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Pohangina Valley Community Committee
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Dear Submitter

Submission to Draft Long Term Plan 2018-28

Thank you for your submission to the 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan. Council appreciates the time taken to share your thoughts and to have your say.

Council received over 360 submissions with a number of these submissions being supported by large communities of interest so we heard across our entire district from Rangiwahia in the north to Himatangi Beach in the south. The submissions covered a variety of subjects with the proposed change to the rating differentials being the topic that received the highest feedback.

Council's response to the specific points raised in your submission is as follows:

Rates

Council proposed to make changes to the Capital Value based rating differentials pertaining to General Rates, Roothing Rates and Parks and Reserves Rates that would change the proportion of rates paid by different ratepayer groups. A significant number of submissions were received about this matter. Council decided not to proceed with changes to the rating differentials. The existing rating differentials will remain in place as follows:

Rating Area	General Rate	Roothing Targeted Rate	Parks and Reserves Targeted Rate
Rural	0.4	0.65	0.3
Feilding Rural	0.5	0.65	0.3
Feilding Residential	1.0	1.0	1.0
Feilding CBD	2.25	2.75	2.75
Industrial and Commercial	1.6	1.5	1.5
Utilities	1.6	1.75	1.75

Pohangina Domain

Council has included \$5,000 per annum for three years towards development work at the Domain.

Community Funding

Council has decided to carry forward unspent community committee project funding.

Pohangina School Reserve and Swimming Pool

Council notes your comments around the Pohangina School Reserve and swimming pool.

Kuku Road

Seal extensions are classed as Road Improvements. Any application for improvements which increases the level of service must provide evidence of substantive benefits. To be eligible for a subsidy from New Zealand Transport Agency projects should be submitted to the Regional Land Transport Plan and to the National Land Transport Programme for approval. The requested seal extensions are on low volume roads and are unlikely to attract a subsidy. These projects could proceed as Non-subsidised works if Council provided the funding, however Council has not budgeted for seal extensions until 2030.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to submit your feedback on the 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan. We signalled in our consultation document that we had some big decisions to make to best serve our community. Particularly on whether we had the right balance on the needs of the community now and in the future with what we think is an affordable rate to pay to ensure that tomorrow is great, today.

You told us what you thought and we listened. We may not have given you the outcome you were seeking but as your Mayor and Councillors, we did aim to represent your interests to the best of our ability, while planning for a vibrant future for our District.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss the above further.

Kind regards,


Helen Worboys
Mayor