyclist and support a lot of what the Council has done as a daily bike commuter for 25 years. The cycle lane on Cobham Drive however is a disgraceful waste of money as an over specified piece of development that has the hallmarks of the planners and designers having little or no regard for the fact they are spending someone else's money. If China can build a 1000 bed hospital in one week, how can it possibly take a year or more to build a 1km stretch of cycle and walkway on a greenfield site? If it were not serious, it would be like something out of Fawlty Towers in terms of ridiculous comedy. The Plan makes all the right noises and soundbites about cost cutting and the use of borrowing but in reality it seems to be based on a pre pandemic mindset that is now clearly outdated. (PDF formatting could be better with the form and why not entirely online as an option? Seems bizarre in 2020)

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Strongly oppose

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

It is outrageous that the Council is even considering a rate rise, rather than a rate reduction in the current environment. In case it comes as news, the equation for rates is quite simple. People paying rates do so on the basis of available excess cash from tax paid earnings. With average incomes falling by between 10% and 15% as a modelled projection, the population who will be paying rates has less money. As a result, there will be a significant number of vulnerable people who are unable to pay for the existing outgoings, let alone increases, and while a rates deferral sounds like a caring approach it is cumbersome and simply kicks the liability down the road. The Council therefore needs to look at its plan, cut costs, like all businesses and individuals are, and then come back with a rates proposal to reflect the fact that there is less money available. This means some pet projects that might have sounded like a great idea, simply need to be shelved so we can focus on things that matter, like core infrastructure, supporting communities and the vulnerable. Where there is any shortfall after cost cutting and rationalising projects, the Council needs to cover that cost in the debt market. It has never been cheaper to do this as a result of the impact of central bank intervention on interest rates and support in the market and that allows a long term payback that can be absorbed over a longer time frame when people can actually afford it. I note other Councils are going down this route, and committed at the start of the pandemic to zero rate increases while the Wellington Council seems to

have been totally inactive and has failed to demonstrate appropriate thought leadership and challenge in this area.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Neutral

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

As above the starting point for rates in the current environment should be the level of rates reduction, not a 'low' increase. The 5.1% is bordering on an embarrassment that it has even been put forward as the preferred option, and this option B is only marginally better. As above, the Council needs to cut costs more aggressively on optional projects and increase its borrowings in the current market i.e. focus on fixing water and infrastructure essentials, rather than supporting projects like Shelley Bay which will just add strain to the existing pressures.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not answered

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Agree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Disagree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

The starting point should be reducing fees or holding them flat. There should be no increase in the landfill charge given the costs actually have not increased materially given that by definition, there is little in the way of variable input costs for the Council. It already makes money on a net basis and there should be no opportunity to increase that given it is a community asset and the income pressures people are facing.

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Other

## 280. Ross and Sarah Weenink

Email submission

This is our submission on the Wellington City Annual Plan. We are Wellington City ratepayers.

We are appalled that the City Council is proposing a 5.1% rates increase. This suggests that councillors are completely out of touch with the difficult financial situations being faced by many Wellington ratepayers as a consequence of the Covid-19 lockdown. Even the second option of a 2.3% increase is too high. We submit that there should be a 0% rates change this year. This could easily be achieved by:

- opting to build a new library building at a cost of \$133million rather than refurbishing the existing one at a cost of c.\$200million.  
This would save \$63million.
- cancelling the construction of a new convention centre.  
Even though there would be cancellation penalties, the savings would be substantial. The convention centre will be a costly white elephant, if constructed. With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic internationally, there will be few if any conventions in the next two years. Also, as a consequence of the greatly increased use of online meeting facilities, it is clear that, in future, physical conventions will be smaller and less frequent, so a convention centre in Wellington is unlikely to ever pay its way.
- economising on the Town Hall strengthening.  
Adequate earthquake strengthening could be achieved more cheaply than the “Rolls Royce” approach currently adopted.
- cancelling further cycleway development.  
Cycleways in the hilly parts of Wellington are little used and simply create a lot of annoyance for local residents and a lot of cost for little benefit. At the very least, apply the New Zealand Transport Agency’s project evaluation methodology to any new developments before allowing them to proceed. We would be surprised if any could demonstrate a net benefit.
- cancelling this year’s Matariki events.  
These are a “nice to have”, but needs must. The city is in straitened circumstances.
- going through the planned expenditure line by line and seeking further efficiencies.  
We are sure many additional savings could be found.

Regards

Ross and Sarah Weenink

## 281. John Corsham

ard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

WCC needs to be planning for the new future world, under covid 19. The plan has many "nice to have" items, like the conversion centre and new library, that are dreams rather than practical solutions. Why spend \$40M more by tarting up an outdated library building rather than building what is now required. Perhaps making it a combined library and conversion centre, which would be next to an existing exhibition space and the other usable spaces, the town hall and Michael Fowler Centre? There is no mention of the expected running costs, which I hope are nothing like the Stadium (which has usable conference spaces) which does not make any money.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Strongly oppose

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Deferring debt is putting the burden on future Wellingtonians rather than the people that are here now. If the money is needed now then we must pay it now.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Strongly oppose

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Pay now, don't defer the increase.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Strongly disagree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

What is a resource recovery centre? It is mentioned twice in the Annual Plan pdf but no details are supplied.

I read that the extra \$200K for biodiversity means that the current expenditure is failing to meet the needs. I would also like to point out that while out walking under Covid 19 there are a lot of property owners that are failing to manage their boundary hedging, resulting in reduced footpath space. what does that council do to ensure owners take the necessary maintenance?

Quoted above is "a \$150k increase in funding for Home Energy Audits to improve the energy performance of Wellington houses".

Why? Surely each home owner is responsible for their homes energy performance. If they want to spend money on power rather than insulate that is their choice. Why should other rate pays pay for peoples inefficient homes.

There should be a rates charge added if the property is not double glazed with wall, floor and ceiling insulation to pay for these investigations.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Disagree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Disagree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Note: the home page of WCEC states 18,000 sq meters of conference and exhibition space while the Rooms and Spaces tab (linked from the home page) states there are 10,000 sq meters, 8,000 missing, why? Level 1 has 2550sq M and level 2 2000 sq M plus the entry. These numbers do not add up!!!

There is no rate of financial return mentioned for the project. I suspect the facility will be another white elephant that does not get used much and costs the rate payers more money. Will the local hotels be charged more rates to pay for this?

Section 5 feedback: Why does the "polluter pays" get funded from people who use the tip? Backwards logic, make the tip cheaper surely

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Word of mouth

## 282. Matthew Hall

Email submission

Please find below my submission on the proposed annual plan.

1. Both proposed rates raises are unsustainable for rate payers and tone deaf to the financial realities that WCC rate payers are facing. In the current context, where exactly does the WCC think we are going to be able to find an additional 4.5 percent increase on already high rates bills?
2. Please go back to the drawing board and make plans for cutting WCC services rather than imposing unjustified costs onto rate payers during an unprecedented economic crisis.
3. A number of good ideas have been proposed by other councils, including hiring freezes, stopping all contractor payments, cutting unnecessary bureaucracy, bringing certain contractor roles in house, reducing staff numbers and cutting pay across the board. I strongly urge WCC to do the same.
4. For WCC, I would also add to the list: halting white elephant projects like the Convention Centre and a ridiculously expensive central Library. In a digital era, it is perplexing that you are following a model of a large centralised library when a small network model is far more efficient and resilient.
5. Other cost cutting ideas: simplifying the governance of Council Controlled Organisations (e.g. does the Cable Car really need it's own CEO?), reducing funding to Council Controlled Organisations that provide non-essential services e.g. Wellington Zoo, and reducing non-essential WCC services, in particular reducing the number of WCC run events.
6. Redirecting saved expenditure into essential capital projects such as upgrading the dilapidated three waters network.
7. I'm under no illusions that some of the above will require some very difficult decisions to be made. My fear is that unless the WCC is prepared to make some difficult decisions in these unprecedented times, it will begin to lose the consent of the people of Wellington.
8. Pushing along with rates rises as usual when the economy has been decimated is an abdication of fiscal responsibility and a colossal failure of the imagination. Indeed, it also appears to be detached from the very purposes of Local Government as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, one of which is:

'to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.'

Now more than ever, we need WCC to be as cost-effective as possible.

## **283. Garth Baker**

Email submission

I have read WCC's draft business case for weed control and fully support it's adoption and implementation.

Over the last eight years I have worked as a volunteer planting 17,000 trees in WCC's Polhill Reserve, primarily focusing on bring back the original podocarp forest. In that time I've seen an increasing number of noxious weeds spread through the reserve, compromising the ecological work carried out there. There has been limited action by WCC to manage this, clearly limited by its designated budget.

In particular, the re-emergence of Old Man's Bear on the fringe of Polhill, and more crucially, on areas upwind from the reserve, poses a real risk of infestation. Without an adequate response by WCC, the planting of native forest across all the reserves around the Aro Valley is threatened.

I fully support all of the 'case for change' and the 'strategic alignment' outlined in the business case.

I urge the Council to adopt it in the next, and future, annual plan so it can be implemented immediately.

## 284. Andre Milkop

Email submission

My submission is:

- 1) I am not in favour of repairing the 30 year old Central Library. There are too many instances where the original cost spirals out of control when the unexpected appears once the work starts - it would be a bottomless pit for spending, just as the repairs of the Wellington Town Hall have been. Knock it down, and employ competent architects/engineers to start again. Alternatively, ...
- 2) the Wellington Convention and Exhibition centre is so 20th century. This should be redeveloped as the Central Library.
- 3) Spending \$14 million on the Island Bay cycleway is so wasteful - for one cyclist every 15 minutes.
- 4) The Council needs to avoid committing any more money to the proposed Shelly Bay development - it should be left to private enterprise.
- 5) I favour the low rates increase option of around 2%.

regards

Andre Milkop

## 285. Angus Napier

Email submission

Dear Council,

My name is Angus Napier

I reluctantly accept the proposal for a 5.1% rates increase. However, I consider the 'inter-generational equity' model is being mis-used by Council to significantly increase debt to spend far beyond our means. A sustainable 'inter-generational equity' model would see a steady state level of debt, allowing for short term peaks and troughs. I strongly disagree with 'steady state' being defined as the maximum allowed! To budget year after year for rates increases far greater than inflation requires clear explanation. Either rates have historically been far too low, or we are over-spending, or central government is imposing too many costs on local authorities. Please explain.

Council needs a central library at a sensible price. While an aesthetically pleasing building is desirable, the design brief needs to be one that is long term cost effective to build and operate and is built to last. I am strongly opposed to paying many millions more than is necessary for an architecturally unique appearance. There are inexpensive options to make the appearance unique. After the recent 'earthquake failures' of quite modern central city and port buildings, Council needs to reassure rate payers that we have learned the lessons, tell us what those lessons are, and confirm that we now have better standards and procedures, including engaging appropriately skilled architects, engineers and builders.

I strongly support the additional \$200,000 for pest plant management. For too long Council has under-invested in programmes to tackle pest plants and failed to fund its own Outer Green Belt Management Plan. Council needs to participate in helping the Wellington public to recognise the most invasive pest plants and encourage public action to eradicate them.

I strongly support a resource recovery centre.

I generally support the other aspects of the Tipu Toa project.

I believe the Home Energy Audits programme should be means tested and only be available to home owners. Property investors / landlords should be obliged to provide evidence from accredited third parties that their property meets energy performance requirements.

Yours faithfully,

Angus Napier

## **Wellington City Council Annual Plan Consultations 2020 / 2021**

### **Environment**

#### **Pest Plant Management Policy**

It was most encouraging to hear that there is the possibility of an additional \$200,000 being made available, for weed management, subject to consultation, in the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2020 /2021.

I hope that this additional expenditure is approved as currently there is lack of Council commitment to controlling existing pest plants and the spread of the same, in Council Parks and Reserves that are not included in the category of Key Native Ecosystems (KNEs).

I would like to highlight, from personal experience, several locations that demonstrate this:

##### **1. Ian Galloway Park**

A large part of the Ian Galloway Park is taken up with playing fields, the BMX track, the Skateboard rink and the fenced dog walking area.

There are two areas where native tree planting has been done with community groups in association with Arbor Day - the area between the southern- most playing field and the BMX track / dog walking area; and the road leading to the Western Suburbs Rugby Club Rooms.

Both areas have little dedicated care now from the Council, the plantings on the road to the Western Suburbs Rugby Club Rooms are overgrown with grass in many parts, and there are patches of fennel, blackberry, montbretia, gorse, convulvulus and barberry. In addition, there has been rubbish dumped there.

The native tree plantings near the dog walking area are overgrown with grass too, and have several patches, that I can see from Curtis Street, as I walk past, of fennel, and blackberry and there is paper and plastic rubbish scattered amongst the plantings.

The rationale given for not doing anything, by Council staff, is that Ian Galloway Park is not classified as a Key Native Ecosystem. I find this lack of action rather ironical to say the least given that I have participated alongside Mayor Andy Foster, when he was a Councillor, with other members of the community, in the native tree plantings in both locations.

The section of Ian Galloway Park, along Whitehead Rd and alongside Seaforth Terrace, has a number of pest plants that I have asked Council staff to control – blackberry, tradescantia, a clump of bamboo and ivy, the latter very visibly climbing and reaching the upper reaches of the giant pine tree. I was told quite firmly that there is was no interest in controlling these pest plants as they were already well established and again the lack of KNE status was given as the reason for the lack of action.

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There was, however, eventually a positive response on the removal of the large sycamore tree on the corner of Seaforth Terrace and Whitehead Rd. I had first raised this with Council staff in 2014

but was told that while it been placed on the list for removal it would be 5 years before this could be done. I checked in late 2019 and found that it had not been placed on the list.

Representations have resulted in a Council staff member's visit to the site in the first half of February 2020 and promising comments were made. Nothing further was heard until after I raised this matter in late April with Mayor Andy Foster, and the three Councillors in the Wharangi / Onslow Western Ward, Diane Calvert, Rebecca Matthews and Simon Wolf. A Council staff member has advised me that the sycamore tree removal is scheduled for October / November 2020. I would like to thank Mayor Andy Foster and the Councillors for their assistance in this matter.

The six years delay, in removing the sycamore tree, has resulted in thousands of seeds being dispersed, and the establishment of sycamore trees on the opposite side of Seaforth Terrace, the spread of sycamore trees further into Ian Galloway Park, and also along Paisley Terrace. This could have been avoided.

## **2. Corner of Old Karori Rd and Paisley Terrace**

On this corner there is a huge clump of Old Man's Beard mostly on steep terrain. It is partly on Council land, some of which has been leased for a garage, and land belonging to the owners of 1 Paisley Terrace and 67 Old Karori Road. Again, I was told, by Council staff, that as this area was not a KNE, and as Old Man's Beard was well established in Wellington, nothing was going to be done. The area occupied by the OMB continues to expand and seeds continue to be dispersed around the neighbourhood.

The GWRC Pest Plant Predator Strategy 2019 – 2039 states in clause 3.6 Road Reserves that assistance should be given in *'Any other area where it is unreasonable to expect adjoining neighbours to control pests (e.g. steep topography)*.

It should be noted that Old Man's Beard is listed in the **National Pest Plant Accord** which Wellington City Council has signed, as an unwanted organism, under the Biosecurity Act Eradication Programme.

## **3. Paisley Terrace**

I live in Paisley Terrace. A small street of 14 houses. All of the houses are on the upper side of the street. There is a fence on the lower side of the street as there is a steep bank onto Council reserve land. There are a large number of pest plants growing, on the reserve land, with little or no control from the Council. In some areas this is understandable because of the steep terrain down to Whitehead Rd and the Old Karori Road Walkway. But some of the pest plants are accessible. from the fence and could be controlled.

In the first 100 metres of the street there are several patches of cape ivy which have grown from the accessible bank on Whitehead Rd, and have colonised the fence and are now

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poking into the street. As one walks along the street there are patches of gorse, blackberry, sycamore, buddleia, great bindweed, there is a large cotoneaster shrub, and what appears to be a clump of pampas grass. At the end of the street, on Council land just over the fence, is again Old Man's Beard, great bind weed and a huge expanse of jasmine which is overwhelming a tall cabbage tree and ponga.

I have brought the large incidence of pest plants in the street to the attention of the Council. Photographs were taken by a Council staffer. Again, I was advised by telephone that nothing was going to be done as this was not a KNE area.

**Comment**

I have made the point to Council staff and to the three Councillors in my ward: Councillors Diane Calvert, Rebecca Matthews, Simon Woolf and Mayor Andy Foster, that the refusal by Council staff to do any control of pest plants outside KNE areas, was merely passing a huge problem over to future generations of ratepayers, and Council was not setting a good example to Wellingtonians by the neglect of these parks and reserves. Pest plants are spreading rapidly as my three examples have shown. We will never totally get rid of pest plants but their spread can, in many cases, be controlled.

The Wellington City Council could be the first Council in New Zealand to adopt a Pest Plant Strategy, aimed at making Wellington the pest plant free capital of New Zealand. Some possible measures the Council could consider, amongst others, are :

- establish as a trial, for a year, a free kerbside Green Waste collection service in say three suburbs, for example, Karori, Wilton and Northland
- encourage households through print material and social media to remove pest plants from their properties
- Council staff to organise with Wellington primary schools, pest plant education sessions. Perhaps this could be done in collaboration with Botany students from Victoria University or with members of the Botanical Society?
- tap into the community groups that are working successfully on predator control and encourage them to also remove pest plants.

The Wellington City Council would hopefully lead by example, in terms of controlling pest plants in parks and reserves, that are not covered by the Key Native Ecosystems policy.

I would leave Councillors to consider the following two statements:

The first is from the press release that accompanied the announcement in 2019 of the **GWRC Pest Plant Predator Strategy 2019 - 2039**

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*“If left uncontrolled pest animals and plants will cause adverse effects on the environment, economic, social and cultural values of the Wellington region. We cannot let that happen”.*

And the second, an email from **Mayor Andy Foster** on 7 May 2020 to me, Councillors and the Council staff involved.

**From:** Mayor Andy Foster <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** 07 May 2020 11:48

**Subject:** RE: Sycamore Seeds : City End of Karori Pest Plant Problems

*Thank you all*

*We have included additional financial resource in our Annual Plan – subject to consultation – for weed management. I am also following up on another resourcing opportunity.*

*The best solution for weeds is to nail them early on to prevent spreading and continual re-infestations. A strategic targeted approach will be necessary to deliver optimal outcomes.*

*Warmest regards*

*Andy Foster*

*Mayor of Wellington | Wellington City Council*

A Council staff member is to meet me on site to look at the pest plant infestations mentioned above and discuss what can and cannot be done. I look forward to that meeting.

I strongly support the proposed allocation of an additional \$200,000 in the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2020 /2021 for weed / pest plant management. If approved this needs to be used in non KNE areas.

I know the work at Ian Galloway Park would need to be spaced over several years, but it could be done. I look forward to the day when Ian Galloway Park is free of pest plants such as sycamore trees, blackberry, tradescantia, montbretia, fennel, convolvulus, gorse, ivy and the bamboo patch; the native tree plantings in the park are pest plant free, the grass is cut back and the rubbish cleared away.

Ian Stockwell

Karori, Wellington

8 June, 2020

## 287. A Bramley

Email submission

### Wellington City Council

#### Submission on the 2020/2021 Annual Plan

#### Rates Change should be (-5%) to 0%

The proposed rates increases whether for this year or by deferral into future years are unacceptably high and the council needs to prioritise basic services and a repurposed way of working. The Council needs a screen to remove the spending which is now not valuable to keep rates at 0% or below.

#### Governance Costs – Work Policy

Local government as a whole could lobby central government to temporarily defer the delivery time frames of required consultation. The opportunity to consult widely has been lost so compromising the deadlines. Longer term look to see if some policy refreshes can be placed on a longer cycle.

#### Capex & Opex – Convention Centre

#### Convention centre – Single biggest saving opportunity - Cease and dispose of building plans

This is single biggest line item of future and current Capex and Opex that has not yet been progressed to any significant degree. This project can be stopped as any immediate need for it no longer exists. It is highly doubtful that any reasonable business case has ever existed for this. If private enterprise has not found it worthwhile to repair, rebuild or maintain comparable facilities then there can be no ratepayer benefit in it. Not letting the contracts will ease pressure in the construction sector that is being targeted for heavy central government investment.

Maintain a small amount to arrange a “marketing package” that uses existing venues and facilities – plus some quirky & creative add ons? Council could then investigate and consult on:

- repurposing the project for any council use that replaces or substitutes for any other existing council costs.
- private sector takeover of the project but not the underlying land -unlikely to be forthcoming?

#### Capex & Opex Other - remove

- Tourist related upgrades beyond necessary R & M and health & safety. *Zealandia*
- Waterfront – halt any expenditure not related to essential repairs & maintenance or safety.
- Marina – both usage charges and capex relating to berthed vessels. The main group benefiting from moorings are those who own expensive boats (a numerically limited group of upper income males?). These items should all be on full cost recovery. Remove any projects that will be inundated by rising sea levels
- Review all other projects according to predetermined screening criteria (see below) and ensure they meet a cut off point to prevent certain groups or locations being subsidised when they have the ability to pay or are gaining excessive benefits compared to other community members.

The plan does not give details of any formal screening processes currently used by the council. In particular we do not know who benefits by location, by usage numbers, by age group or income group.

**Wages & Salaries - \$92 million. overall 20 % reduction on \$100,000 + salaries**

Reduce salaries by 20% in total for over \$100K staff with the highest salaries taking a greater than 20 % cut and lower salaries a 3-4% reduction.

The top 6% of staff take home 16% of the salary bill. The top 20% take home 40% of the salary bill. Ratepayers cannot afford to keep paying salaries at the level expected by high end employees. An ongoing formula to limit the % of the salary bill for top end employees as a group and related to the minimum wage would retain sufficient flexibility to pay for scarce talent at the going rate. Prioritise avoiding job losses by way of redundancy or sinking lid policies. The council should investigate all other alternatives first, in particular by using voluntary retirements or pro rata hour reductions in existing jobs.

### **Wellington Airport**

The Wellington Airport company want to increase profitability by car parking charges and fees for individual transport. The ratepayers don't want to pay for grand schemes to fund the roading required for that individual transport. As a shareholder we should run city buses closer to the airport and insist of small shuttles easy to access shuttles to various down town locations at the peak traffic flow times.

### **Population Projections**

The projected increase here is substantial. In this case why are we funding any of the various ob,international relations and economic initiatives. If this is coming then they must be anticipating investment to bring these people here.

### **LGWM \$14.6 million**

The projected costs for access to regional facilities (port airport) by regional players are excessive. Wellington city is paying twice the amount of the regional council and a third of the amount of the NZLTA. The formula needs to be revamped to reflect a a fairer cost distribution. Lastly could all council staff please think of what is really important . The reports and annual plans have many nice little speeches and sidebars but do we really want to fund this?

A Bramley

P O Box 2904

Wellington

## 288. Miria Hudson

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that this pragmatic approach will serve Wellingtonians well.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Support

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I agree that this year's rates rise needs to balance the current and future needs of the city. I also support investment in the Tipu Toa: Build Back Better package, and the evidence on climate change indicates that Te Atakura: First to Zero programme is essential for the health of our ecosystems, and the mental health of Wellington residents.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Oppose

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I do not support the 2.3% rates rise - Wellington's efforts towards sustainability need to ensure the city is financially sustainable, and enable work on supporting our diverse communities as a coherent whole society.

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

I have always enjoyed making small choices to improve my individual impact on the environment, but my attempts to push wheelchairs around Wellington's suburban streets have been disheartening, to say the least. I strongly support improvements to footpaths and roads that empower people with disabilities, families, and young people to be active in their communities.

I strongly support an increase in funding to Home Energy audits, for the wellbeing of people and the planet.

Wellington's waste is an ongoing problem - improved resource recovery needs to be a high priority as part of the solution to this.

I support community-building in all its forms, including increased investment in the arts, and I agree that environmental restoration is imperative.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Neutral
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Agree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

Not answered

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social Media

Email

## 289. Caz Sheldon

Email submission

These are some of the thoughts I have had, considering what is happening in Wellington now

What can Wellington do to investigate running a Doughnut Economics model (as Amsterdam is doing)?

Waste: suggest public information campaign on how to minimise waste and methane emissions - education to wash and compress waste so it just takes up less room. People throw away whole packs, leave tops on plastic bottles, this all takes extra space.

Support local composting stations or collection of kerbside food waste.

Investigate ways methane from Southern Landfill is used for pro-social uses : to power schools, hospital, etc.

Clean up source of stink at Houghton Bay.

Prioritise low fuel alternatives to private cars, initiate a 'car free days' program, reduce speed limit, stop expanding roads.

Ban diesel fuelled vehicles from running engines when parked for more than 1 or 2 minutes.( at least by contractors, eg Fulton Hogan)

Explore ways to make parts of Wellington car-free - or fueled-car free.

Note: Everyone I know loved the quiet of no cars at the beginning of lockdown, and how the native birds spread out though the city..

Put big expense projects, such as Convention Centre, on hold.

Look at reopening public library with "User beware" notices rather than waiting for expensive strengthening. If top floors are empty then numbers limit would be less and danger reduced.

Investigate newbuild housing thoroughly for ecological cost - destruction of trees, water needs, etc. Encourage ecological housing in new builds with incentives.

Continue work to make Council Rents fairer. Support development of clean and peaceful hostel housing for single people. Investigate options for Wet House for chronic homeless.

Investigate new industrial/permaculture models, eg using flax as a material, organic growing in town.

Continue to support community developments, and increase the fund for community projects that run on a shoestring and deliver way above their income (CABs, Community Centres, Timebank, Repair Cafes, Arts workshops, etc) - ensure ongoing stability of funding with long contracts.

Continue to support the creative potential of Wellington with funding for Festivals, etc

Another thought I've is for Council to apply progressive rate charges on empty properties, with an increasing level every year left empty (starting at normal level for 1st year).

A small cost way to increase walking in Wellington is to increase laneways for walkers by approaching houses that abut passageways, and printing maps of these.

## 290. Murray Kennedy

Hard copy form

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Disagree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

The Annual Plan acknowledges the dire financial situation that NZ is in as a result of the Covid 19 virus but the Plan fails to respond accordingly. In some households at least one income earner has or will loose their job. In many other households there will be reduced income yet the Council is proposing a rate increase.

Wellington residential and commercial property owners have also been hard hit by increased insurance costs over the last few years related to seismic events.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Disagree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Some of these activities are more appropriate to central government funding, such as energy audits.

Other items are new or increased expenditure, these should be deleted. May be nice to have but not in the current economic circumstances.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

<b>I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21</b>	Agree
<b>I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives</b>	Agree

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

While I do not expect the Council to put off staff it should certainly look at wage reductions on a top down graduated basis.

The proposed temporary cycleways are a waste of money given that it is likely NZ will be at Alert Level 1 within a couple of weeks.

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

Social Media

Email

## 291. Peter Miskimmin and Colin Stone, Sport New Zealand

Email submission



07 May 2020

Tēnā koe

As a key stakeholder of ours, I wanted to update you on the impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector, and to seek your ongoing support as we collectively focus on the significant task ahead – that of the social and economic recovery of our country.

### **The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector**

It is clear that the economic impacts of COVID-19 will be severe. We know that traditional income sources for many individuals and organisations, will be under unprecedented pressure for some time.

For sport and recreation organisations, one of the biggest impacts has been the significant disruption to income from Class 4 gaming. Community sport and recreation benefits from about 50% of the approximate \$300 million annual funding from this source. Disruption to Class 4 funding has had an immediate and significant impact.

If these organisations have no option but to succumb to COVID-19, the impact on the sector and on physical activity levels in our communities will be catastrophic. As we know, deprived communities are often the most fragile and hard hit by such events, and they are the ones that can least afford to lose access to play, active recreation and sport.

With this in mind, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the immediate steps your organisation has taken, to support the play, active recreation and sport sector in your community, who are heavily affected by COVID-19.

### **Sport New Zealand's response to the crisis**

Sport NZ has implemented urgent measures in response to COVID-19 to give immediate relief to a sector in crisis:

- An initial financial commitment of over \$70m was committed until 30 June 2021, with the investment intended to help sustain organisations and their networks;
- A second tranche of financial support to the value of \$25m has also been announced this week into four funds, the largest of which (\$15m), is the Community Resilience Fund to support local and regional organisations in dire need;
- A significant number of value in kind measures - capability support, technical advice and free business management services - have been offered to the entire system.

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In addition to immediate support, Sport NZ has been asked to help define a Recovery Package for the Minister of Sport and Recreation, for the play, active recreation and sport sector, as part of Budget 2020. We completed this process last week and are now awaiting the result.

### **The importance of rebuilding a sustainable sector**

More so than ever we share a common and passionate interest, to ensure the wellbeing of all New Zealanders and using physical activity as a core building block of a healthy society, is sustained into the future.

The benefits of play, active recreation and sport on wellbeing domains, is well known and proven. Being physically active improves mental and physical health, quality of life and individual wellbeing. In contrast, disengagement and physical inactivity is associated with poor health, a rise in health costs, loss of productivity and associated costs, such as pain and unhappiness to individuals and families.

Play, active recreation and sport supports the social integration of whānau, friendship networks and communities. Whānau relationships and spiritual connections through whakapapa and tangata-whenua are particularly important for Māori and Pasifika. We know that healthier, happier individuals are more likely to do well in other areas of their lives, such as in social and professional situations. These social factors lead to robust community cohesion and resilience and contribute to social, cultural and economic development (WHO 2018).

### **Your critical role in the sustainability of a vibrant sector**

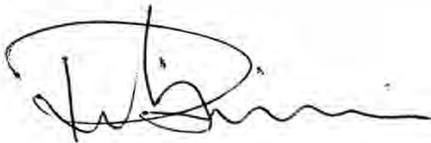
Sport and recreation contributes \$4.9 billion or 2.3% to our annual GDP, with the sector employing more than 53,000 New Zealanders. However, the downstream benefits of sport and recreation on our society extend beyond the numbers, to explain who we are as a nation, our tenacity, our spirit and at times like this, our courage.

Like all local and central Government organisations, you will be redefining strategy, re-evaluating priorities and grappling with funding pressures. Given this is a crucial time when many impactful decisions will be made, I wanted to make sure you are aware of how critical you are, as a territorial authority, to the play, active recreation and sport system.

Without sustained or increased investment, our sector and communities will suffer, and that will create significant consequences for New Zealanders into the future, resulting in much wider issues for us all to manage.

We sincerely look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership, to ensure access to play, recreation and sport remains within the reach of all communities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ngā mihi nui



**Peter Miskimmin**  
Chief Executive



3 June 2020

**Submission to the draft Annual Plan of Wellington City Council by Sport New Zealand**

Sport New Zealand and Local Government share a common interest to ensure the wellbeing of all New Zealanders using physical activity as a core building block. Together we need to collectively focus on the significant task ahead – that of the social and economic recovery of our country as a result of COVID-19.

**The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector**

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the sport sector hard, with fears that COVID-19 could force numerous sport and active recreation organisations to collapse. Sport and active recreation rely on a fabric of clubs and associations, which play a key role in allowing so many New Zealanders to take part in and enjoy sport and active recreation. These organisations are the lifeblood for many communities.

By nature, and without much in reserves, the COVID-19 crisis will undoubtedly result in sports organisations facing financial black holes they may not be able to navigate their way out of. Consequently, many governing bodies and associations have had to stand down their grassroots-focused workforces, and some are facing further cost-cutting measures.

While social restrictions continue to ease, and play can now resume in many forms, organisations are likely to face ongoing issues reopening their doors and getting members back. For example, new hygiene and sanitation requirements add to the cost burden, while the capacity of individuals and families to cover registration fees may be reduced. There are issues ahead that haven't been addressed yet, which could have a number of long-lasting impacts on participation levels, the economy and society.

These are the main issues for the sport sector currently observed:

- **Lost revenue:** Inability to provide their services to their membership, especially at the time of year which marks the beginning of the season for winter codes and typically at a time when they organise tournaments, events and training. They have also lost a significant part of the income that comes from other sources i.e. Class 4 Gaming, social events, food and bar sales and different types of fees, e.g. membership, participation or

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- **Cash flow difficulties:** organisations have fixed costs that they have to pay regardless of the loss of revenues.
- **Reduced capacity:** Sports organisations have lost a significant part of their workforce, i.e. layoffs of employees or volunteers who are restricted to their homes during the lockdown.
- **Membership:** Even when restrictions are relaxed, there is the possibility that people are gradually becoming comfortable in their COVID-19 adjusted leisure patterns and that they will not want to re-commit to club-based sport participation. Further, with the rise in unemployment caused by the pandemic, many individuals and families will not have the disposable income available to pay membership fees and other associated costs with sport participation. As we know, deprived communities are often the most fragile and hard hit by such events, and they are the ones that can least afford to lose access to play, active recreation and sport.

If sport and recreation organisations have no option but to succumb to COVID-19, the impact on the sector and on physical activity levels in our communities will be catastrophic

With this in mind, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the immediate steps your Council has taken, to support the play, active recreation and sport sector in your community including:

- Council's provision of rent relief for 3 months to recreation and sports clubs who have facilities on council land
- Council's modified criteria for the Social and Recreation Fund to enable clubs to provide affordable and accessible opportunities for participation in play, active recreation, and sport following a period of lock-down from COVID-19.
- A no-charge use of sports fields, swim lanes and court space for sport and active recreation clubs up to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We also appreciate that the Annual Plan recommends no increased charges for sports field and facilities hire in 2020/21 and that council is considering financial hardship situations of play, active recreation and sport organisations of an individual, case by case basis and thank you for your flexibility here.

Local Government is one of our most critical stakeholders and the major provider of facilities for the play, sport and recreation sector. Maintaining your investment is vital.

### **The importance of rebuilding a sustainable sector**

The benefits of play, active recreation and sport on wellbeing are well known and proven. Being physically active improves mental and physical health, quality

of life and individual wellbeing. In contrast, disengagement and physical inactivity is associated with poor health, a rise in health costs, loss of productivity and associated costs, such as pain and unhappiness to individuals and families.

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### **Sport New Zealand's response to the crisis**

Sport NZ is implementing a number of measures in response to COVID-19 including:

- An initial \$70m commitment was announced in April to help sustain our partner organisations, including RSTs, with baseline funding through until 30 June 2021;
- A \$15m **Community Resilience Fund** was made available in early May (from re-prioritisation of Sport NZ programmes and reserves) which is now delivering money to help regional and local organisations remain financially viable through the immediate period of disruption created by COVID-19. Clubs can apply for up to \$1000 in support. Regional recreation and sports organisations can apply for up to \$40,000. Our regional partner, Sport Wellington and the other RSTs are administering the fund on behalf of Sport NZ utilising their local sector knowledge and connections. To date \$491,166 has been paid out in the greater Wellington region with \$433,930 going to regional recreation and sport organisations and \$57,236 to clubs.
- A \$265m Recovery Package was announced as part of Budget 2020. This is the largest ever investment by Government into the Play, Active Recreation and Sport sector and it reflects the significant impact of COVID-19. The funding will be spread over four years and seek to achieve three outcomes:
  1. Reset and Rebuild (30%)

This new funding will provide further support and relief to ensure organisations at all levels, local, regional and national, remain viable for their communities. It will help these bodies to make the changes required to operate successfully and thrive in a post COVID-19 environment. It will also seek to address current imbalances in the sector, including the underrepresentation of women and girls, Māori, people with disabilities and low socio-economic groups.
  2. Strengthen and Adapt (40%)

COVID-19 has highlighted many areas in which sport and recreation organisations are vulnerable and ways to make them stronger. Opportunities

might include mergers and/or shared services models. How and where this future-focused funding is targeted is something Sport NZ will work through in collaboration with our partners and wider stakeholders.

### 3. Different and Better (30%)

Because this is a once in 50-years opportunity, we have to make the most of this chance to reimagine how the sector might look in the future and what will best enable it to meet the needs of all New Zealanders, including those who are currently underrepresented. Our sector won't maximise our future potential if we simply replay our current approach.

### **Your critical role in the sustainability of a vibrant sector**

Sport and recreation contribute \$4.9 billion or 2.3% to our annual GDP, with the sector employing more than 53,000 New Zealanders. However, the downstream benefits of sport and recreation on our society extend beyond the numbers, to explain who we are as a nation, our tenacity, our spirit and at times like this, our courage.

Like all local and central Government organisations, we understand you will be redefining strategy, re-evaluating priorities and grappling with funding pressures. Given this is a crucial time when many impactful decisions will be made, you need to be aware of how critical territorial authorities are to the play, active recreation and sport system. Local Government is the major provider of facilities for the sector. Without these the sport and recreation organisations that Sport NZ funds would not be able to provide the participation opportunities that they do.

Without sustained investment from local government, our sector and communities will suffer, and that will create significant consequences for New Zealanders into the future, resulting in much wider issues for us all to manage.

We sincerely look forward to continuing to work with you in partnership, to ensure access to play, recreation and sport remains within the reach of all communities, across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ngā mihi nui

Colin Stone  
Regional Partnership Manager-Central  
Sport New Zealand

## 292. Jo Coughlan, New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust

Email submission



### Annual Plan Submission 2020/21

I am writing regarding an annual plan submission and budget bid for \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 20-26<sup>th</sup> September 2020. We acknowledge this may be a late submission and appreciate your consideration of our request.

#### Background

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders' understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment. As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China. Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

#### NZCLW 2020

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting the delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China
- Publishing a trilingual children's book for distribution to schools and libraries across NZ
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders
- Media promotion
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media

In terms of council involvement, previously many Mayors have taken up the #5Days 5 Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand's future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19 having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don't hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: [www.nzclw.com](http://www.nzclw.com)

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2020/21 late submission. If you have any further queries or information please do not hesitate to contact Jane Budge, NZCLW Project Manager, on email [jane@silvereve.co.nz](mailto:jane@silvereve.co.nz) or phone (021) 393-112.

Warmest regards,

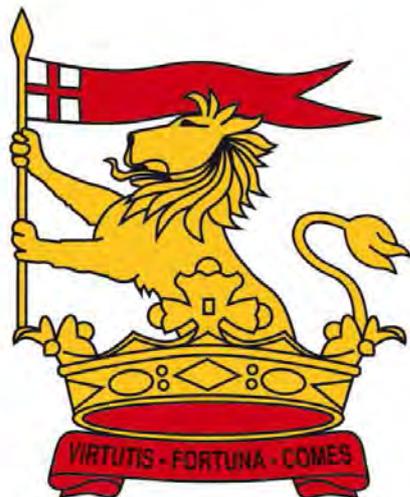


Jo Coughlan  
Chair  
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust



**293. Nick Hogan, Cricket Wellington**

Email submission



**WELLINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL**  
LONG TERM PLAN

**Cricket Wellington Submission**  
MAY 2020

## **CRICKET WELLINGTON SUBMISSION:**

### **Introduction**

Cricket Wellington is the regional sports organisation (RSO) for cricket in the greater Wellington region. We create outstanding cricket experiences! Chaired by experienced sports administrator David Howman and lead by CEO, Cam Mitchell and General Manager, Liz Green, Cricket Wellington was the first RSO in Aotearoa to achieve the Sport New Zealand Governance Mark (the gold standard for governance in sport).

Cricket is New Zealand's summer game. From the beach to the backyard to the Basin and due to the success and profile of the Blackcaps and White Ferns, cricket continues to grow in popularity. It's been a golden period for Cricket Wellington; the Wellington Blaze went undefeated in the women's Super-Smash, winning the competition for the third year in a row. The Wellington Firebirds lifted the two most sought-after domestic trophies, the prestigious Plunkett Shield and the Super Smash.

In February 2021, New Zealand hosts the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup. This is a global event with an audience reach of over 100 million. Wellington will host six games from 13 February 2021 to 27 February 2021, including the game of the tournament, the White Ferns vs Australia on Saturday 13 February. Wellington is the only region that will host two White Ferns pool games. What an opportunity to create a legacy for women's sport, for participants and for fans.

To maximise the opportunities created from international and domestic success, Cricket Wellington and our member clubs are focussed on community cricket. We are driven to create a vibrant, integrated and participant focussed environment that inspires. During the 2019-20 season, we;

- delivered our school awareness, Yeah! Girls and School Yard Smash programmes to 19,673 Tamariki and Rangatahi across 128 schools.
- developed and supported 95% of junior and youth team coaches through our coach education programme
- increased the number of games covered by umpires by 10%
- grew male and female participation with the highlight statistic, an 11% growth in college cricket teams

As measured by our voice of participant survey (which we conduct annually at the end of each season), overall member satisfaction is improving. What was identified from the feedback, is that to enhance satisfaction our participants would like to see the quality of facilities that they play on improved.

Therefore, in our submission we seek continued support from Wellington City Council with investment into ensuring the recommendations from our facilities strategy are achieved. In this submission we also seek Wellington City Council's support to ensure that community cricket is not adversely affected by COVID-19.

### **Cricket Wellington Facilities Strategy**

Cricket Wellington developed a Facilities Strategy in 2018 to identify our sports facility requirements now and into the future. The strategy that was developed in partnership with Visitor Solutions and set out a series of recommendations that would help support our desire to grow the game and create outstanding cricket experiences.

We thank the Wellington City Council for your support in mobilising Cricket Wellington's Facilities Strategy and we ask that there is continued investment and collaboration in improving these community assets as great things have been achieved to date such as extending of the artificial wicket

at Kilbirnie Park to full length, the relaying of the worn carpets at Ian Galloway Park and the start of a new clubroom facility at Alex Moore Park. However, the impact of Covid-19 will be felt for many months ahead, so we strongly urge the council to consider the following in their long-term planning process.

**COVID-19 OPPORTUNITY:**

Our communities, and sport, are facing uncertain times due to the fragile situation and effects of COVID-19 and we have an opportunity to partner together to encourage individuals back into sport; we have a significant role to play. The impact is going to be felt for some time and sport is going to play an integral part in helping individuals, families and communities re-establish some normality in the future. Therefore, for sport to be able to play its role in this rebuild, it needs to be accessible and affordable.

We cannot ignore the financial implications of COVID-19 and this will be felt severely by sport through the expected reduction of class 4 grant funding. It is highly likely that our cricket clubs will have limited access to class four grant funding for 2020-21 and therefore we need to collaborate to find solutions to reduce costs. Cricket Wellington wants to proactively find ways to subsidise costs related to participating in our game over the next 12 months and as we spend \$142,500 on ground fees in our region, of which \$64,500 is paid to Wellington City Council. Cricket Wellington acknowledges and thanks Wellington City Council for proposing no increases to fees for the 2020-2121 season and providing a 3-month rent holiday for clubs who have leases on Wellington City Council land.

The Wellington Regional Sport and Active Recreation Strategy highlights how important regular participation in sport and recreation is for the physical, mental and social wellbeing in the community. This is more critical than ever as the financial impact of COVID-19 will have varying effects on our communities and will see the accessibility of sport become increasingly more difficult. This highlights the need for spaces and places to play a critical role in the success of sustaining a community sport system which enables more people to participate in sport generally. Fundamentally, keeping costs to a minimum will allow sport to be accessible for all who have been impacted economically and socially in this unprecedented time.

**SUMMARY:**

We would like to sincerely thank the Council for all the improvements that have been made to Wellington city grounds over the past 12 months and getting the Alex Moore Sports hub project off the ground and into action.

We look forward to discussing this further and understanding the Wellington City Council's approach in safeguarding our communities and working together to protect the responsibility that sport will play in bringing people back together.

Sincerely,

*Liz Green*

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## 294. Sarah Meikle, Wellington Culinary Events Trust

Email submission



Amy Jackman  
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### Annual Plan Submission 2020/2021

Dear Amy,

My name is Sarah Meikle and I am submitting to the Annual Plan in my capacity as Chief Executive of the Wellington Culinary Events Trust (WCET), the not for profit organisation that owns and manages Visa Wellington On a Plate, Beervana and a number of other food and beverage events in Wellington. We work to support and promote the Wellington hospitality and restaurant sector in Wellington and New Zealand through creating world class destination events celebrating local provenance and our food culture. We are the only city that has an organisation like it in New Zealand; an enviable position. Hospitality is a core to Wellington's creative and cultural heart.

#### Supporting hospitality and restaurants beyond COVID-19

There is no question that the last few months have been devastatingly hard on the restaurant and hospitality sector right across New Zealand and it is no different here in Wellington. We, the WCET, have been working hard throughout the lockdown period to help the sector come out strong and feeling supported. We know that the recovery of the restaurant and hospitality sector is vital to maintaining Wellington's vibrancy and to ensure that it remains a great place to live, work and visit.

Hospitality, restaurants and food production are all significant economic contributors to the Wellington region employing over 20,000 people. Ensuring the resilience of this sector is critical; it will be a real pain point for the city with high rates of unemployment, particularly for Wellington as a student-focused employment market in and around the hospitality and restaurant sector, if the sector does not continue to thrive.

The Wellington City Council is to be acknowledged for the immediate support that they offered to the hospitality and restaurant sector during the COVID-19 crisis including such things as license rebates. This was a great help. But there is much more help needed now that we are in the post-COVID recovery phase. ***Urgent assistance is needed to encourage government departments and large corporates based in Wellington to return to their offices.*** The persistence of these organisations to continue to work from home is having a direct and significant impact on the hospitality and restaurant sector. Reduced foot traffic in the city is resulting in the further reduction in hospitality and restaurant spend when these businesses need it most.

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### **The WCET COVID-19 Response**

Our response has been multi-faceted. We needed to activate straight away to drive that foot traffic back into restaurants, cafes and bars and then to give consumers confidence to go out again. Working hand in hand, giving restaurants and bars the ability to build patronage, cash flow and their staff base again.

As New Zealand entered Alert Level 3, we created At Yours with Visa Wellington On a Plate in collaboration with WellingtonNZ, an online directory of food and beverage services offering contactless delivery, click and collect, and/or takeaway during Alert Level 3 and 2 of the Covid-19 lockdown. And now, as we transition to Level 2, we are continuing to partner with WellingtonNZ. We want to connect Wellingtonians back in with the hospo people and places they love and have missed as well as connect hospitality back in with the dining community, to help build consumer confidence and drive visitation into Wellington cafes, bars and restaurants during Level 2. We are doing this via a *Wellington's Greatest Hits* promotion - hospitality businesses across Wellington will promote their most loved menu hits from recent years (consumer favourites, top sellers) throughout Level 2 via a one-stop-shop digital platform (a version of At Yours).

As we now look forward to the remainder of 2020, the Trust was delighted, last week, to announce its intention to deliver both Visa Wellington On a Plate (October 2020) and Beervana (20/21 November 2020) before the end of the year. Albeit slightly later than planned, both these activities are crucial markers in both our social and sector recovery.

### **Backing Wellington's longstanding events on which the city has built its reputation**

I'd like to thank and acknowledge the Wellington City Council for their support of the work the WCET have done to date. You have backed the WCET right from the start. We are extremely grateful for the contribution that the city makes to our events and activities enabling us to deliver outcomes for the whole hospitality and restaurant sector. Furthermore, your support of the Trust, enables us to leverage significant commercial partnerships, like Visa, who as a result of your contribution invest considerably in Wellington and the Wellington hospitality sector through their support of Visa Wellington On a Plate. In fact, the return on investment in 2019 was four to one.

We established the festival to help our restaurant and hospitality sector to prosper out of hardship. The sector is made up of many, many small businesses who alone struggle to get cut through. But as a group, they are a strong force and the work the Trust does to support them to showcase the region's food and beverage sector and to communicate the vibrancy and vitality of our hospitality sector to Wellingtonians and New Zealanders.

We set some very clear objectives to help us measure the festivals success right at the start. Visa Wellington On a Plate:

- Supports Wellington's hospitality and culinary sector by getting Wellingtonians into restaurants, bars and cafes
- Supports Wellington in becoming a great food city and region
- Drives economic growth for the Wellington region's food producers and suppliers

Now, 12 years later, the festival is significant, but still operates in a very decentralised way. In 2019, 310 restaurants, bars and cafes across Wellington took part in the festival - they did this by creating burgers, dine dishes, and/or cocktails. Some ran small events. We also connect and work with the substantial regional food production value chain. Over 90 local food producers and suppliers were directly involved in the festival last year with their products



on menus, new product development opportunities created and building lasting relationships with chefs and restaurants to support local provenance.

Our audience is predominantly local Wellingtonians. In fact, 75% of the over 300,000 culinary experiences had during the month-long festival of 2019 were from Wellington. We appeal to all ages, but the majority of our audience, 64%, are aged from 25-54.

### **Our role in Wellington's Event Economy**

Cities are essential ecosystems. It's the unique combination of business, amenities, arts and culture experiences, retail and hospitality and restaurant experiences that are core to Wellington's own ecosystem and key to this balance, is the role of events in telling Wellington's story to its citizens and visitors. Events are critical to making Wellington an attractive place to live and do business.

Events come in all shapes and sizes. Events don't have to mean 1000's of people at a concert or indoor venue. Events like Visa Wellington On a Plate, operates in a decentralised way with many, many activities happening across 100s of small venues (notably the city's restaurants and bars) and we have the ability to create demand quickly. This will be essential to the hospitality and restaurant sector as we come out of this current crisis.

Not all events target international visitors. Visa Wellington On a Plate was initially developed in 2009 off the back of the GFC to solve some very real issues in Wellington - Wellington was dragging it's heels through the end of the recession and the winter months were positively dire - restaurants, bars and cafes were struggling. Not only that, there were so few opportunities for the wider Wellington food and beverage-producing industry to connect with one another. This is starting to feel strangely familiar as we find ourselves in a very similar situation now.

At the other end of the spectrum, we are also building our response to Beervana. This is a big event and we may be challenged this year to hold this in its traditional format, so we are thinking outside the square - how do we ensure that we can still deliver its benefits to our 30 local craft breweries and numerous craft beer bars? Again, we also have a significant local audience for this event - 50%. There's a big audience of people here in Wellington who still want to engage in some way and we want to be able to support them so that when we are able to deliver Beervana again, it will be as strong as ever.

### **Annual Plan Highlights**

With reference to the Specifically, the WCET supports:

- Growing and developing Matariki
- the continued work of WellingtonNZ
- the continued development of the Convention & Exhibition centre and the upgrading of the St James Theatre;
- the sustainable food initiatives; and
- the continued funding of our activities, Visa Wellington On a Plate and Beervana.

We need our hospitality and restaurant businesses to be well supported as a group so that they can build up their businesses to be strong again. The work we do at the WCET is going to be a crucial part of this recovery programme. We have the infrastructure, the relationships and the knowledge to be able to adapt really quickly and economically to help the Wellington City Council support our restaurant and hospitality industry to thrive once more. Your



continued support of events such as Visa Wellington On a Plate and Beervana will ensure a successful and prosperous hospitality and restaurant sector in Wellington. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Meikle", written in a fluid, cursive style.

Sarah Meikle  
Chief Executive  
Wellington Culinary Events Trust

## 295. Lynne White, Upstream – Friends of Central Park

Email submission

Kia Ora

This submission is on behalf of Upstream – Friends of Central Park (Upstream). We wish to support the proposal by Councillor Teri O’Neill for an increase of \$200,000 for Biodiversity.

Our stance is that pest weeds deserve equal attention to pest animals in order for our natural environment to thrive. At present there is a strong emphasis on pest animals which we applaud but our birds and other native fauna need a healthy and diverse forest and bush in order to flourish.

Wellington’s parks and open spaces provide local communities with access to the natural environment for both exercise and stress relief, highlighted by the recent emphasis on mental health – but people want to see the native bush flourishing, not dying under a canopy of invasive weeds (photo attached).

Hundreds of volunteers across Wellington spend time pulling up, cutting down and removing invasive weeds such as tradescantia, old man’s beard, banana passionfruit vine and climbing asparagus which are spreading across the city. However, Wellington City Council (the Council) has no cohesive plan to support the work we do . An increased budget for Biodiversity could enable better strategic planning and demonstrate responsible guardianship of Wellington’s Green Belt.

At one time the Council collected the weeds amassed by volunteers but no longer do so. Consequently, volunteer groups now have to fund the management of weed control and disposal themselves. Volunteer and financial resources are being used to control invasive weeds in the Green Belt. Upstream has used money received as grants to build compost bins to contain tradescantia and to fund weed control by Kaitiaki o Ngahere, a company that specialises in providing innovative specialist consulting and operational services for ecological restoration.

The Council’s own Draft Weed Control Business Case 2020 02 28 (attached) states that an increased budget for weed control would promote:

“Supporting community groups undertaking weed control, puts people at the core of Wellington’s biodiversity, *building healthy ecosystems and strong communities*. Currently only 11% of voluntary groups are supported with contractor weed control. Due to the training requirements of using agrichemicals, some weed control activities can only be done by trained contractors.”

For the benefit of our natural environment and local communities, I call on the Council to approve the proposed increase of \$200,000 for the Biodiversity budget.

Yours sincerely

Lynne White

Upstream – Friends of Central Park

Highbury Rd, east side, viewed from near 26



## 296. Oriental Bay Residents Association

Email submission

The Oriental Bay Residents Association is concerned at the thought of higher rates for Wellington when businesses are struggling, many people have received salary cuts, and there is so much unemployment. While it is probable that the majority of Oriental Bay residents could afford a small increase in rates, there are many Wellingtonians who could not.

We believe that this is a huge moment in Wellington's history, which offers a chance to have a fresh look at our priorities. With this in mind, the Council should go back to the drawing board and go through the Budget with a fine toothcomb. We believe that there are many "nice to have" items in it that should be delayed for the time being.

We consider that the heart of the city, the Civic Square/Civic Centre, is largely dysfunctional, with only two of the buildings, the Michael Fowler Centre and the City Art Gallery, fully operational. The Library needs urgent attention, as do the Council offices.

We are pleased to see that the Council is expediting decision-making on the Central Library. We consider it should be a priority to put the existing Library right.

The Civic Square will not be complete until the work on the Town Hall has been finished. This is obviously slowly moving forward.

We believe that the Convention Centre needs a strategic review to see if the development should be repurposed. We find it hard to believe that there are going to be a large number of conventions in a world that is now using Zoom and other means of communication on a regular basis. \$47m is a large sum of money for an item that may never live up to its original promise. The whole project should be put on hold until the review has taken place, and the \$47m diverted to fix the Library and Council Offices.

We believe that investment in traffic, footpaths, roads etc. should be carefully examined and should proceed only on the basis of detailed cost/benefit analysis and the establishment of relevant priorities for high quality expenditure.

We are of course in favour of work on Wellington water, and are concerned that investment in basic requirements has been delayed for so long.

We would like to thank the Council for giving us this opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan. We hope that these comments are helpful.

Oriental Bay Residents Association  
3 June 2020

## 297. Simon O'Brien, Makara Peak Mountain Bike Supporters Inc

Email submission

Hi,

I am writing this submission to the 2020-21 WCC Annual Plan consultation, on behalf of Makara Peak Mountain Bike Supporters Inc.

The Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters (MPS) have worked in partnership with Wellington City Council for over 20 years with the shared vision of creating a world class mountain bike park on Makara Peak in Karori.

Volunteers, lead by the Supporters, do thousands of hours of work in the park every year, building new trails, maintaining the existing trail network, planting trees, trapping pests and removing pest species.

More recently, WCC and MPS have been in the process of implementing the Park's master plan which has included adding to the 45+km of trails, building a new skills park and completing redesigning and rebuilding the main entrance and carpark on South Karori Road. This investment by WCC is welcomed by the Supporters and wider mountain biking community, and is helping us make great strides towards a world class mountain bike park, just a short drive (or ride) from the CBD.

This investment is now paying dividends, with Makara Peak boasting a network of trails that offers something suitable for riders of all abilities and fitness levels. On any given weekend you will find the park full of riders choosing mountain biking as their preferred form of exercise and recreation, from young children and their families, to groups of teenagers and more seasoned riders.

However the increasing popularity of mountain biking, and the resulting increased usage of Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park is not without its challenges.

There is a need to continue to invest in the completion of Makara Peak's master plan to realise the full potential of the park, and to cater for the ever increasing number of people in the park at one time. Once fully implemented, the master plan will enable the park to meet the growing demand from the community.

Makara Peak has an enviable reputation in the mountain biking community as one of the best places to ride after rain, and during the winter months. This is due to the highly skilled trail builders and an on-going commitment to maintaining the network to a high level.

However as the trail network expands, usage increases, and it becomes increasingly challenging to attract people to volunteering, it is becoming difficult to ensure wear and tear is kept in check, and the tracks are maintained to the consistently high standard the community has come to expect.

To this end, we are requesting additional help and investment by WCC, specifically:

1. That the full-time Park Ranger position for Makara Peak be implemented. This has been planned for quite some time and there is an increasing need for a stronger on-the-ground presence in the park.
2. increasing operational expenditure to \$30,000 per annum. This is the equivalent of around \$500 per km of track, plus \$5000 to cover costs relating to signage, track counters and miscellaneous costs to support volunteer work.

3. Increasing the capital expenditure budget to \$50,000 per annum to pay for the structure renewals and major track surfacing projects which are vital for the sustainability of the park.
4. Provide Council Officers with the flexibility to utilise master plan funding to complete major trail maintenance and rebuilding projects, not just trail construction. In some circumstances, an upgrade to an existing trail would be a better investment than building a new trail.

In addition to this business-as-usual investment, we support and strongly recommend that any additional investment in mountain biking as part of the Council's COVID-19 response be used to accelerate the completion of Makara Peak's master plan.

With the effective working relationship between Council Officers and the Supporters, we are well positioned to work with third-party contractors to deliver the master plan. It's worth noting that the plan has been consulted on with the wider community, and very much meets the definition of shovel ready. Completing the master plan would solidify Wellington's reputation as a leading mountain biking destination in New Zealand (and Australia).

If you require additional information don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Simon O'Brien  
Chair, Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters Inc

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On behalf of Makara Peak Supporters

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#makarapeak

## 298. Marlon Drake, Living Wage Wellington

Email submission



### Annual Plan Submission 20/21



*Some of our charming Living Wage Champions at last year's Wellington Local Election Forum!*

Tēnā koutou Wellington City Council!

We would like to make an oral presentation.

We are writing to you on behalf of Living Wage Wellington. We are made up of many different community organisations around the city, all who support the vision of a Living Wage City.

We want to say a big 'thank you' for showing leadership by maintaining the Living Wage as the minimum for all council staff. By taking care of your workforce you are setting an example for the region and the nation.

The support the Living Wage provides for families can be vital. This is especially true for those households where one or more people may be losing their jobs or facing a pay cut. Now more than ever, continuity of the Living Wage is a real source of stability for people working at WCC. As well as this, your workers can get out there and support our fantastic local accredited Living Wage Employers!

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# Living Wage Movement

## Aotearoa New Zealand

So where do we go from here?

Being an accredited Living Wage Employer is huge, but here is how WCC and the Living Wage Movement can work together and have an even bigger impact on the city.

### **1. Continue to pay staff the Living Wage, including workers employed by contractors and CCOs**

By continuing to pay staff the Living Wage, WCC is looking after its staff and keeping its word. The Living Wage means stability for workers, and recognition for the work they do and the life they lead. It also means that WCC continues to be a role model for other local authorities.

### **2. Council projects**

When WCC launches a project, all the people working on that project should be paid at least the Living Wage for their work, just as the directly employed and regular contracted staff at WCC do.

A good example of this in action would be the repair or reconstruction of the Wellington Central Library. Ensuring that every person who works on the Wellington Central Library project is paid the Living Wage is an excellent way to show how WCC cares about its constituents and workers, and will influence organisations and businesses in Wellington to step up and pay their staff a wage they can live on.

### **3. Living Wage Council events**

Lately, due to restrictions on public gatherings, there has been an understandable and unfortunate absence of events for the public to participate in. Despite the disappointment, this does give us the opportunity to look at the next few years of planned council events, and ensure that accredited Living Wage Employers are prioritised to take part in these events, and any short term contracted staff are paid at least the Living Wage.

### **4. Procurement and services**

This is the big one! By setting procurement guidelines which formally prioritise Living Wage businesses and organisations for *any* service council requires, WCC will be able to have a positive influence on the lives of low paid staff all over Wellington.

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# Living Wage Movement

## Aotearoa New Zealand

This is not an overnight initiative, but now is the time to start identifying contracts where WCC is being provided a service by a business or organisation that pays some of its staff less than a wage they can live on. Once we know where improvements can be made, we can start working with current service providers to increase the wages of their lowest paid staff, or even look elsewhere for businesses and organisations that do pay all their staff a minimum of the Living Wage.

One example of this is legal advice. By working with accredited law firms, or law firms on their way to accreditation, WCC can have a large impact in the legal sector. Firms that pay their junior lawyers, cleaning staff, and professional staff (e.g. receptionists or executive assistants) a living wage as a minimum, are the kind of firms that WCC could be proud to work with.

**Throughout this process, it is important that council works with the Living Wage Movement to identify and champion the living wage with different employers.**

Last year at our Wellington local election forum, most of the current councillors, including the mayor, committed to making Wellington the first ever Living Wage City. In this submission there are four practical steps to get us there. As a movement we are so proud of what we have been able to achieve by working with WCC – let's keep a good thing going and make our capital New Zealand's first Living Wage City!

Ngā mihi nui,

Living Wage Wellington

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## **299. Barbara Wheeler**

Email submission

The annual plan/LTP estimates a fully connected cycling network by 2028. Why hasn't council used the level 4 lockdown to reclaim some road space for cyclists such as has happened in Auckland, Seattle and other cities with traffic congestion.

10 years is too long for this kind of action. The plan needs to be up front so it can be integrated into all public works business cases so no opportunity is overlooked to make the city more active and safe for vulnerable road users. The education required to make city roads safer is not adequate to even the goal if 2028.

When will an integrated approach be taken to active transport?

Aro valley

Barbara Wheeler

## 300. George Hobson, Forest & Bird Youth

Email submission

Tēnā koutou,

To all councils of the Greater Wellington Region:

Ensuring nature is at the heart of our region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is vital for ensuring a healthy future society.

As youth, we do not want to inherit a planet that has been ravaged by business-as-usual behaviour. The decisions you make now must be long-term focused and honour your roles as kaitiaki of our environment. We currently have an opportunity to turn the ship around. We can avert the many environmental crises we face and create more prosperous, meaningful communities - while ensuring the recovery of our economy, and the transition to a more sustainable economic model.

Nature is in crisis: this has not changed under current circumstances. In fact, 60% of diseases affecting humans (such as COVID-19) <<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/six-nature-facts-related-coronaviruses>> originate from other animal species.

The emergence of these kinds of diseases has been increasing in recent decades, driven by land-use, climate change, and other human activities. These diseases are a symptom of our destructive behaviour towards nature, and the only way to prevent them in the future is to make sure we don't return to business-as-usual.

Any recovery efforts must consider people's wellbeing - recognising that nature has many links with good mental health, social cohesion, and cultural identity. Recovery efforts must also include giving effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, enabling you to exercise your roles as kaitiaki of our region and cities.

We understand the economic damage that COVID-19 has, and will continue to cause. However, we currently have an opportunity to respond in a way that protects our environment for future generations to enjoy. It's crucial that Wellington invests in innovative, environmentally friendly projects, rather than sticking with status quo projects such as building more roads, or encouraging extractive industries.

Below, we have listed some suggestions for projects that will get our economy back on track, while preserving and enhancing our natural environment:

### **Conservation**

- Invest in habitat restoration;
- This includes creating new green and blue belts, new protected areas, and expanding existing ones across the region;
- Support the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity;
- Substantially increasing funding for weed and predator control programmes across the region;
- Recognise and financially support the many environmental community groups already established;
- Work alongside the primary sector to encourage and subsidise the shift to sustainable agriculture;
- This must include phasing out pastoral leases within regional parks and converting them into places for conservation and social wellbeing.

### **Communal spaces**

- Restore and revitalise public spaces which foster social cohesion using nature-based methods;
- This includes creating new green spaces, integrating nature into accessways, communal composting stations, and community gardens;
- Create and re-design public spaces in a way which makes them accessible to disadvantaged groups, so that everybody can experience nature and the outdoors.

### **Water**

- Major investment in water infrastructure, especially for wastewater and stormwater;
- Wellington's water quality and aquatic habitats are currently under immense pressure due to crumbling infrastructure, and require urgent protection;
- Restore piped, dammed, and underground streams;
- This will allow freshwater habitats to be restored, providing important ecosystem services;
- Create new wetlands to treat contaminated water outlets;
- This will save money on water treatment and infrastructure spending, as well as have co-benefits for nature and people;
- Support the implementation of the government's Freshwater Package.

## **Housing**

- Implement strong standards for energy efficiency, sustainable building materials, and other eco-friendly measures for new and existing housing stock;
- Ensure that the Resource Management Act and environmental bottom lines are not pushed to the side for fast results;
- Commit to higher-density homes and neighbourhoods and reducing urban sprawl, giving space for nature to thrive.

## **Transport**

- No further investment in new roads;
- We need quality alternatives that give us more choice and freedom;
- Fund cycleways, public transport, and car-sharing options;
- These have better cost-benefit ratios and allow for lifestyles that are kinder to nature;
- Reprioritise space on existing roads for green space, walkways, cycleways, and public transport;
- Implement congestion charging to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution;
- Electrify new and existing public transport and car-sharing options.

## **Waste**

- Overhaul our waste systems to encourage a circular economy while simultaneously reducing waste in the first instance;
- The lockdown response to COVID-19 is yet another example of the pitfalls of recycling
- Encourage local and commercial composting initiatives;
- Commit to no further expansion of landfills, cleanfills, and other waste disposal sites;
- Clean up Wellington's legacy waste sites.

## **Iwi partnerships**

- Include elements of co-design in response measures so that mana whenua are actively involved in rebuilding our communities and exercising kaitiakitanga;
- Uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- This leads to better economic outcomes for Māori and the protection of nature.

We understand the urgency of this situation, and that many of you may have already indicated 'shovel-ready' projects to the government. However, the response and recovery to COVID-19 is likely to take years, and applying the principles and projects outlined in this letter is possible within those timeframes.

You owe it to young people and future generations to take this opportunity up, change our planetary trajectory, and build a more prosperous society for both people and nature. Local authorities have a key role to play in ensuring that Aotearoa New Zealand transitions to a more sustainable way of life. Without you taking action now, nationwide transformative change will not be possible.

Hutia te rito o te harakeke,  
Kei whea te kōmako e kō?  
Kī mai ki ahau;  
He aha te mea nui o te Ao?  
Māku e kī atu,  
he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

We would like to discuss this with you further.

Ngā mihi nui,

Forest & Bird Youth Wellington

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Email submission



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### SUBMISSION

#### WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2020-21

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit against your Annual Plan 2020-2021

#### Sport Wellington

Sport Wellington is the independent body for sport and recreation. We were established in 1990 with charitable status under the Charities Act. Our main funding partners are Sport NZ, New Zealand Community Trust, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Ministry of Health, and Wellington Community Trust. We are one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts (RST) operating throughout New Zealand.

We operate within a wide geographical area, spanning the region between Otaki in the west across to Masterton in the east and Wellington City in the south so have a regional focus. We have an office in Wairarapa where our dedicated team works across a wide range of areas.

We are currently finalising our new strategy which looks to 2032, however we will focus on three four-year blocks to provide us with the agility to adjust to changing needs and the strategic environment. The focus of our work is broad: physical activity (play, active recreation, active transport, and sport), health and wellbeing, and community development.

Sport Wellington plays both a lead and supporting role across the region in increasing physical activity and community wellbeing by working with and on the system that supports physical activity. We have a regional view while recognising community differences and developing our connections, partnering, and collaborating to ensure efficiency in delivery while agility to meet changing and developing needs.

#### ***Living Well – the Wellington Region Physical Activity Strategy***

Sport Wellington led the development of *Living Well*, the regional physical activity strategy, in 2017. The current revised plan is built around a planning framework, adapted from the World Health Organisation's Global Action Plan on Physical Activity, and seeks to build a robust system that can support all forms of physical activity.

*Living Well* is the outcome we want for people in the region. This means improving physical and mental wellbeing; personal development and achievement; and social and community cohesion and development; through regular physical activity – play, active recreation (including active transport), and sport.

The purpose of the Living Well Strategy is to achieve greater collective impact on wellbeing outcomes acquired through physical activity. By working better together we will be able to provide quality opportunities and support for people to be physically active. The Living Well framework is being used currently as the basis for the work of the Regional Response Group we have established to respond to the challenges faced by the sector because of Covid-19.

#### **Covid-19 and the physical activity sector**

The impact of Covid-19 on the play, active recreation, and sport sector is significant and likely to impact for some time to come. Some organisations may not survive the effects of Covid-19 which could have some implications for physical activity levels in your communities.

There is an immediate economic impact due largely to the significant change to Class 4 gaming from which the sector benefits annually to the tune of around \$150 million. And while we appreciate that councils are not immune to the effects of the pandemic, any steps taken to provide rent relief and fees waivers, or any other mechanisms that reduce costs for sector groups in your community would go a long way to helping them to cope and ultimately thrive. There are immediate and short-term needs, but their challenges will be ongoing.

We have seen the following impacts on community sport and recreation providers:

- Lost revenue: Inability to provide their services to their membership, especially at the time of year which marks the beginning of the season for winter codes and typically at a time when they organise tournaments, events and training. They have also lost a significant part of the income that comes from other sources i.e. Class 4 Gaming, social events, food and bar sales and different types of fees, e.g. membership, participation or subscriptions.
- Cash flow difficulties: organisations have fixed costs that they have to pay regardless of the loss of revenues.
- Reduced capacity: Sports organisations have lost a significant part of their workforce, i.e. layoffs of employees or volunteers.
- Membership change: Even when restrictions are relaxed, there is the possibility that people are gradually becoming comfortable in their COVID-19 adjusted leisure patterns and that they will not want to re-commit to club-based sport participation. Further, with the rise in unemployment caused by the pandemic, many individuals and families will not have the disposable income available to pay membership fees and other associated costs with sport participation. As we know, deprived communities are often the most fragile and hard hit by such events, and they are the ones that can least afford to lose access to play, active recreation and sport.

Longer-term the sector will continue to feel the effects of Covid-19. From our surveying and insights work we have determined several critical changes likely to occur. Some of these are:

- Increased unemployment and lower incomes suggest that cost will become a greater barrier to participation
- It is likely that current inequities will increase, and we know already that where there is high deprivation there is less physical activity
- There may be a drop in people's confidence to be in groups of people which will impact participation and volunteering. At the same time this could have implications for demand for activities that involve physical contact such as rugby and perhaps netball.
- Ongoing requirements for sanitation surveillance and contact tracing may become part of the new normal for provision
- The effects of changing work routines may lead to greater demand for flexibility in work/life balance management.

These will change what we have been used to in terms of physical activity, but we believe they also create opportunities for doing things differently and potentially better than pre-Covid. What will not change is the value to individuals and communities of more people being physically active. Physical activity, including play, community recreation and sport will be vital to the social and economic recovery of our country from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Their benefits on wellbeing domains, is well known and proven. Being physically active improves mental and physical health, quality of life and individual wellbeing. In contrast, disengagement and physical inactivity are associated with poor health, a rise in health costs, loss of productivity and associated costs, such as pain and unhappiness to individuals and families.

With this in mind, we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the immediate steps your Council has taken, to support the play, active recreation and sport sector in your community including:

- provision of rent relief for 3 months to recreation and sports clubs who have facilities on council land
- modified criteria for the Social and Recreation Fund to enable clubs to provide affordable and accessible opportunities for participation in play, active recreation, and sport following a period of lock-down from COVID-19.
- Removal of charges for the use of sports fields, swim lanes and court space for sport and active recreation clubs up to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We also appreciate that the Annual Plan recommends no increased charges for sports field and facilities hire in 2020/21 and that council is considering financial hardship situations of play, active recreation and sport organisations of an individual, case by case basis and thank you for your flexibility here.

### **Specific feedback on proposed projects**

Our feedback is focused on facilities for active recreation and sport and provision for physical activity and active transport.

The Regional Spaces and Places (Facilities) Plan (a Living Well project) provides a high-level strategic framework for future regional sports facility planning and optimisation of the current network. The plan emphasises a one-region approach to planning for international, national, regional, and sub-regional facilities and provides context for local planning and decision-making about local facilities.

The surveying carried out during the initial phases of the plan's development identified several challenges for our regional network. For the most part supply of facilities meets demand although the network is not well set up for expected population growth or demand changes resulting from demographic change. In addition, our wider network is ageing with potential resilience challenges.

Key to the successful implementation of this plan is the consistent application of the facility planning principles contained within it. These principles can be found in all regional facility plans in the country and are derived from work carried out by Sport NZ as part of their development of the national facilities framework.

It is against these principles that we support the programmes of work associated with:

- Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Hub Construction
- Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre renewals
- Basin Reserve Master Plan Redevelopment Programme

The scope of our new strategy 2020-2032 has broadened to include a variety of physical activity domains including active transport. While we are primarily interested in the physical activity value of active transport we recognise the additional benefits associated with environmental value, and the implications for city infrastructure including parking space provisions, roading, and urban development amongst others.

Given this we are supportive of a work programme to develop and implement the cycling masterplan. We believe that a connected network of cycleways and walkways will facilitate more physical activity and contribute meaningfully to the wellbeing of the community.

As a final thought, there have been numerous conversations about the opportunity that Covid-19 has created for effecting change within the system that supports physical activity. At Sport Wellington we believe a critical element in the successful rebuilding and re-positioning of the system lies in our ability to work better together and that through thinking about how we achieve collective impact on the wellbeing of our communities provides a great opportunity for our organisations to play to our respective strengths. We are keen to have a conversation about how we might do things differently, but better, to build a more sustainable and resilient system.

We are happy to discuss our submission further with you.

## SUBMISSION: WCC ANNUAL PLAN MAY 2020

### POST COVID19-EMERGENCY BUDGET

#### OVERVIEW (1.5 Pages)

#### ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

**This AP and budget should be about post-Covid relief and recovery first and foremost and must be more focused on Council's core business. It should aim for survival first and to avoid creating an unnecessary burden on future years.**

**KRA** is concerned with the 'business as usual' attitude WCC is showing towards major spending areas during the **largest economic crisis** in a century. Page 9 of the Annual Plan consultation says there is "no intention of reconsidering major spending until the next Long-Term Plan review". This Council must be the only organisation in the country, if not the world, to not be reconsidering major spending decisions at this critical time!

The mayor has stated publicly that "special consultation requirements" make this "not possible now". By contrast, Section 95A of the Local Government Act 2002 allows Councils to make:- "*significant or material differences between the proposed annual plan and the content of the LTP*", including to substantially delay, or not proceed with a significant project." Given that WCC has flexibility to plan and budget prudently in the present Emergency **KRA** asks:-

- Have you canvassed how other councils are addressing major reprioritisation? Auckland City has just announced major budgetary cuts to the tune of \$550mil including cuts to staff, services and projects. It is essential that Wellington City Council takes the same responsible approach.
- The focus of the AP is about the *must haves* rather than the *nice to haves* so as not create an unnecessary burden on rates for future years. Those *nice to haves* (p5 Consultation document) should not be entertained in the current emergency. They can be reconsidered in a review of the LTP.

There must be separation from the things that government funds or has provided a boost for in this year's general budget. The Council must focus on its spending, and equally on savings, in ways that are critical for our city's recovery. Council is now proposing 5.1% rates increase; it will risk inciting a rates revolt if residents and business people are expected to fund vanity projects and additional items which do not strictly come under its ambit.

#### AP FUNDING:

must go into Council's core business. (see Addendum 1)

- Water Infrastructure
- Economic development of the City; business recovery
- Capital projects; including the Central Library (urgently) with a swift resolution of the impasse on its restoration, And any current key projects already well advanced.
- Streamlined Services, Maintenance and Resilience

Note: Since the Draft AP was released there have been significant announcements from government on additional spending for the next 12 months along with crystallising economic factors such as the scale of forecasted redundancies and businesses closing, which must be taken into account before settling on the final Annual Plan.

## ANNUAL PLAN AND RELATIONSHIP TO 10-YEAR PLAN 2018

According to Council the AP is only meant to be a condensed "once over lightly" of the relevant longer term 10-Year Plan. Unfortunately the grandiosity and extravagance of the LTP, and its neglect of both the inner city suburbs and of infrastructure means that it needs to be reviewed and rewritten in light of Covid-19 which will have such a significant impact on the existing Plan as to make it, in effect, redundant.

The tourism sector has been lost at least for this year and there will be significantly reduced numbers for some years to come with cruise-ships likely to be a rarity into the future. The hospitality sector has been damaged significantly, and therefore joblessness will increase significantly in Wellington. Foreign student numbers are, and will be, seriously reduced for several years. Vacancy rates are likely to be much higher. The AP makes very unspecific comments in a nod to the anticipated impact but does not provide any guidance on a way forward. The prevalent attitude is "trust us" well **KRA** does not!

### ***Conclusion***

This is to be the Plan for the coming year in an extraordinary international situation. The responsibility of the Council is to set a realistic and fiscally responsible budget to ensure that the City can hold fast in this time of crisis and to focus on spending which will be an investment for recovery. Understandably Councillors want items included in the AP that are important to them personally, but for the coming year only those commitments that are essential to make the City function must be included. Councillors must vote to prioritise the City's failing infrastructure and its economy with support of businesses and jobs. Increasing unreasonably the impost on ratepayers is unfair, unkind, and frankly unreasonable.

## ADDENDUM 1: PLANS, GOALS AND PROJECTS

**Let's Get Wellington Moving:** is badly focused, and badly directed. Major questions are unanswered:

- In respect of Karori and other western suburbs:- Who will move (no-one), where will they move (nowhere) how will they move (no change) what will the costs be(enormous) what will the benefits be (none)
- The focus on light rail from Ngauranga to the airport seems completely misplaced as (1) it runs along a fault line and (2) if predicted seawater rise is anything to go by, it will be an underwater service in a couple of decades. The total focus on State Highways 1 & 2 ignores the feeder routes - ie Karori and Seatoun tunnels are too small for the double decker buses. A lack of park and ride facilities remains unaddressed we suspect it's because the buses are already unable to meet current demand.

### CAPITAL ITEMS

**Central Library** Helene Ritchie's letter on strengthening, refurbishing and modernising says it all!

**Civic Square:** once the proud heart of the City is now the dead heart. Where are the practical costed plans for repair?

**Citywide Drains and Sewers: Top Priority:** After years of neglect, lack of forward planning or sensible cost projections, three major and un-budgeted drainage issues have occurred in the City in the last six months: the collapse of an ancient drain in Willis Street, the collapse of the sludge pipeline from Moa Point to the landfill and presently a pipe under Victoria St. Add to that all the private residential drains which are broken or cross connected which are exacerbating problems with pollution, and under-capacity sewer pipes. What will the total costs be? The implications for the elderly drains across the City are huge! **Council has totally failed in this, its core responsibility.**

**Omaroro Reservoir:** a huge blowout (possibly \$30mil) has been revealed. WHY? Does this indicate a complete lack of professionalism in the initial planning and budgeting process? What can be done to rein- in this huge cost overrun?

**Cost of Covid19 to the Council:** Council will be losing income from major funding sources.

- WCC as a 33% owner of the airport, has been getting about \$30mil a year in dividends. How much will the airport company be able to pay in each of the next three years? We estimate \$0 this financial year.
- The loss of rates-take from failing businesses and mortgage defaulters will also lower the projected rates.
- What has been the impact on parking revenue, regulatory and compliance fees and other charges over the past two months? What are the projected reductions over the next two years (say)? Have costs been able to be reduced? What are the net costs to ratepayers?
- Are there any special "one-off" costs to Council relating to Covid19 (such as perspex screens, signs, office and public space rearrangements)? Are these costs significant?
- The Omaroro Reservoir cost increase, and the unexpected collapse of three important drainage assets, the postponement of an upgrade of the Western Wastewater outfall pipe and other problematic projects suggest a lack of asset management and project management capability within WCC. Note: Town Hall refurbishment also had a huge cost blowout and will arrive late as well.

## ADDENDUM 2: COMMUNICATIONS

**Big Picture:** the quality of the Council's presentation of facts and figures to citizens is weak with too much fluff and not enough strategic overview. A concise summary of the problems ahead is lacking.

**Councillor Competency and Training:** It is apparent that many Councillors do not have the training or experience to provide governance of a huge and complex organisation (this is probably a matter for local government reform by Parliament, but WCC might like to consider what learning opportunities are available for new Councillors). And NO, this does not mean the indulgence of a \$30,000 jaunt to Queenstown!

**Quality-control and Audit Unit:** Council does not appear to have such a unit which is surely essential to good governance. The lack of an audit or accountability for decisions made reveals a weakness, as does the inability of communities to overturn unpopular decisions. The 'local' in Local Council means benefits should accrue to the residents and their communities and yet they have no say in major decisions that affect them and their lives.

**Council Engagement and Communication With Community:** Council's role is to serve the community, not vice versa. Councillors are elected to represent the ratepayers in their Ward. The public see the worth in engaging, but the council is not engaging back as a whole properly. The advent of Covid19 has highlighted a lack of engagement with local associations and communities and the 2017 Resilience Strategy does not include any mention of local organisations.

Residents' Associations are largely operating alone and only receive a small petty cash grant to help them to represent their communities. Council has absolutely no engagement with the RAs unless each individual association approaches their ward councillors who in effect have no jurisdiction to make decisions or achieve results, or if a particularly good Councillor sets up a community consultation process, eg. Councillor Calvert's various engagement hui with RA's on future planning, the Karori Project and other subject areas are the exception.

WREMO did not engage with community organisations at all in Wellington until contacted during recent crisis including Covid19 and the Owhiro Bay storm. **KRA** had no contact from anyone at WREMO. In a discussion with Daran Ponter he admitted WREMO's responsibility was floods and quakes and therefore more training is needed.

Lobby groups can have disproportionate sway, eg. the Island Bay cycleway fiasco demonstrates how a minority interest group can completely overrule the wishes of the majority. In recent years Makara Peak Cycle Park, as an interest leisure group with a cohort predominantly male, has received \$1mil, yet 18,000+ residents are still waiting for \$1mil allocated for stage 1 of the Karori Town Centre upgrade. Karori Township has been in a dilapidated state for at least twenty years.

Currently Council is trying to slip more cycleways through under the Covid19 safety-umbrella when these placements will put the public in danger at busy intersections by taking out turning lanes, eg. in Brooklyn, and risking space and parking in other areas. **In the time of Covid19 cycleways are not a priority spend.**



Sincerely, Karori Residents' Association Committee

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## 303. Wendy Armitage, Inner City Wellington

Email submission



### SUBMISSION

To WCC annual plan 2020-2021

#### OVERVIEW

- The Plan does not adequately recognise that we cannot go back to 'Business as usual'. We get no sense of significant reprioritisation for a changed future. The issues arising from Covid-19 and other unexpected occurrences are well set out but dealing with them simply seems to be added on to what WCC were planning to do anyway, rather than rethinking in a new frame. We recognise time has been limited but the Plan should at least address this in broad terms.
- The Cost Review by the CEO has no specific objectives to assist in future focus. Nor does it seem to include dropping some projects that should no longer be immediate priorities, like the snow tigers. We also question the Climate Lab – surely this should be a national priority, and not a cost to local ratepayers.
- We support the no fees/user charges as documented – and the rates deferral without penalty, although we note the latter will eventually have to be paid.
- Re Rates we are reluctant to support the 5.1% and believe somewhere around 4% should be achievable with cost savings.
- We register our concern that information is not always presented in an unbiased and non-emotive manner that meets legal requirements for Consultation.
- We are appalled that reopening of the Central City Library has no budget in this Plan.
- We expected notification of an immediate review of the 10 year Plan. We can't just continue with that as the key framework when the assumptions underpinning it now need to be reviewed.

#### INTRODUCTION

Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2020-21 must deal with a very different future because of Covid-19. We will NOT return to Business as Usual.

The Foreword by Mayor and CEO states *"Our top priority is working together to soften those (Covid-19) impacts and help rapid recovery. We will continue to deliver the services we all need, and work to create a vibrant and confident capital city. This will require us to walk a tightrope between affordability and service delivery, this year and years to come."*

Inner City Wellington (ICW) is concerned that Wellington City Council (WCC) seems to have a mindset of getting back to 'business as usual'. We do not see here or in the remainder of the

document any clear indication that Wellington can now enjoy a very different future and that the vision for that will be rapidly developed so that investment can support it.

While we recognise the imperative of dealing with immediate responses, it is incumbent on Council to provide a forward thinking strategy or, at least until they can do that, to recognise that is a priority and demonstrate that it will engage appropriately with Wellingtonians to create it.

## GOVERNANCE

Under the Local Government Act 2002 the purpose of Wellington City Council is

- *to enable democratic local decision making and action by and on behalf of the local Wellington community and*
- *to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the Wellington City Community in the present and for the future*

In this plan, and indeed in all its work, ICW contends that WCC has not adequately recognised this Purpose leading, we believe, to a much-diminished functional democracy in Wellington.

In the section Covid-19 and Wellington, we note *"The role of Wellington City Council is to deliver services that support a well-functioning city. We look after our city's infrastructure and invest in key projects that address the current and future needs of our people"*. This is a clear example of how, in developing a Plan within this narrower definition, the Council does not address its wider responsibilities.

We draw attention to Section 3, under Governance where it states *'We aim to build trust and confidence by being open, transparent and accountable'*. Although those are laudable goals for Councillors, currently the public disunity evident at the Council table means that trust in Councillors' ability to keep the interests of the citizens of this city as their primary focus, is non-existent.

**ICW SUGGESTS** that the Wellington City Council state its statutory purpose at the forefront of all its processes, policies, decisions, and actions. In so doing it should constantly strive "to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities"

Section 82 of the 2002 Act sets out Principles of Consultation which include amongst other principles,

- *'reasonable access to relevant information in a manner and format appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons';*
- *'that persons invited ...to present their views ...should be given clear information by the local authority concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of the decisions to be taken following the consideration of views presented';*
- *'that the views presented to the local authority should be received ..... with an open mind and should be given by the local authority, in making a decision, due consideration'; and*
- *'that persons who present views to the local authority should have access to a clear record or description of relevant decisions made by the local authority and explanatory material relating to the decisions, which may include, for example, reports relating to the matter that were considered before the decisions were made'.*

**ICW CONTENDS** that appropriate information, the criteria for which are set out above, is not always given to the public. A focus on delivery of information that WCC wants to present, rather than information that properly informs the public, has often usurped the role of credible and useful informed consultation. This is not acceptable.

## ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION ISSUES

ICW acknowledges the unprecedented difficulties of this Covid-19 environment and much good work done by Council staff in unprecedented circumstances. We respectfully submit the following:

### RATES FOR 2020/21

Financial difficulties arising from the Covid-19 situation are clearly set out and reasons are offered for Council's preferred Rates option of an increase of 5.1%. However, we don't see specific costings or benefits to be delivered for the late amendments that resulted in the increase from 4.95%. Nor can we see how priorities have been determined for these in conjunction with all expenditure so we can assess whether we agree those reflect a 'what's best for the future of the city' approach.

The Plan states a 2.3% increase was considered but not supported because, according to the Mayor and CEO in their introduction, it would mean '*more borrowing TO COVER THE INCREASING COSTS OF MAINTAINING CORE INFRASTRUCTURE and significant rates increases in future years*'

**ICW CONTENTS that stating more borrowing is required to cover the costs of maintaining core infrastructure is misleading (and somewhat emotive) since other expenditure is also included.** We are not given clear information about how Council determined its priorities here and we are left wondering if some other projects could be dropped or delayed to still achieve the lower option. And whether highlighting infrastructure issues as the work that would be dropped is a ploy to get acceptance of the larger increase since it is clear citizens will not argue with the necessity for that.

This concern is strengthened when we read in the Section Rates 2020-21 that the difference between the two options is that the 2.3% increase does not rates-fund the additional depreciation costs incurred from the 2020 infrastructure revaluation as instead it is funded from additional borrowing. We want assurance that depreciation funding provided by rates over previous years has been spent on infrastructure upgrades and not used for other expenditure.

**ICW SUPPORTS borrowing to meet capital expenditure requirements in relation to upgrading existing assets. However, we would also expect specific information about any new infrastructure that is envisaged before supporting any borrowing for that.**

### RATES OPTIONS

**ICW ACCEPTS that 0% rates increase is not a viable option in the current environment.**

Nor do we wish to have a rates increase that is so low, that it will result in significantly higher rates in future.

**ICW WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT a reduction to somewhere nearer 4% for this financial year given appropriate reprioritisation and cost cutting of currently planned budgets.**

**ICW NOTES** that should a 5.1% increase be approved this should be conditional on:

- Not introducing unacceptably high increases in future
- confirmation from WCC that all rates-funded depreciation in the last two terms has been spent on/reserved for the upgrade/replacement of associated infrastructure
- commitment of achieving substantive operational cost savings in 20/21 FY
- commitment to a 10% increase in 21/22.

## **COSTS**

**ICW welcomes the CEO's review of costs.** It must not be done with an assumption of a return to 'business as usual'. We cannot support borrowing to maintain operational spending, especially in the current climate, and we expect to see this very promptly controlled. It is difficult to support any specific rates increase without this having been done.

We question the commitment to a Climate Lab given the complete lack of information available to support the late amendment.

**WE SUBMIT** that the Climate Lab needs to be a national initiative funded by Government and that local resources will not be best spent on what would necessarily be a limited local approach here.

**WE CHALLENGE** the continued inclusion in the Budget of the addition of snow tigers at the zoo. Surely the assumptions in the business case for this must be revisited and the project put out to the future. It is simply not a priority within the short to medium term.

## **PAYMENTS**

We support the recommendations for not changing fees and user charges

We also support and acknowledge the value of the options for payment of rates for those in financial difficulty due to Covid-19.

## **TEN YEAR PLAN**

**ICW ALSO SEEKS CONFIRMATION** that the 10-year Plan will now be promptly revised to take account of the vastly changed environment we live in and that there will be a new consultation, beginning with a revision of its assumptions.

This revision should not wait a whole year as seems to be assumed. Council simply cannot continue to operate as if Wellington can return to business as usual and operate off existing plans.

## **STRATEGY AREA PROJECTS IN 2020/21**

The Plan states that WCC 'is developing an **Economic Recovery Plan**. The Plan will be developed in partnership with the Wellington Recovery Advisory Panel, which will be made up of key industry stakeholders."

**ICW CONTENDS** that this is another example where WCC's focus is too narrow.

While industry stakeholders are of course key to recovery, the wider accountability of WCC would be better served by broadening membership of this Panel to include at least some 'ordinary citizen' and resident input. Obtaining such contributions from the outset is a part of supporting democratic development of our city and can greatly assist in support for the desired outcomes. We note 'the eventual plan will be holistic and encompass business support, but also the community, cultural, creative and innovative dynamics of the city.'

**ICW QUESTIONS WHY**, then, would such interests not be included in the panel?

## **CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE**

We note the commencement of the Convention Centre and express our significant alarm that this now cannot bring the revenue projected in the business case which was already a cause for concern. The advent of Covid-19 and the world-wide implications this brings, along with an upsurge in virtual conferences and meetings likely to become more common, will severely impact on the viability of the convention centre in the short and medium term.

**ICW CONTENDS** that the convention centre should be re-purposed now to ensure it can be best used at least in part as a community asset, with the possibility that should, at a later date, the environment indicate a case for the Convention centre as originally envisaged, it can again be re-purposed.

## **CENTRAL CITY LIBRARY NETWORK AND OMISSION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

The Central City Library (used by one million Wellingtonians per year) was closed in March 2020, and temporary services set up. There has been no consultation relating to these temporary services morphing into what is now described later in the plan as a Central City Library Network. This includes a new Library hub in Brandon Street while there is no mention at all or budget for the restoration of our Central City Library, the future of which has been incorporated into the now delayed Te Ngakau Civic Precinct master plan.

Since its closure there has been ongoing significant public support for the iconic building to be strengthened and reopened. ICW points out that future of the Te Ngākau — Civic Precinct has been under discussion for some years with no resolution in sight. This has resulted in the bleak and abandoned city heart that saddens Wellingtonians daily.

**ICW contend** the strengthening of City Library should be the first consideration, with any further development of Te Ngakau Civic Square being tied into that, just as it is now tied into development around the strengthened Town Hall and the redevelopment required for the National Centre for Music, both of which ICW supports.

**ICW ASK FOR A CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL RESPONSE** from the WCC that the Central Library will be strengthened, and a date given for remediation work to begin as soon as possible AND that the budget for this will be included in this Annual Plan. We also question whether a 10% proposed rate rise for 21/22 takes into account the strengthening of the Central Library.

**GREEN SPACES – AN OMISSION**

There is little in the plan to support any immediate action to address the dearth of green spaces in the Inner City and we hope this omission can be speedily addressed.

**ICW STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the recommendations to WCC from The NZ Centre for Sustainable Cities

<http://sustainablecities.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Green-Space-in-Wellington%E2%80%99s-Central-City.pdf>

In particular, the consultants have since identified a group of initiatives that could relatively cheaply be undertaken immediately, and we believe they should be incorporated into this Annual Plan and funded by some of the \$3.7m from Snow Leopards.

**Stephen King**

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## 304. Ellen Blake, Living Streets Aotearoa

Email submission



### Submission from Wellington Living Streets to Wellington City Council on Annual Plan

Contact person: **Ellen Blake**

Date: **8 June 2020**

#### General

We support the continuation of the Annual Plan 2020/21 work programme. Many of these programmes will improve essential services required by Wellingtonians, such as the three waters upgrade process.

#### Covid19 response plan

Council finances – we support using mechanisms available to assist payments both from ratepayers to council and from council to suppliers:

- Defer rates payments
- Rent relief for council facilities
- Improve payments to suppliers

Council services – we support careful management of fees and grants to support recovery:

- Pavement licence rebate for fourth quarter seems reasonable but use of public space particularly footpath space is one of our most valuable spaces and should be retained for public use. Public space has high value and the private business use of that space must be also valued accordingly. For instance Courtenay Place bars often use more cheaper public footpath space than they pay market rental for inside space. We support good management of footpath space as the most valuable of public spaces with high use and amenity for all Wellingtonians. Most of this footpath space should be kept free for the public to use. We support matching licence fees to use of the footpath.

Community wellbeing - we support assistance to community groups and the vulnerable in Wellington:

- Community grant funding
- Support reducing homelessness
- Support vulnerable with food
- Outreach to vulnerable people
- Get people active – gym, zoo and pools

We would like to see support for keeping **people active on foot** as well as at specific facilities. Some suggestions below are particularly to support local walking.

We support **school travel initiatives** particularly that improve safety for walking around schools. Some additional effort is required to encourage parents to walk their kids to school in the post-Covid19 world.

#### Economic recovery

- Business support – including resource recovery centre
- City recovery fund – including creative and innovative sectors
- City recovery plan – we would like to see this plan have a focus on supporting footfall and walkability along the Golden Mile by increasing space and priority for pedestrians (decals on footpaths do not welcome walkers back to the city centre and add to clutter; allowing more sandwich boards, tables and chairs onto footpaths make walking a less pleasant experience – use road space instead)

#### Absolutely Positively Wellington

- Pride in the city – caring spirit and support for the Built Heritage Fund and earthquake strengthening heritage buildings. These add to the interesting fabric of Wellington and help make it a pleasure to walk around.

Regional and central government collaboration

- We support including Mana whenua in
- Advocate to central government – a capital city fit for future

#### Tipu toa – build back better

- Minor roading improvements designed to make walking safer, more child friendly and more accessible.

We support this particular aspect of Tipu Toa as low cost improvements can often have a high value impact for many pedestrians, and even better value as the NZTA FAR will contribute to any footpath improvements and maintenance. Some of the improvements could include:

- Many people will be spending more time in their local community, including people who are now working from home, have children unexpectedly at home, or who are now unemployed or under-employed. They need a pleasant local walking environment and activities. That includes widened footpaths, kerb drop-offs and kerb extensions, improvements to local parks, simple things for kids to play on (even just a log surrounded by wood chips that small children can walk along), sensitive vegetation management on the edges of walkways, signage and wayfinding. For example trialling or creating new footpath on Sar Street to Barnard St would assist the walk trip from Wadestown and Highland Park to the city.
  - Shortcuts, laneways and off-road paths like well-marked “greenway” walking routes could be improved with signs and wayfinding that show direct links to bus stops, shops, etc. For instance the greenway from city to Kelburn we have previously proposed.
  - Seats enable many people to walk a short distance from home and by sitting can help connect them to their neighbourhood. With frequent rests they should be able to carry out daily activities such as shopping on foot. These are often the people who also don't have a drivers licence or car, and easily become socially isolated. For instance seating along the route from Rita Angus in Kilbirnie to the library and shops with improvements to the intersection would help get more people out.
  - Toilets. The city needs more toilets, but also more signage to tell people where the nearest toilet is. One way to provide extra income to small businesses is to pay them to allow their toilet to be used by the desperate – Hutt City Council pays a mall owner the cost of toilet paper and cleaning to have the mall toilets open to the general public. This obviously benefits the business owner as well.
  - Shopping and village centre improvements. Most of our shopping centres could be more attractive places to linger. They need accessible design and good maintenance of footpaths, and shortcuts, seats and toilets with small spaces for kids to play, shelter in all weathers, amenity (e.g. a mural, a small sculpture, a garden), some separation from traffic fumes and traffic noise, and good lighting and safety design. Karori redevelopment is a good example of where this is happening in Wellington. Local improvements are needed in more suburbs.
- Public transport – improving bus stops and shelters is one way to provide more seating and support use of public transport. Better design to make stops nice places to be will add to neighbourhood placemaking.

### About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is “More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places”.

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

For more information, please see: [www.livingstreets.org.nz](http://www.livingstreets.org.nz)

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Tēnā koutou katoa

**Submission to:** Wellington City Council  
**Subject:** Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2020/2021 (the Plan)  
**From:** Creative New Zealand

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on this kaupapa. Arts, culture and creativity are a core part of developing strong and prosperous communities across Aotearoa, and we're encouraged to see Wellington taking action to promote the cultural well-being of its residents.
2. We'd be happy to discuss this submission with you further. The key contact person for matters relating to this submission is:

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### Submission

3. The impacts of COVID-19 on Wellington's arts community have been significant. Many artists and arts organisations are grappling with loss of employment, closure and significant reductions in revenue in the short and medium-term as a result of lost box office revenue and likely reductions in sponsorship.
4. We are pleased to see that Wellington City Council's Annual Plan recognises and articulates the strong connections between arts and culture, and social, economic and environmental outcomes.
5. Artists and the arts must play a critical role in Wellington's recovery from COVID-19. A strong offering of local arts experiences will help to attract residents and domestic visitors to Wellington, with flow-on benefits for local tourism, hospitality and retail businesses. Given the significant cost pressures that Wellington City Council will face over the coming months and years, artists have a unique role to play in supporting the Council to find innovative, adaptive and cost-effective solutions to current and emerging challenges. Engagement with and participation in the arts will help to ensure that Wellington's communities remain cohesive, happy and healthy.

### Investment in the arts and culture

6. We acknowledge the unprecedented and challenging situation that Wellington City Council finds itself in a result of COVID-19. Despite the need the Council has to balance a number of competing priorities, we are encouraged to see that there are no proposed cuts to the Council's current levels of investment in arts and culture.
7. The recent significant investment in the arts and culture by central government, while very warmly welcomed, will not solve all of the challenges that New Zealand's arts communities face as a result of COVID-19. If arts communities are to recover from COVID-19 and be sustainable in the long-term they will need ongoing support at local and regional levels. As such, we are concerned that existing levels of investment in the arts and culture that are proposed in the Annual Plan are unlikely to be sufficient to address the considerable needs and challenges the Wellington arts community is facing. Considerably greater support is likely to be needed over the coming months.
8. It is important that Wellington City Council's investment into arts and culture is not limited to major arts organisations and events alone. Community arts groups and infrastructure have also been significantly impacted by COVID-19. They too need support to recover. A vibrant, grassroots, community-based arts scene is an important part of Wellington's arts and culture ecosystem, and its reputation as the Culture Capital.
9. While we are encouraged to see investment in arts and culture prioritised as part of the City Recovery Fund, we note that this Fund is a repurposing of other funds that focused predominantly on arts, culture and events. Given the breadth of projects and organisations that can apply for funding from this Recovery Fund, it will be critical that a good proportion of the allocation of this funding does remain directed at the arts and culture. We strongly encourage the Council to ensure that funding is not disproportionately diverted away from arts and culture into other areas. The Council should also ensure that some of this funding is prioritised for allocation to community-based arts groups and initiatives.
10. We acknowledge your commitment to rates relief support for commercial ratepayers, and note that this will be significant for a number of Wellington-based arts and culture organisations, who have lost significant proportions of income for 2020.

### Involvement of artists in the delivery of Wellington City Council's Annual Plan

11. The strong emphasis placed on arts and culture throughout the Annual Plan is encouraging. We are pleased to see arts and culture embedded across all of the Plan's Strategic Areas. The arts and culture can, and must, play a key role in Wellington's recovery from COVID-19.
12. We'd encourage you to give further consideration to the ways that artists and creative practitioners can support the Council to deliver on its strategic priorities. Artists and creative practitioners are particularly skilled in designing and delivering innovative, strategic and cost-effective solutions, and we encourage the Council to look at ways to involve artists in the delivery of the Plan. Artists' involvement can support the Council in balancing delivery needs against issues of affordability.
13. Some of the ways you could consider involving creative practitioners are:
  - involve artists and culture leaders in taskforces, working groups and consultations on Council-wide projects, including in areas such as transport, environment, infrastructure and urban development (as well as arts and culture programmes)
  - involve artists in the infrastructure capital works projects and urban development projects to create spaces that residents want to use, feel comfortable in, and represent our unique cultural identity. We encourage the Council to consider adopting an art in infrastructure policy, which requires that a certain percentage of funding for a capital works project be spent on

incorporating art, design or creative components that are delivered by local artists and practitioners

- employing artists to communicate key messages about the Council's work in ways that are accessible to Wellington's diverse communities
- involve artists in Wellington's Recovery Advisory Panel to strengthen the relationship between WCC's work and the arts sector.

14. We are about to release *Supporting your arts community through COVID-19: a guide for territorial authorities*, and encourage you to look at this guidance to understand the benefits of involving artists in council decision and policy-making.
15. We strongly endorse the Council's commitment to ongoing work in partnership with mana whenua. We would encourage the Council to think about how it can continue to ensure that the stories and identity of mana whenua are reflected in civic places and spaces.

#### Arts and Culture Strategy

16. We support the Council's commitment to develop an Arts and Culture Strategy in 2020/21, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can best support you in this work. We note that this work has been ongoing for some time now, and that there is strong appetite within the arts community that progress is made.
17. A strong strategic direction for the arts and culture sector in Wellington will ensure that the Council increases the resilience of the city's arts sector, and can maintain its reputation as the Culture Capital of New Zealand.

#### Cultural infrastructure

18. We strongly support the investments into arts and cultural infrastructure, namely the Town Hall and St James Theatre, and note their significance as key cultural facilities in Wellington.
19. However, a major concern for many Wellington artists and arts organisations are ongoing issues in respect of the affordability of Wellington's venues, particularly those managed by Venues Wellington. We would strongly encourage the Council to explore options for ensuring that civic venues are affordable and accessible to the local arts community. This will be crucial for supporting that community's recovery, and attracting audiences back to real-life arts experiences.
20. As noted above, we see opportunity to embed arts and culture across infrastructure and capital works programmes more broadly. For example, are there urban development projects and community facilities where cultural design principles can be incorporated to create spaces that people want to be kaitiaki of? Are there spaces where community arts can be included to create vibrant places that residents have pride in? Could the Council adopt a percentage for the arts policy in respect of major capital works/infrastructure projects? We would be happy to discuss this further if it is of interest to the Council.
21. Creative New Zealand supports proposed work to upgrade community facilities, which are important spaces for a number of community arts groups. Their ability to access quality and affordable spaces to work on has a significant impact on their wellbeing and sustainability.

#### **Background on Creative New Zealand**

22. Creative New Zealand is the arts development agency of Aotearoa, responsible for delivering government support for the arts. We're an autonomous Crown entity continued under the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014. Our legislative purpose is to encourage, promote, and support the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

23. Creative New Zealand's *Statement of Intent 2019–2029* identifies the outcomes we're seeking to achieve on behalf of all New Zealanders.
- Stronger arts as shown by:
    - high-quality New Zealand art is developed
    - New Zealand arts gain international success.
  - Greater public engagement with the arts as shown by:
    - New Zealanders participate in the arts
    - New Zealanders experience high-quality arts.
  - Stronger arts sector as shown by:
    - New Zealand's arts sector is resilient
    - New Zealand arts are valued and supported.
24. We contribute to achieving these outcomes by delivering programmes in the following areas:
- investing in the arts, including providing funding to artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations
  - developing the arts, including through our capability building programme for artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations
  - advocacy for the arts, to promote the value of the arts and empower the arts sector to make the case for the arts
  - leadership in the arts, to ensure the arts sector is well positioned collectively to respond to change.
25. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In 2018/19, we invested **\$47.974 million** into the New Zealand arts sector, with **\$7,273 million** going to the Wellington region (including funding individual arts projects as well as arts organisations).
26. We also granted **\$139,670** in 2018/19 to Wellington City Council through the Creative Communities Scheme, in order to support and encourage local communities to create and present art.
27. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you wish to meet to discuss this submission further (my contact details are at the start of the submission).

Ngā mihi rārau ki a koutou katoa, nā



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**Pou Whakahaere Matua, Rautaki me te Tūhono**

## 306. David Perks, WellingtonNZ

Email submission



### SUBMISSION ON WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21

#### INTRODUCTION

WellingtonNZ, the Regional Economic Development Agency for the Wellington Region (WREDA), supports economic performance throughout the region to enhance prosperity and liveability. We market Wellington region as a destination for visitors, migrants and investors; help businesses grow and innovate; advocate for Wellington's economy; attract and promote major events and run Wellington city's major civic venues.

As the agency responsible for economic development activities in Wellington Region, WellingtonNZ believes it is important to make its views known in relation to proposed Council activity that could influence its operations, as well as Wellington's destination development and marketing in the future.

WellingtonNZ would like to thank Wellington City Council (WCC) for its ongoing support. The confidence WCC has shown in the how WellingtonNZ's programmes and initiatives to enhance Wellington's economy is much appreciated.

#### OUR SUBMISSION

WellingtonNZ supports all of Wellington City Council's initiatives and activities which would contribute/lead to a more vibrant City and ultimately, a more vibrant Wellington Region. This includes the activities which have been addressed in the 2020/21 Draft Annual plan.

#### Strategy area projects and programmes

##### Environment & Infrastructure

Wellington City Council's efforts to protect and enhance Wellington's natural environment is supported by WellingtonNZ as the outcomes of these efforts will not only create a better living environment for local residents, but they will be investments that support the Wellington visitor economy and making Wellington a more attractive place to live and work. We note particularly the following activities as listed on page 25 of the plan:

- Maintain more walking and biking tracks; this supports our work delivering the Wellington Regional Trails Framework.
- Support Wellington Zoo and Zealandia in their conservation and visitor attraction work.
- Ensure the Botanic Gardens are cared for and maintained to a high standard.

## **Economic development**

The programme of work identified to support the economic development of Wellington city is appropriate:

- Support high-quality events such as concerts, festivals and sports matches. This includes WOW, All Blacks matches and Homegrown.
- Promote Wellington as a tourist, conference and business destination.
- Encourage the business community to work together through our Business Improvement Districts.
- Operate venues and convention centres.
- Support large and small scale economic growth programmes through the City Growth Fund.

WellingtonNZ continues to lead much of Council's work in this area and partners with the city on all these activities. These activities are important in continuing to position Wellington as an attractive place to visit, a place where amazing event experiences can be had and a city that is vibrant in a way that is unmatched in New Zealand.

In the 2020-21 year the importance of this activity remains high as businesses and the community respond to the Covid-19 crisis. We will work with Council to support businesses to find new customers and opportunities, seek investment into our city economy and work to leverage city funding by attracting other funding partners to invest in Wellington all of which will support the core activities detailed in this plan.

## **Our position on the key infrastructure projects in 2020/21**

- Convention and Exhibition Centre (WCEC).

The Convention Centre element of the WCEC is designed to give Wellington institutions, academics, associations, government interests and businesses a platform to speak from in the capital city. The Exhibition Centre element of the WCEC is designed to bring exciting exhibitions from around the world, and created locally, for Wellingtonians to enjoy as well as attract visitors from across New Zealand. WellingtonNZ is highly engaged in this project and indeed is – as the city's convention bureau – already selling it nationally and internationally. WellingtonNZ continues to support this key initiative.

- St James Theatre

The strengthening of the St James Theatre is a necessary investment in maintaining this core entertainment and arts asset in the city. Once completed the St James will once again provide the city with a large theatre fully capable of hosting the largest of theatrical events as well as a diverse range of other events. WellingtonNZ continues to support this key initiative.

## Cultural wellbeing

WellingtonNZ supports Wellington City Council's strategic aim in ensuring Wellington remain the cultural capital of New Zealand. Particularly, in the following activities:

- Planning and running an extensive programme of events throughout the year.
- Fund cultural and art projects and performances.
- Support national and regional arts organisation such as Royal NZ ballet, Footnote, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and Wellington Orchestra (NZSO).
- Operation of the six attractions – Wellington Museum, Capital E, Cable Car Museum, Nairn St Cottage, Space Place and City Gallery.

The listed activities are supported by WellingtonNZ's operations and the eco-system which we operate in to make Wellington a more attractive and vibrant destination. The planning, running and funding of events/performances and cultural projects enhances the liveability and vibrancy of the city for residents, but also enhances the visitors' offering Wellington has, which ultimately attracts more visitors and economic benefit to our economy.

Wellington City Council's own venue operations and their support for regional arts organisations as listed above is also a critical aspect of the city's visitor offering – these operational activities enable visitor attractions which complement and support Wellington's visitor experience. WellingtonNZ will continue to work in partnership with Council to maximise the opportunity provided to Wellingtonians by delivering a diverse and exciting range of events in the major venues it manages for the city.

The regional arts organisations such as Royal NZ Ballet and NZSO are also frequent resident hirers of the Civic Venues in Wellington, which makes the support they receive from WCC critical for the overall economic eco-system.

## Our position on the key projects in 2020/21

- Wellington Museum Upgrade

WellingtonNZ supports this upgrade activity as it creates a more earthquake resilient city and improves the experience in this always popular attraction.

- Growing and Developing Matariki

Matariki provides a unique opportunity for Wellingtonians to celebrate. As a winter festival the opportunity it provides to bring life and colour to Wellington is important.

- UNESCO City of Film Designation

WellingtonNZ is currently creating the first 4-year plan for leveraging Wellington's recent designation as a UNESCO City of Film. From this is delivered an activity plan for the year ahead which will enable Wellingtonians to embrace and participate in this critical part of the city story and economy.

#### **Social and recreation – Basin Reserve Master Plan**

WellingtonNZ support Wellington City Council's plan in the redevelopment of the Basin Reserve. The Basin Reserve not only serves as recreational ground for locals, but it is an important venue for events which attract both residents and visitors which ultimately supports economic growth and vibrancy. The upgrade of the reserve's facilities and the refurbishment of the grounds and stands will enable a variety of events to be held. Whether it'll be a sports event like a cricket test or a community cultural event like a noodle night market, improved facilities will attract both event organisers and event goers.

#### **Urban development**

An Urban environment which has undergone careful design and development considerations is imperative for economic development. WellingtonNZ supports Wellington City Council's efforts and programmes to develop and enhance our urban environment. Particularly in the following activities which have been mentioned in the 2020/21 plan.

- Plan the future growth of the city.
- Design and build upgrades to the city and suburbs, for example laneway and suburban centre beautification projects.
- Work to make Wellington more accessible.
- Enhance the CBD public space, urban parks and squares.
- Develop and maintain the Wellington Waterfront.
- Te Ngākau Civic Precinct.
- Townhall/National Centre for Music.
- North Kumototo Waterfront space.
- Laneway upgrades.

All the activities listed above not only enhances the liveability for residents, but they are all important aspects in supporting our visitor and business sectors. A well-designed urban environment will enable a thriving city that supports local businesses and attracts investors. A great urban environment supports the vibrancy of the city and will attract domestic and international visitors to Wellington as well as students and new residents with critical skills.

## Transport

Wellington City is the economic hub of the region, transport decisions and developments are critical in supporting a thriving regional economy.

The key projects identified are important and from a growing the economy perspective the following are critical.

- Let's get Wellington Moving
- Parking
- Cycling Masterplan

WellingtonNZ supports WCC's goal of delivering this suite of projects and moving each of them forward during the 2020/21 year. These projects must be delivered in a logical fashion that enables the business of the city to continue whilst work is underway. Improved public transport corridors, cycle routes and access to parking should enhance the experience of our city and the productivity of those working in it.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on your Draft Annual Plan for 2020/21.

Yours sincerely



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## 307. Nicola McFaull, Onslow Residents' Community Association

Email submission



### ON-SLOW RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### Submission of the Onslow Resident's Community Association for the Wellington City Council 2020/2021 Annual Plan

The Onslow Residents Community Association represents the areas of Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara. Our purpose is to act as a conduit between the community and local authorities, represent the views and interests of our three communities, promote, develop and improve the public services and facilities for our community and foster a sense of community. We are a voice for our community.

#### Overview

The Onslow Residents Community Association is pleased to make a submission on the WCC 20/21 Annual Plan.

We would first like to make some general comments then focus on the different programme areas.

#### A Year of Restraint – you can't do everything!

Our major concern with this year's Annual Plan is that Council does not as a whole seem to recognise the severity of the economic crisis that is hitting New Zealand after the COVID-19 pandemic.

We recognise that Council has found \$3.2 million in savings but that was before the pandemic hit. We also are pleased that Council has not taxed rate payers with 16.9% rate rise that was apparently planned. Nor the 9.2% rise. We are concerned that this was considered acceptable to do so anyway.

More detailed financial information is required to justify the proposed rate increases both for the 2020-2021 financial year and the proposed high increases for the 2021-2022 financial year. In both cases these increases are well above inflation. Other cities provide much more detailed financial information in spread sheet form.

We note that other Councils around New Zealand are cutting their cloth and some have 0% rate rises. Why are we not emulating them?

Councillors need to balance their vision for the city with what the income generated including what the ratepayers are able to pay. We do not want to be landed with a huge debt that needs to be paid back and that will only raise rates in future years, leaving other Councillors to deal with the mess. We advise fiscal prudence and an understanding from all Councillors that the money they are spending is primarily rate payers' money and ratepayers' debt.

We consider that Council:

- needs to cut its cloth this year to reflect the new economic reality. We would like to see some decent strategic thinking and prioritising of initiatives
- should prioritise spending on essential services to ensure the smooth running of the city – aka 'stick to your knitting'
- should only borrow if that money is seen as an investment that will add to our city's future prosperity and growth (no vanity or legacy projects)
- by all means support businesses to get back on their feet – but remember this is also a central government function
- vanity projects - projects that are not time dependent or urgent can and should be deferred
- it is important for the Council to remain committed to its long term objectives prioritising spending in this constrained year where it makes the most difference.

Council needs to put on their thinking hats – how can things be done differently, more innovatively and efficiently to cut costs and avoid \$60 million extra debt over the debt we already owe.

We would like Council to resist being short sighted and we do not want Council to lose sight of important issues to our city that will impact us – but is this the year to try and do everything?

With the borders closed and with a huge drop in Council income, the city's growth will level off (in fact it already is according to the census). Let's take a breather and reprioritise spending to reduce the amount we have to borrow.

*ORCA does not agree to the amount of borrowing Council is proposing or the rate rise of 5.2%.*

## Governance

We acknowledge and appreciate the salary reductions council executives have taken in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We note that many ordinary working people are on a 20% salary cut and will lose their jobs altogether once Government support stops.

We are disappointed to be presented with a business as usual plan without any choices to make savings in expenditure. We would like the Council to work in a much more integrated way and reduce the silos that make it inefficient.

We consider that a 1% efficiency savings target for this year falls well short of what would be commensurate with what many New Zealanders are facing right now. For example, looking at the Governance budget, it might be possible to make this saving just from the \$8.8m budget for running the Committee and Council processes by being radical about cutting them back this year.

We encourage Governance to take a radical approach, not just carry on business as usual. We note that the 10-year plan and future growth projections will have changed given some of the drivers have changed from the COVID-19 impacts of closing borders and driving economic recession.

We would like to see an amended annual plan that reduces council expenditure this year.

This means getting back to essential services by:

- identifying programmes that can either be cut altogether or postponed
- down-sizing services to reflect reduced demand in ways that reduce cost

Programmes funded by leveraging central government funds for 'shovel-ready' investments are very welcome, but in our view rate payers should not be funding such work.

Reliance on rates postponement, such as proposed for the 2.3% rates increase, should only be reserved for the neediest. Otherwise they just push more of this year's crisis into next year.

## Transport

We note this year the combined capex and opex programme comes to \$160 million and we recognise the many initiatives that fit under this category. It is a complex area that calls for a robust overarching transport strategy that is clearly articulated. We believe that this is not currently in place.

We are concerned that the Council divides up the significant transport budget and calls for priorities for expenditure and policy that are divorced from the real needs of its residents, commuters and visitors.

The lack of analysis and research up front causes unnecessary expenditure and possibly some decisions being political in nature rather than answering the real needs of Wellington residents and businesses. We point to the Island Bay cycleway fiasco as a classic example. However we know that Wellington will need to have good cycleways as we need a transport system that doesn't rely on public transport so we are ready for the next covid wave that will happen when the borders open.

We believe Wellington needs a unified, integrated transport strategy that reflects the needs of residents, commuters and visitors.

More seriously, this approach is multiplied into the LGWM programmes. Council officers are given the invidious task of deciding how to "improve" single routes, such as the Hutt Road - Thorndon Quay artery, in the absence of strategic solutions or proper consideration of needs. It is invalid to ask the question, "Which is more important, buses or bicycles?" They are both more important and both less important, to meet different needs at different times of day.

COVID-19 and the strategic shift away from working in the central city mean the demand for routes has lessened with congestion in Wellington caused by commuting lessening as well. The transport budget is large and significant savings in expenditure would result in borrowing less lowering the suggested rate increases.

The budget for the new Island Bay cycleway is out of all proportion to the localised need of cyclists and is one area where savings could be made in this time of economic crisis.

We agree projects such as the much delayed Ngaio Gorge Slope Stabilisation and the Wadestown Route Resilience Enhancements remain a priority this year given the need to keep major transport portals open. Earthquakes remain Wellington's greatest risk.

We may be making a separate submission on the parking policy, but suffice to say that as the Council says it will not be implemented this year, we want the savings actualised by ensuring we have a unified, integrated transport strategy, which itself requires the COVID-19 impact to be evaluated.

## Economic Development

We sincerely hope that the Wellington Convention Centre does not become a white elephant given the impact of COVID-19, the border closures and the long term effects on tourism and travel to Wellington city.

We know that given contractual arrangements, the convention centre cannot be stopped BUT we ask that Council keeps a very close eye on the budget pointing out how often these blow out due to poor contractual arrangements and mismanagement. We are concerned that the projects are all or nothing and suggest they should be staged so that if things changed the work that has been done to date has been repurposed for a better outcome.

We are interested in seeing new projections of the convention centre's income.

We reiterate that the council should put on hold any projects that will not return any income or benefit ratepayers at this time.

Regarding the Central Library, we note the Council has made a decision to rebuild. We believe there are other ways to develop the library. We are concerned that the decision to strengthen the building rather than rebuild was made under political pressure. We think this project needs more analysis to ensure all options are looked at including the opportunities that site presents for the city. We also believe that the decision to strengthen the existing library rather than develop and build a new generation information centre reflecting coming technologies (5G) and new ways of working and connecting, is a missed opportunity.

In line with central government, should there not be a freeze on council staff numbers for at least two years along with a freeze on salary reviews?

We also believe that organisations such as WREDA need to reconsider their budgets this year given much of their target markets will not have access to Wellington this year. They need to cut their cloth accordingly with an associated reduction in how much WCC benefits from their operations.

## Cultural Wellbeing

We enthusiastically support Wellington's cultural life. We recognise the symbiotic relationship between cultural entities and the Council which builds its profile as a major New Zealand cultural centre to attract more domestic and international visitors.

The Council does not directly benefit from tourism but only indirectly when the city grows through development of new tourist infrastructure like hotels, apartments etc. and providing new revenue streams. We believe the Council should reconsider how much funding support it needs to provide under the current climate.

Cutting our cloth will mean finding efficiencies, reducing grants and other support to these entities, based on their longevity and resilience to "go it" alone or on minimal support.

Upgrades such as that planned for Wellington's museum should be postponed or reconsidered. We also believe new priorities and opportunities may emerge as we factor in the COVID-19 cost.

The Old Town Hall is another case in point. It has cost us tens of millions over budget. We need better project management with more realistic risk assessment prior to starting these huge projects.

The extensive events programme of events -- Matariki and Ahi Kā, Gardens' Magic, A Very Welly Christmas, Te Rā o Waitangi, Pasifika Festival, Sky Show. Reducing the grant and expenditure on each of above as in the current COVID climate there is bound to be a decreased demand and hence needs to be less extensive in

its scope. Do we need to run them all? Or can they be scaled back? Should some of these events to be suspended for this year.

We would suggest that while it is essential to maintain the value of the assets, there should be no new purchases this year.

We agree that cultural activities such as supporting new murals and public sculptures are good for the atmosphere of the city. But again we need to cut our cloth accordingly and we believe there should be no new purchases and commissions bought this year. Alternatively, reduce grants for these projects.

The funding of cultural and art projects and performances again add to the cultural life of a city positively. But this year we recommend that you reduce grant and financial support by a percentage and the organisations should make up the short fall through their own devices.

Through the Wellington Museums Trust, they operate six venues: Wellington Museum, Capital E, Cable Car Museum, Nairn St Cottage, Space Place and City Gallery. The Council must not just turn off these grant it should work with each organisation on a recovery plan.

## Social and Recreation

In the areas of Community Centres, Swimming Pools, Sports Fields and Playgrounds plans are acceptable and on the right track. If volume of usage continues to be low the Council may need to consider to reduced services.

Social Housing: Under the Healthy Homes Guarantee Act landlords must meet standards that include insulation, ventilation heating, and drainage as well as draft stopping. Wellington City Council must ensure that monitoring of landlords is carried out to ensure this happens and appropriate follow-up occurs including penalties imposed on landlords and/or reduction of rents for tenants.

Consultation over rents for social housing must be in line with wages/cost of living.

Homeless Strategy: The plan to support a strategy to move from crisis beds to transitional housing is acceptable but more detail is needed on how this is to be done and a policy of adequate accommodation provision for all (zero sleeping rough) set if people living in Wellington are to be safe.

Library Service: Libraries help to connect people and provide a focus for communities so should be preserved. We support the philosophy of removing as many barriers to accessing the available library services and collections as possible.

In regard to the Central Public Library and the decision on whether to demolish and rebuild or strengthen the existing building, it is important that a range of expert views are analysed to ensure the best decision is made on the options.

Cost is an important consideration but so is safety. The areas of beauty and originality of a particular design are of lesser importance than its safety and usability. The supporters of retaining and strengthening the existing Central Library may be influenced in this decision by mistakenly thinking that the design will be unaltered by the strengthening work. This is a false assumption and the design changes to comply with the current NBS standard will necessitate major design changes.

## Urban Development

We strongly agree the Council must continue with its strategy to make the City more resilient such as using the Built Heritage fund to progress earthquake strengthening. This work increases the resilience of the city and adds to the city's desirability as a place to both live and visit.

## Environmental

More focus is needed on the long term disposal of waste. We would like the Council to consider reducing the amount of sewage it puts into landfills. The Council intends to extend the Southern Landfill in 2023 but consideration should be given to other solutions too (eg. Singapore's solution of turning waste into energy).

We are keen for the Council to come up with a solution to manage the sewage sludge that is put into the Southern landfill. The sludge contains pathogens and these can get into the waterways and cause contamination. We think that sludge should be treated with a focus on land application and re-use.

The plan needs to have more focus on educating people about the correct use of storm water drains and how to protect waterways. The plan needs to ensure monitoring processes take place in regard to how people and businesses use waterways.

Priorities should be set on what is important - replacement of sewage pipes and ensuring water is clean is of absolute importance for the health of people. The Council needs to plan regular maintenance of infrastructure and not wait until pipes burst before replacing them.

The Council should be completely sustainable in its operations and encourage all Wellington businesses to be too.

Any further financial support for Wellington Water Limited including additional funding for water leak detection and repair, condition assessment of assets and the additional cost of sewage sludge disposal should be contingent on the current effectiveness and efficiency of them carrying out their operations. There is no question that we need to fix sewage leaks but cost efficient techniques should be used such as tracing with dye and other new techniques.

We support the Council's commitment to reducing waste and investigating a resource recovery centre. While we also believe council must remain committed to its long-term objectives, any reduction in waste must be thought of with a cost recovery and commercial aspect.

We also support incentivised waste diversion and sustainable waste solutions.

We are pleased to see the council signalling a shift to a Circular Economy mindset, and we encourage the council to consider this as a framework for wider waste issues, such as sewage sludge and construction waste, as well as household and kitchen waste. Waste should be seen as a resource wherever possible.

We accept the extension of the landfill as a transitional solution, but strongly urge WCC to link the extension to a commitment to a sustainable long-term alternative to landfilling sewage sludge in order to minimise future landfilling.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. We will also be sharing this submission with the residents in the affected areas as well as in ORCA's communications with our members.

Please feel free to contact our association at [onslowcommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:onslowcommunityassociation@gmail.com) or by phone on 0274 511 366 regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely

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## 308. Demelza O'Brien, Regional Public Health

Email submission

### Regional Public Health

HAUORA Ā IWI KI TE ŪPOKO • O TE IKA A MĀUI  
Better health for the greater Wellington Region

8 June 2020

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#### Re: Feedback on Wellington City Council's 2020-2021 Annual Plan

Tēnā koe,

RPH serves the greater Wellington region, through its three district health boards (DHBs): Capital & Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. RPH works with our community to make it a healthier, safer place to live across the greater Wellington Region. We promote good health, prevent disease, and improve the quality of life for our population. Regional Public Health (RPH) has been, and continues to be, actively involved in responding to the COVID-19 public health pandemic to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community. While RPH has not been able to respond to submissions during the peak of COVID-19 response, we appreciate the opportunity now to provide feedback on Wellington City Council (WCC)'s Annual Plan.

RPH appreciates the important role that WCC plays in providing support for communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the coming months, the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 will become increasingly apparent for many communities. The COVID-19 crisis and the outcomes that lockdown have had, and will continue to have, will impact significantly on vulnerable communities and will exacerbate existing inequities among Māori, Pacific, low-income families, refugees, and seniors. In light of this, RPH commends WCC for reviewing the priorities outlined in their 2020-2021 annual plan and redirecting efforts and funds to support communities, households and businesses in recovery. RPH would like to support council in considering how COVID-19 recovery efforts can promote the health and wellbeing of your community and advance equity.

#### *Tackling the Housing Crisis*

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of warm, dry, safe and affordable housing, particularly during lockdown when whānau spent more time in their homes than ever before. Whānau living in damp, cold and overcrowded houses are at a greater risk of contracting respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. There have been nine cases of acute rheumatic fever notified in the year to date in the greater Wellington region. This is an increase on recent years: in each year between 2013 and 2019, no more than 2 cases had been notified by this time of the year. This has directly impacted Māori and Pacific whānau and tamariki who are disproportionately represented due to poverty and poor housing conditions.

As part of an equitable recovery, **RPH recommends that WCC invest in supporting warm, dry, safe and affordable homes**, including providing subsidies to retrofit houses, increasing access to an Ecodesigner, and supporting homeless communities who have been highly vulnerable during the pandemic. The greater number of people working from home also provides an opportunity for councils to think about innovative ways of dealing with the housing crisis, for example, by repurposing office buildings into affordable, quality housing.

### ***Resilient Communities***

Unemployment and financial pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic has, and will continue to have, significant social, health and economic impacts, particularly on vulnerable communities. Community organisations provide a range of essential supports to communities including food security programs, youth groups, recreational activities for whānau, housing supports, mental health programs, and employment services. Community organisations that provide these much-needed support services in the region are experiencing financial pressures due to COVID-19, as many funding streams are no longer available due to closures and loss of funding (i.e. fees for service, Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS), social enterprise income, grants and philanthropic funding, gaming trusts). Despite the greater need for community support services in the recovery from COVID-19, many community organisations are at risk of closing because, without funding, they are not able to provide these important services. This will exacerbate social inequities, leaving low-income, Māori, Pacific and other vulnerable groups worse off. To ensure a recovery that promotes collective wellbeing and builds resilient communities, **RPH supports WCC's commitment to increase funding and resources for community organisations in 2019/20 and 2020/21**. It will be important to ensure that the funding is adequate, and sustained over the long-term, to meet the service and support needs of communities coping with the social, economic, cultural and health impacts of COVID-19 in the coming months and years.

WCC can also invest in building community wellbeing and resilience through council services by offering free recreational services for whānau, mental health supports, employment and financial management services through libraries and community hubs. Other positive steps could include taking stock of how community hubs and council buildings are being used to support communities, particularly vulnerable groups, and making future plans on how community services can continue to operate and be utilised to their best potential in the event of future emergencies. For example, this could include ensuring that food banks have sufficient volunteers and staff who can sustain delivery and operations during an emergency (e.g. diversity in age and location of volunteers). RPH values the partnership with council in the welfare response via the Emergency Coordination Centres. It is important for council to continue to support the role of a welfare liaison to advocate for the welfare of communities.

## ***Food Security***

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the level of food insecurity and the need for food resiliency in our communities. Over lockdown, the demand for food assistance grew significantly across the country. We recognise the enormous amount of work done by WCC in responding to the increased demand and providing food parcels to whānau in need of support. Given the ongoing economic impacts of COVID-19, we expect more communities will begin to experience challenges with food security.

COVID-19 has emphasized the need to build a sustainable and resilient food system in the Wellington region and we recognise the work already underway by your council in this area. **RPH would like to work in partnership with Wellington City Council to further strengthen food resiliency and security in the city; one way this can be achieved is by signing the Good Food Cities<sup>[1]</sup> declaration.** Mayors from around the world have signed the Good Food City Declaration committing to aligning procurement policies with sustainable, healthy plant-based foods, reducing food loss and waste by 50%, and introducing policies to promote healthy, low-carbon foods that are affordable and accessible to all. RPH has already begun conversations with your staff and will follow-up with further recommendations to council on strategies for building food resiliency and tackling food insecurity.

## ***Three Waters Infrastructure***

RPH supports the need for significant investment and activities by WCC in ‘three waters’ infrastructure to ensure the provision of safe drinking water and sustainable storm and wastewater systems. Ageing infrastructure in the city has significant impacts on the short, medium and long term wellbeing of the community, and can have adverse impacts on residents’ quality of life, particularly on vulnerable communities who already experience poor social and health outcomes. It is of vital importance to ensure that three waters infrastructure functions properly to protect the wellbeing of the community. **RPH recommends that WCC prioritises investment in strengthening three waters infrastructure.**

## ***Public Health Bylaw - Nail and Beauty Salons***

RPH congratulates the council with the recently passed Public Health Bylaw to address health and safety issues in beauty and nail industry. This is consistent with similar bylaws from other regions in New Zealand, national regulation is likely to be years away particularly given that a number of councils have now established bylaws, in particular a large proportion of the national population is covered by the Auckland Unitary Authority Bylaw. You may recall that our 2017 Survey of 57 nail and beauty salons in the Wellington Region showed an overwhelming need for minimum standards within the industry, with few operators providing adequate infection control practices<sup>1</sup>. There is an ever increasing range of new and invasive procedures in the hands of an unregulated industry. Your

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<sup>[1]</sup> [https://www.c40.org/press\\_releases/good-food-cities](https://www.c40.org/press_releases/good-food-cities)

<sup>1</sup> RPH found that only 12% of salons visited followed procedures that would maintain sterility of equipment used for manicures/pedicures.

bylaw, which requires businesses to comply with minimum standards for infection control and hygiene, will protect beauty operators who may be working in unsafe conditions and unaware of their rights, as well as the health and safety of the wider community. There was very strong industry support for the enhancement safety that the bylaw brings. **RPH welcomes the opportunity to continue to support WCC with the bylaw implementation.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on WCC's Annual Plan 2020/21. Wellington City has an important role to play in safe guarding the wellbeing of communities and advancing equity in the coming months and years, as the region recovers from the social, health and economic impacts of COVID-19. RPH wishes to support council by offering our public health expertise, knowledge and skills, where appropriate. If you have any further questions and/or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss ways in which RPH can support council on key public health issues in your community, please contact us.

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### **309. Mark Johnston, Cycle Wellington**

Email submission

## **Cycle Wellington**

Wellington City Council

Annual Plan 2020

Kia ora

Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback on the Annual Plan.

We support all the measures proposed.

Out of the specific topics in the Annual Plan feedback form, our submission agrees with Tipu Toa - Build Back Better. We support all the proposals in this section. We are keen to see walking improvements - making our city safe and welcoming to get around on foot is very important. Please consider accelerating these plans, with more work done faster. For example, rather than investigating minor works you could implement minor works and investigate further, larger improvements.

### **Cycleway masterplan**

We remain concerned at the slow progress on implementing cycle infrastructure, despite the best efforts of Council staff, there seems to be resourcing issues. It is encouraging to see that WCC is working with NZTA to build a modern network of cycle infrastructure for Wellington. We are also optimistic that the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme will bring more changes to the central city.

Changes to streets in the Northern and Western wards should be brought forward in the Long Term Plan as the popularity of ebikes and micromobility devices grows. This will help Wellington reach Te Atakura - First to Zero goals while alleviating congestion on roads and on public transport by providing more comfortable transport choices.

### 310. Gary Holmes, Karori Business Association

Hard copy submission

**Q1. Please let us know if you would you like to speak to your submission at an oral hearing?**

No

**Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the overall approach to this Annual Plan?**

Strongly agree

**Q3. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support the overall direction of the plan, as it retains levels of service and recognises that additional support is needed for the business community including the \$800,000 funding for the proposed development at Zealandia.

**Q4. How strongly to you support or oppose this option of an average rates rise of 5.1%?**

Support

**Q5. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We recognise that this level of rates increase is required to ensure no reduction in levels of service.

**Q6. How strongly to you support this option of an average rates rise of 2.3%?**

Not answered

**Q7. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

Not answered

**Q8. How much do you support these new Tipu Toa initiatives?**

Strongly agree

**Q9. Why did you indicate the level of support above?**

We support Council's Pandemic Response & Recovery Plan which includes support for businesses through deferring 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rates payment without penalty, reducing alcohol and food licence fees, and discounted entry to places like Zealandia, We also support the buy local campaign and Wellington NZ business support line.

**Q10. How much do you support or oppose our changes to fees and charges this year?**

I support or oppose not increasing the majority of fees and charges for 2020/21	Strongly agree
I support or oppose increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives	Neutral

**Q11. Is there anything else we should know before making decisions?**

While not included in this Annual Plan, we wish to recognise and thank the council for the funding for the Karori Events Centre fitout as this will be a great asset for the Karori Community.

**Q12. How did you hear about this consultation?**

A Council website

# 311. Wellington Chamber of Commerce

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## SUBMISSION ON WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL MAHERE Ā-TAU ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21

### INTRODUCTION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2020/21 (the Annual Plan). The Chamber has consistently worked hard to ensure the city's business community has a voice in city matters, and the annual plans are an essential part of this.
2. The Chamber would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with the Council and wishes to take part in an oral submission.

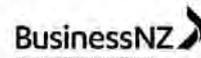
### ABOUT THE CHAMBER

3. The Wellington Chamber of Commerce ('the Chamber') has been the voice of business in the Wellington region for 164 years since 1856 and advocates for policies that reflect the interest of Wellington's business community, in both the city and region, and the development of the Wellington economy as a whole. The Chamber is accredited through the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce network and as part of our broader organisation is also one of the four regional organisations of BusinessNZ.
4. Through our three membership brands, the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, Business Central and ExportNZ, our organisation represents around 3,500 businesses across the central and lower North Island. Our organisation is one of the four regional organisations that make up the Business New Zealand family and is also accredited through the New Zealand Chambers of Commerce network.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5. As Wellington enters the 2020s, it is worth reflecting how far the city has come. Over the last 40 years, the city has transformed from a grey centre of bureaucracy to the thriving cultural and commercial hotspot it is today. Much of this progress has been shaped by successive councils who had a vision for how the city can redefine itself and had the leadership to make it happen.
6. Today, the city is facing challenges as daunting as any from the 1980s. The success of the last 40 years has grown the city's population and economy, putting critical infrastructure under strain. Our transport networks have barely changed since the Thorndon Motorway was built in the 1970s. Housing construction has not matched population growth meaning affording a house is now out of reach for many. And the passage of time has further decayed our water pipes which are regularly failing.
7. On top of this growth, contemporary events have conspired against the city. In 2016, the Kaikoura Earthquake caused considerable damage to the CBD. Significantly, the city's heart around Civic Square closed, turning an already struggling area into a 'dead zone'. The earthquake also caused commercial property insurers to rethink their risk exposure and push up premiums.

our business family includes



8. While all the challenges outlined above have evolved over time, we now find ourselves in the middle of a 1-in-100-year pandemic, leading to perhaps the most severe economic recession of the post-war period. Covid-19 has brought urgency to the need for Wellington to tackle these problems. Our challenges amount to more than we can afford under a business-as-usual approach, which would lead to rapidly rising rates at the very time families and businesses can't afford them. This urgency means not waiting until the next iteration of the 10-year plan to act. While it is probably not feasible to bring the 2021-31 Long-term Plan forward, we do urge councillors to start tackling the larger problems and, as a minimum, avoid taking decisions which close off longer-term solutions.
9. So now Wellington city is facing specific, large-scale problems which require councillors to think differently about how to solve them. This is all within the context of climate change and the need to reduce emissions over coming decades. The Council needs a strategic vision for what it wants Wellington to be to meet the needs of residents and businesses. We cannot retreat into just being a 'public sector' city. The city's vibrancy is a crucial reason why people and companies choose to be here.
10. In short, this annual plan requires the Council to lift its head and think hard about where Wellington needs to go over the next 40 years.
11. Wellington needs to address six key challenges:
  1. Supporting economic recovery by ensuring Council expenditure goes towards projects and infrastructure, which brings long-term productivity benefits.
  2. Empowering Wellington Water to better manage its assets and fund future investments by raising its own revenue streams.
  3. Use the current opportunity through central government stimulus to renegotiate the flawed 'Let's Get Wellington Moving' deal so transport costs are fairly split between central and local government.
  4. Champion housing developments which supports the construction sector while giving residents modern, affordable homes.
  5. Rethink how Civic Square can be revitalised in partnership with commercial developments, this should evolve into considering the future of the whole 'ground floor' of the city.
  6. Collaborate with ratepayers to increase the city's environmental resilience, this includes strengthening earthquake prone building, addressing runaway insurance premiums, preparing for sea level rise, and working to reduce emissions.
12. Tying this all together is the need for the Council to undertake a thorough stocktake of all its existing assets. This should include water, transport, housing, land, property, and civic amenities. The Council should re-examine the objective of owning each asset and whether it is meeting that objective. Given the scale of the challenges itemised above, continuing with the current mix of assets simply because that is what the Council inherited from its predecessors is perhaps the worst possible reason. This is not a call for a wholesale 'sell off' of assets, it is a call for methodical asset management that best serves the interests of ratepayers and residents.
13. Combined, these challenges lay out a stark warning to councillors: business-as-usual will not work. The Council must fundamentally rethink how it conducts its business and best serves local residents and businesses.

## **BACKGROUND**

14. Local businesses have a significant interest in the planning and operation of the Council. The decisions made by the Council and their vision for the city have a considerable effect on the business community's confidence and behaviours.

15. It is important to note that the Wellington business community pay the highest shares of rates in the country. The community contributes 45 per cent of the Wellington City Council's (the Council's) total rates revenue. Businesses also pay about 33% of the overall Greater Wellington Regional Council rates take.
16. This submission provides feedback on the content and proposals in the Council's consultation document 'Mahere ā-Tau Annual Plan', before setting out ideas for how to tackle the six key challenges listed in the executive summary.

### **ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21 & RATES**

17. The Chamber acknowledges the Council's efforts in minimising the rates increase from the 7.2 per cent proposed in the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan, and the 9.2 per cent increase indicated earlier this year, to the suggested 5.1 per cent and the secondary option of 2.3 per cent.
18. However, we need to point out that in the current economic environment and with many businesses already struggling, any increase in the general rates will hit businesses hard where it matters most – their cash flow. While the proposed options allow for services to continue at pre-COVID levels, we believe it is vital that the Council finds additional savings in the current budget.
19. Concerning the Annual Plan and on behalf of its members, the Chamber holds the following views:
  - The Chamber disagrees with the overall approach of the Annual Plan. We acknowledge the Council's efforts to-date, but believe it is necessary for the Council to fundamentally rethink some of their business-as-usual methods in the face of enormous challenges.
  - The Chamber supports the minimum rates increase available to the Council. Given the options presented, this would be the secondary option of 2.3 per cent, rather than 5.1 per cent rates increase. However, we also wish the Council to make the large-scale investments necessary to solve the city's challenges.
  - The Chamber supports the "Tipu Toa: Build Back Better" initiative.
  - The Chamber agrees with holding the majority of fees and charges at the current levels for 2020/21.
  - The Chamber agrees with increasing Southern Landfill fees to help fund 'polluter pays' and waste reduction initiatives.
20. The Chamber supports the minimum rates increase available to the Council. Given the options presented, this lends the Chamber to support the secondary option of 2.3 per cent, rather than a 5.1 per cent rates increase.
21. However, we are also concerned there is a false dichotomy in the choices presented. The current 2.3 per cent proposal means that while the rates increase this year is low, the increase in outyears is a greater, sharper, potentially more unaffordable increase. Given Council determines its rates and spending options, we would urge Council to use next year's LTP process to ensure the impacts of this current proposal is fully assessed and considered.
22. Our recent member survey found that our members were split on the options available, with just 23 per cent of members agreed with the larger 5.1 per cent increase. The largest group, 36 per cent of members, agreed with a 2.3 per cent rates increase. A further 30.5 per cent rejected both options.
23. However, we are acutely aware that given the size of the current challenges, there is little point in deferring the necessary decisions now. We need to invest significantly in our water, transport, housing, and civic amenities. Our members appreciate the Council's efforts with the Covid-19 Pandemic Response Rates Postponement scheme. This scheme makes use of existing government support criteria which gives greater certainty to businesses about whether they can qualify. Again, we would urge Council to use next year's LTP

process to ensure the impacts are fully assessed and considered – we cannot allow Wellington to continue to be held back.

24. We urge the Council to remember that many businesses are struggling, and further significant rates increases in future years will severely impact them. Therefore, the Council must maintain financial discipline, and we continue to encourage the Council to find savings where possible so it can further expand necessary infrastructure upgrades. So far, there is little evidence the Council is willing to do this.
25. As the city ‘builds back better’ following this recession, we should incorporate new technology and ways of doing things to reduce energy use, emissions, and waste. We should use this opportunity to tackle climate change and continue to aim for carbon zero by 2050.

### **Challenge 1**

#### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

26. Over the past three months, the Wellington business community has been detrimentally affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Our retail, hospitality, accommodation, manufacturing, and tourism sectors were not able to operate for eight weeks and are only now beginning their recovery process.
27. Many banks, economists, and experts have predicted an economic recession. With this forecast economic storm coming and the continued closure of our international border, many local businesses and organisations will continue to struggle financially for the foreseeable future. The unemployment rate in New Zealand is already rising rapidly, and the central Government is injecting an extra \$50 billion of spending. This is not business-as-usual and, therefore, the response from the Council should not be business-as-usual.
28. As detailed in the section above, the Council can help businesses by investing in crucial infrastructure and maintaining their financial discipline. Any activities that the Council wishes to pursue to stimulate the local economy must focus on projects that enhance productivity and keep businesses going over the long term.
29. Also, the Council should consider its involvement in non-core activities such as social housing. This is a responsibility of the central government. Wellington city's participation in social housing is a considerable financial risk that it has struggled to manage over the preceding several decades. Citizens deserve warm, dry houses they are safe to live in. Yet, because of the financial demands on Council, it has struggled to maintain the housing stock for its citizens adequately. Instead, the Council could partner with NGOs and Kāinga Ora who are better equipped to provide successful social housing outcomes.
30. In light of the enormous financial demands coming on the Council, the Council must undertake a thorough review of its existing mix of assets and whether they are optimal. Some of the Council's asset classes are explored further in the coming sections, such as water, transport, housing and Civic Square. The obvious example is for the city to sell down their stake in the airport and use the capital to invest in new infrastructure. This approach maintains the existing airport operations to the benefit of the city while also allowing the construction of new infrastructure. Ownership is not essential to the Council achieving the objective of Wellington maintaining a successful international airport.
31. We understand some councillors will find ‘asset recycling’ challenging. However, whether or not this path is pursued, we urge the Council to at least conduct a fundamental stocktake of all its assets. Doing so is not ideological, but a practical response to the urgency of the current challenges. As the unfolding situation with Wellington Water is demonstrating, ignorance of your asset portfolio is an enormous risk and problems will emerge regardless.

## Challenge 2

### WATER

32. Wellington Water has inherited decaying infrastructure. Sewerage running across streets or into the harbour is unacceptable. The Council and Wellington Water must get a grip on the size of the problem. That means a thorough assessment of the ageing assets and the likely programme of maintenance and renewal required. It appears initial estimates are for \$1 billion over the next ten years. Such an extensive investment programme is out of the reach of the Council under existing arrangements.
33. We should empower Wellington Water to manage its assets better and raise its own revenue stream. We can do this by investing the assets into a dedicated CCO (such as the successful Water Care in Auckland) and installing water metres to provide a user pays revenue stream that also significantly improves water conservation.
34. Water metering in Wellington can significantly reduce consumption while increasing the detection of wasteful leaks. Metres would provide the Council with an additional revenue stream to assist with costs of upgrading the city's water infrastructure. Experiences in other areas, such as Kāpiti, has illustrated the benefits of metering while demonstrating initial community fears are unfounded.
35. Over 23,000 water metres were rolled out in Raumati, Paraparaumu and Waikanae in mid-2014 at the cost of \$8 million. Despite some community apprehension, the process led to measurable improvements. The following summer saw a 25 per cent drop in peak day use as residents cut back to keep their bill down. While 2015's summer rainfall was just one-third of the previous years', sprinkler bans were avoided as residents voluntarily conserved water. During the 2017-18 summer, the hottest in 10 years – Kāpiti was the only lower North Island district not to need water restrictions.
36. The average water bill for a family of four in Kāpiti is \$490 per year. The Council says 75 per cent of ratepayers pay less for water now than they previously did under the one-size-fits-all approach.
37. It is estimated that Wellington's demand for water will outstrip supply within ten years if residents keep consuming at their current rate. Eighteen months ago, Water NZ estimated that Wellington's pipe system leaked 15-20 per cent of its water. They compared this to the leakage rate in the Netherlands of 3 per cent.
38. Some community members fear metering for water is privatisation of the water. It is important to note that it is still a council-controlled organisation managing the water network, it is managed as a not-for-profit CCO, the charging is on a user-pays basis, and all revenue is reinvested in the network for either repairs or network expansion.

## Challenge 3

### TRANSPORT

39. Wellington's traffic problems are well known. Wellington's growing population has led to rising traffic congestion and longer commuting times. Areas in the central city as well as around the port and airport are particularly problematic. Public transport is straining, trains are reaching capacity, and the bus reforms have been a debacle. Unfortunately, Wellington has been let down by the central government as well as our own lack of vision.
40. The 'Let's Get Wellington Moving' deal announced in 2019 was a poor deal. While addressing some of the capital's most chronic transport needs, the package shifted too much of the cost onto local ratepayers. It deliberately blurs the traditional areas of responsibility between local and central government for transport projects. It imposes a bespoke model of cost-sharing that requires a higher contribution from local councils

than, for example, ATAP in Auckland. Also, there is too much uncertainty over critical projects like the Mount Victoria tunnel, and the Terrace tunnel does not even feature at all.

41. There is now an opportunity to redo the deal. Due to Covid-19, the government is looking for significant productivity-enhancing infrastructure developments it can fund to stimulate the economy. Wellington must take advantage of this opportunity and secure its fair share of stimulus funding. It is also a chance to make the city's transport flows more efficient and facilitate greater public transport development. This will be essential to ensuring the city's emissions continue to reduce over time.
42. Businesses in Wellington have expressed their support for some sort of congestion charging within the central city. By investing in fit-for-purpose transport links around the city, drivers can willingly avoid the more congested areas near the centre. Once completed, financial incentives can be used to ensure traffic sticks to these arterial routes. With such charges, the Council can invest in further projects to aid inner-city mobility such as improved public transport infrastructure, bus priority, scooter paths, cycle lanes, and wider footpaths. Some of this is already underway with the 'quick wins' part of LGWM, but more is required.
43. Councillors should lead public discussions explaining why transport funding is not zero-sum between modes. This would increase public support for upgrades which benefit multiple users of corridors. For example, trenching Karo Drive is an expensive project seen to benefit car users; yet it will be a huge boost for walkers and cyclists in the area, delivering a large amenity benefit to local residents.

#### **Challenge 4**

##### **HOUSING**

44. Wellington's population growth is hurting housing affordability; the city needs to build more houses in both the central city and suburban areas. To achieve this, the Council should encourage developers to push ahead with significant housing developments across the city. This could take the form of regulatory support, expediting consents, and better guidance through the approvals process.
45. One significant barrier to higher density housing is objections from surrounding residents, even when the area is zoned for such developments to proceed. Councillors should prioritise housing developments going ahead and champion them in front of their local communities. It is only with political leadership and people articulating why such housing is essential, will it proceed and contribute to making housing more affordable.
46. In addition, the Council could contribute to common infrastructure costs to get additional housing developments going. An example of the Council holding up a housing development is Shelly Bay. Rather than fighting the development, the Council should be sitting down with proponents and working out how they can get it through the consenting process fairly.
47. If Wellington does not act on housing, the surrounding cities of Porirua, Lower Hutt, and the Kāpiti Coast will pick up the slack. Perversely, this will increase Wellington's traffic congestion and emissions compared to building the houses here.
48. Social housing is already covered in the economic development section under challenge one. Social housing is its own distinct area, and the Council should treat it accordingly. Social housing tenants would best be served by having dedicated social agencies looking after them. The Council should consider transferring its social housing portfolio to Community Housing providers. These providers are better able to offer wraparound services such tenants often require and also better at looking after the properties.

## Challenge 5 CIVIC SQUARE

49. It is immensely disappointing that the city's 'heart' of civic buildings are mostly closed for the foreseeable future due to earthquake strengthening issues. However, it must be remembered that Civic Square was not operating as well as it could before these issues arose. We now have the opportunity to redesign this essential public space in a more user-friendly way.
50. The Council should exit ownership of office space in the same way that the central government did decades ago. This relieves the local government of the responsibility of managing catastrophic events to its buildings. The Council should allow commercial-led development of the land, including the co-location of additional residential and commercial tenants. This will contribute to the rebuild cost and avoid the 'dead nights' problem in Civic Square. The Council can maintain the 'ground floor' presence within these new buildings with its offices, town hall, and a central library.
51. Wellington's Central Library doesn't need to rebuild in the same way as before. The current network of central libraries seems to be working well and bringing the facilities closer to people. So, what is wrong with having multiple libraries within the city? This also highlights the challenge of the city's 'ground floor' and what it might look like as the Covid-induced recession deepens.
52. What is the city's strategy for how our streetscape might look in a few years with many retailers having been forced to close? What can we do with the empty shops, and what can the Council do to make its rules more flexible for these commercial building owners? This thinking needs to start now.

## Challenge 6 RESILIENCE

53. Concluding the six challenges facing the city are the long-term issues including the need to reduce emissions, improve resilience against the effects of climate change, earthquake strengthen our building stock in an affordable way, and address rapidly rising insurance premiums.
54. Commercial property owners in the city are facing building insurance premiums doubling, tripling or even quintupling over the last few years. For example, one typical office block in Wellington saw its insurance premiums rise 220 per cent in just four years - from \$99,000 in 2016 to almost \$320,000 this year. In one of our quarterly business confidence surveys from 2019, 30 per cent of respondents said they had experienced "significantly increasing premiums" in the past three years. The Chamber has spoken directly to businesses who have told us insurance companies are inserting additional clauses into contracts to reduce cover without clear explanation and that their cover has been "shrinking over the last four years, but premiums continue to go up".
55. Rapidly rising insurance premiums are obviously a cost to business, but they also flow through into the rents of every tenant, which in turn increases the price of all goods and services in Wellington.
56. Insurance companies and their representatives claim the market is adjusting to the 2016 Kaikoura earthquakes, making more granular risk-based assessments of properties based on location, and reverting to international norms when compared to similar jurisdictions in Japan and California. The problem with these arguments is that no matter what mitigation investment a business makes, the insurance premiums still go up. Japan and California have low rates of business insurance compared to New Zealand but are far larger economies.
57. High rates of private insurance cover were a key feature of Christchurch's successful rebuild following their 2011 earthquake. It would be regrettable for businesses to decide to forego insurance cover in a bid to keep

their operating costs down by exposing themselves and our economy to a significant shock in the wake of even a moderate earthquake. New Zealand can preserve its enviable high rates of insurance cover if we act now.

58. The Mayoral Taskforce on Insurance from the previous Council appears to have gone quiet. We urge the Council to continue working with the Government on insurance reforms that will maintain the affordability of premiums for residential and commercial property owners. Increases to the EQC caps on the cover would seem a sensible immediate step that could be taken; for example, raising the cap on residential property from \$100,000 to \$400,000.
59. Commercial property should be included in this scheme as well. Without it, redevelopment of the city will wither over time as limited capacity and uneconomic costs bite.
60. As noted through the sections above, preparing the city for the impacts of sea level rises and continuing to reduce emissions are important goals for the city. Now is the time for the Council to start considering the future of Wellington's famous waterfront and how it might be impacted by rising sea levels. Could Council assets, such as ground leases, become endangered by rising sea levels, and if so, should the Council look to mitigate these risks? Perhaps some waterfront land will need to be dedicated to managing inundation. Whatever solutions are agreed upon, consultation with the community should begin before predictable problems emerge.

## **312. Val Munro, Mornington Golf Club**

Email submission

# **The Mornington Golf Club**



**Incorporated**

## **Submission on the Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan, 2020/21**

### **Introduction**

The Mornington Golf Club (MGC) was established in 1916. We are an affordable golf club designed for public enjoyment and wellbeing, we facilitate community connection through sharing of our facilities with local recreation and wellbeing organisations and we have an inclusiveness and physical accessibility lens.

### **Submission**

#### **Revenue and Financing Policy**

Currently, the Revenue and Financing Policy for MGC is 70% rates funded and 30% user funded, MGC would like to propose moving to 80% rates funded and 20% user funded aligning to other Wellington sports grounds. The key factors contributing to this proposed change in funding structure are as follows:

- MGC is primarily sports related, the recent addition of disc golf has contributed to increased participation and utilisation of the grounds. Green fee revenue supports this increase;
- while small, our membership has increased for the first time since 2018, again increasing participation and utilisation rates;
- the recent addition of cameras and counters confirms the grounds are used by thousands of Wellingtonians each and every month. While not necessarily all participating in golf or disc golf the data does show how utilised this beautiful open green space is.

**Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We would like the opportunity to speak to Councillors about it in the appropriate forum.**

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Email submission

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I missed submitting on the annual plan but had meant to submit in support of the \$200,000 fund that will help with noxious weed control. I am involved in several planting/weeding groups (Upstream & Brooklyn community orchard) and am alarmed to see the increase in weeds such as old mans beard and it affecting our natural areas such as Central Park. It seems a shame to be investing so heavily in being predator free, without the accompanying trying to minimise the sperad of these noxious weeds that smother our bush. I believe that a fund such as this to pay professionals, in association with the dedicated work of community organisations such as Upstream, Wild Aro, Polhill Protectors, etc, would have a big impact.

Hope that my submission can be counted!

Thanks,

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