

## 2021-2031 Long-term Plan Process and Decisions Overview

The following are the details of Council's processes used for consulting with the community and considering submissions to the "Tō tātou haerenga – Our journey" Consultation Document and the Long-term Plan supporting information, and of the resulting decisions and changes to the final 2021-2031 Long-term Plan.

### The decision-making process

Action	Date
Notify "Tō tātou haerenga – Our journey" Consultation Document	4 May 2021
Public submissions	Opened 4 May 2021 and closed 4 June 2021
Council heard and considered submissions	Hearing – 23 June 2021 Deliberations – 29 June 2021
Adoption of the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan	30 July 2021

### Results of the consultation process

Council received 50 submissions from individuals and organisations and Council is grateful for the time and thought that went into each of them. As a result of consideration of these submissions, Council made changes to the final Long-term Plan.

### Addressing the Significant Issues

Council heard and decided on the submissions that related to the significant issues that were raised through the Consultation Document and retained them in the final Long-term Plan as follows:

"Tō tātou haerenga – Our journey" Issues	Comment
Issue 01 - Rates	Council decided to proceed with a 20% rates increase in 2022, followed by 5% each year for the next three years and 4% thereafter. This was the preferred option in the consultation document and will allow the organisation's debt to be repaid by 2028.
Issue 02 – Waituna Creek proposed new rate	Council decided to proceed with a new per hectare rate for the Waituna rating district to carry out bank stabilisation work. This was the preferred option in the consultation document and the preferred option for submitters commenting on this key issue.

### Additions agreed to be funded by the Council

Council received submissions on other matters that had not been taken into account in the Consultation Document or Long-term Plan supporting information.

After considering those submissions, Council made the following decisions on those specific requests and included them in the Long-term Plan:

- funding of \$106,200 per annum for Predator Free Southland for the next three years;
- endorsement of the Aparima and Maituna Catchment Liaison Committees accessing an additional \$30,000 and \$50,000 respectively for the 2021/22 year from their operating reserves.

### Supporting Documents

#### 2021/22 Fees and Charges Schedule

No changes made to the fees and charges schedule.