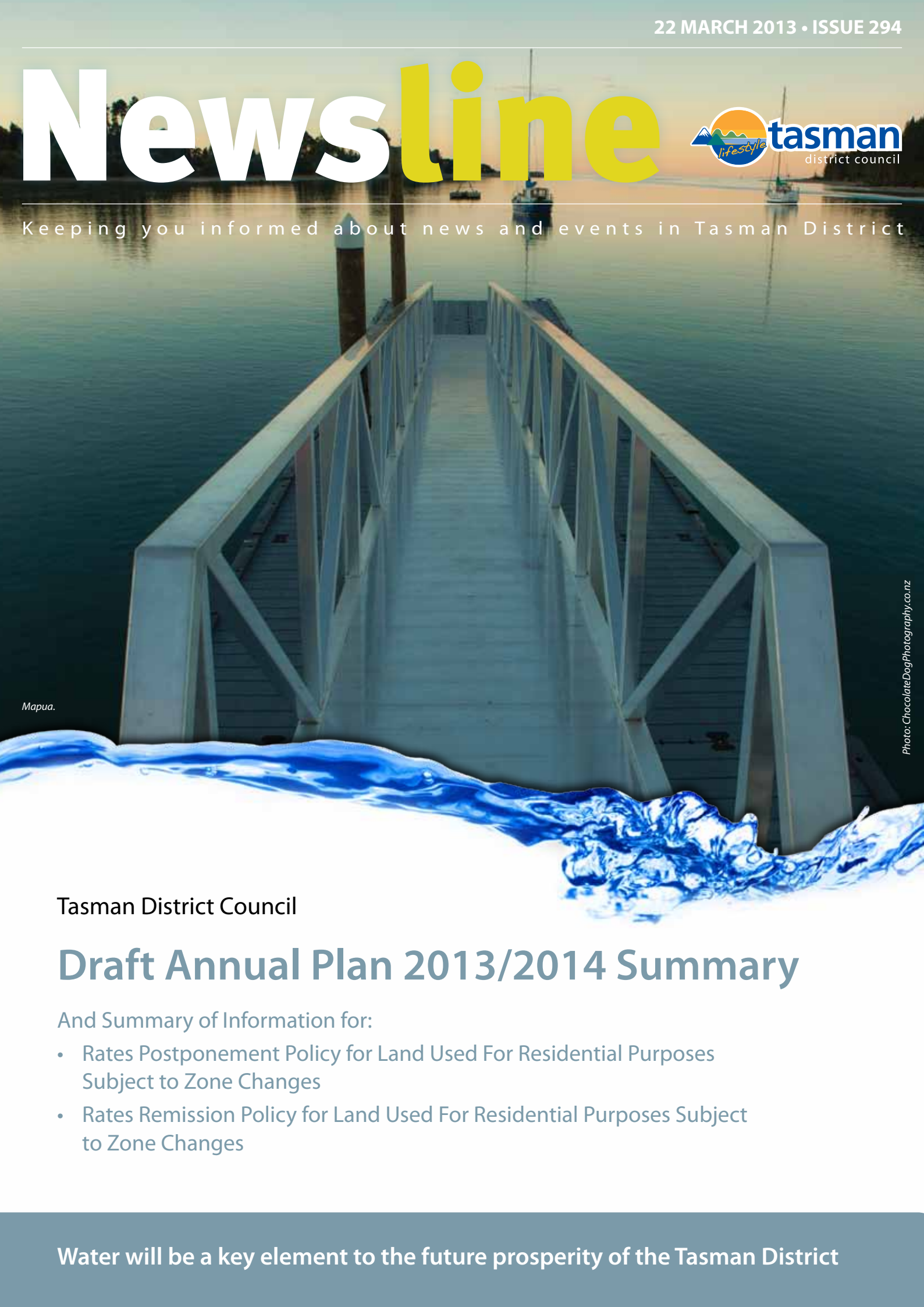


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## Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 Summary

And Summary of Information for:

- Rates Postponement Policy for Land Used For Residential Purposes Subject to Zone Changes
- Rates Remission Policy for Land Used For Residential Purposes Subject to Zone Changes

Water will be a key element to the future prosperity of the Tasman District

# Mayor's and Chief Executive's Message

## Welcome to the Council's Draft Annual Plan for the 2013-14 year.

The Council is pleased to present this year's Draft Annual Plan for you to review and provide feedback to Council. Setting the work programme and budgets is perhaps the most important process the Council manages. This Draft Annual Plan outlines the work that the Council will undertake in the coming year on behalf of the District's residents as well as the costs. The Plan and the supporting publications explain what we propose to do over the next year with the rates you are asked to contribute.

We are pleased to say that this Draft Plan contains the lowest overall rates increase required by the Council for many years. The General Rate increase, after allowing for growth, is 1.53% and the total rates increase, including targeted rates, for most properties will be between 1.6% and 2.6%.

To achieve this result the Council has placed importance on providing services as efficiently as possible and also reviewed and identified ways to streamline our activities. For some activities we have reduced the level of service, such as in the areas of community recreation, environmental education and car park surfacing.

We have also reviewed a number of projects and by focusing on new ways of achieving our goals we have been able to identify ways to deliver services at a lower cost. There is a greater focus on shared services with councils throughout the country especially our immediate neighbours. We currently have around 100 collaborative arrangements with other councils and are casting our net further to look for more shared services opportunities. We have identified a number of activities that have the potential to be a shared service. The aim is to meet local needs while benefiting from the sharing of resources, costs and expertise.

Over the next year we have a number of key projects that we seek your views on, including;

Richmond Water Treatment Plant – work is planned to ensure we meet the additional demands of the Government's higher water quality standards.

The essential Takaka wastewater treatment plant upgrade will be undertaken this year. The resource consent for the Motueka wastewater treatment plant will be applied for during the year. These upgrades are an important commitment by the Council and the community to meet environmental standards for wastewater discharges.

How we deal with our solid waste is one of the core roles of any council. We will be exploring opportunities for gaining a greater level of efficiency through discussions with Nelson City Council on a proposed jointly managed landfill.

Our communities have a number of facilities that must be maintained and updated, especially in light of the recently identified earthquake strengthening needs. The full cost implications of seismic strengthening the Council's facilities won't be known until the structural surveys we are currently doing have been undertaken.

The recent fire at the Moutere Hills Community Centre has been distressing for this community and the Council is working with the Centre's Management Committee to make this important facility available again.

A number of key community projects are underway including investigating the feasibility of a recreation centre in Golden Bay and ongoing development of Saxton Field. Another project in its investigation stage is the Motueka library upgrade.

The Lee Valley Dam proposal is probably the most important for the District. We still have a lot of work to do on this project, which we will need to consult the community about, particularly how the dam is to be funded if it goes ahead.

Regionally we will be reviewing our relationship with Tourism Nelson Tasman with a particular focus on what services are funded by ratepayers. We believe this a responsible move and is in response to a number of discussions the Council has had with its residents over the last few years.

The Council's relationship with the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust, which manages the Provincial Museum in Nelson, will be continued in line with the agreements we have had in place for a number of years. The Trust performs a valuable role in the region and we support its ongoing endeavours but their aspirations must recognise District-wide affordability issues. Council currently provides funding of just under a \$1m each year to the Trust.

As it is election year, a pre-election report will be issued providing an account of the Council's operations. It will be a clear indication of where the Council is headed. Keep a watch out for this in August.

The Draft Annual Plan is an important opportunity for residents to participate in the decision-making process as we balance affordability with the need for projects and services. The new purpose statement for local government in the Local Government Act has been considered in the development of this Draft Plan. The new purpose includes councils meeting the current and future needs of communities for good-quality infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses. We think that the services and activities the Council provides meet the new purpose of local government as well as your needs. Council will continue to review what services it delivers and how it delivers them. We will maintain that focus over the 2013/2014 year.

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One of the challenges we face in delivering services to the community is providing for population growth. Our District is growing and whatever the reason, be it climate, lifestyle or economic growth, new infrastructure and additional services are needed. The Council is well aware that rates cannot be increased without good reason, however, the growth we are experiencing does have an impact on our costs.

We are confident that we have been and will continue to deliver high quality services to the residents of Tasman. We are very aware of our responsibilities as we strive to service the District's communities. Equally we are acutely aware of local and global economic constraints and have certainly taken into account the feedback from our community to ensure our ongoing organisational development initiatives result in the cost effective and efficient Council we all want it to be.

This Draft Plan is an opportunity to view the Council's operations line by line and to play a role in the future of the District.

We look forward to your submissions.



**Richard Kempthorne**  
Mayor



**Lindsay McKenzie**  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Introduction

## Welcome to Tasman District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 Summary and Summary of Information for Rates Remission and Rates Postponement Policies

This Summary highlights the key points contained in the Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 and two proposed new rating policies. It covers the vision for Tasman District's future and summarises the key activities and projects we are planning for the 2013/2014 year, and the changes from what we'd planned to do in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. If you would like more detail, copies of the full document are available from all Council offices, libraries or on CD or on the website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)).

Tell us your views on what we have put in the Draft Annual Plan and the rating policies by making a submission.

## About the Draft Annual Plan

A Draft Annual Plan is a document put together by Council outlining what we are proposing to do during a particular year – in this case 2013/2014. The Draft Annual Plan is then made available for public consultation and feedback, and the final Annual Plan is adopted in June 2013.

The Draft Annual Plan brings together all the different activities of Council. It links into one overall guiding document the:

- Vision and community outcomes for the District
- Services and activities Council is planning to undertake
- Likely costs of Council providing those services and activities over the 2013/2014 year.

An Annual Plan is produced each year between the three-yearly review of Council's Long Term Plan.

## This document also includes two additional Statements of Proposed Rating Policies for consultation

- Rates Remission Policy for Land Used For Residential Purposes Subject to Zone Changes
- Rates Postponement Policy for Land Used For Residential Purposes Subject to Zone Changes

Summaries of Information on these proposed policies are found on pages 19-20. Consultation on these proposed policies is being undertaken as part of the Draft Annual Plan process and submitters can comment on either one or both of the proposed policies and/or the Draft Annual Plan.

## Community outcomes

Community outcomes are the goals of the community. They reflect what the community sees as important and they help to build up a picture of the collective vision for the District's future. The Council is not expected to achieve the outcomes on its own. The outcomes guide decision-making by Council. The Council links its activities and services back to the outcomes.

Eight community outcomes were developed following extensive community involvement in 2005, for inclusion in the 2006–2016 Ten Year Plan. These outcomes were reviewed and amended slightly for the Long Term Plan 2012–2022. The outcomes are:

Our unique natural environment is healthy and protected.

Our urban and rural environments are pleasant, safe and sustainably managed.

Our infrastructure is safe, efficient and sustainably managed.

Our communities are healthy, resilient and enjoy their quality of life.

Our communities respect regional history, heritage and culture.

Our communities have access to a range of cultural, social, educational and recreational services.

Our communities engage with Council's decision-making processes.

Our developing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all

For further details on the community outcomes please refer to pages 72-75 of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

## The vision to guide Tasman's future

Tasman District Council's Vision Statement  
Thriving communities enjoying the Tasman lifestyle.

Tasman District Council's Mission Statement  
To enhance community well-being and quality of life.

# Council's Annual Plan financial performance summary

We are predicting a general rates increases of 1.53% in the 2013/2014 year. This includes an allowance for 1.3% population growth. Most properties will have a total rates rise, including targeted rates, of between 1.6% and 2.6% (it is important to note that these properties are a sample of the total properties and do not cover all 21,650 rateable properties in the District). If you would like more information on the proposed rates for a particular property these can be found on the Council website [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) or you can contact your local Council Service Centre.

## Examples of Total Rate Changes for Properties

To further clarify the rates rises between the 2012/2013 year to those for the 2013/2014 year, a selection of properties from throughout the District have been summarised to provide a guide. It is important to note that these properties are a sample of the total properties and do not cover all situations for ratepayers in the District.

The following table is GST inclusive. It covers the total rates increases, incorporating the increases in the general rate of 1.53% and targeted rates.

Summary of Proposed Rates Increases for Sample Properties in the District	CV (2011)	2012/2013 Rates*	2013/2014 Proposed Rates*	Proposed % Increase on 2012/2013	Proposed \$ Increase from 2012/2013*
Richmond Residential	\$485,000	\$2,863.70	\$2,922.96	2.07%	\$59.26
Richmond Commercial	\$1,200,000	\$7,838.70	\$7,999.25	2.05%	\$160.55
Motueka Residential	\$350,000	\$2,493.40	\$2,539.38	1.84%	\$45.98
Golden Bay Farm	\$6,415,000	\$18,432.90	\$18,828.10	2.14%	\$395.20
Takaka Residential	\$270,000	\$2,354.40	\$2,393.94	1.68%	\$39.54
Murchison Residential	\$160,000	\$1,706.50	\$1,740.39	1.99%	\$33.89
Brightwater Residential	\$360,000	\$2,650.60	\$2,698.27	1.80%	\$47.67
Waimea Village Residential	\$185,000	\$1,928.00	\$1,959.91	1.66%	\$31.91
Hope Horticultural	\$1,210,000	\$4,024.40	\$4,103.96	1.98%	\$79.56
Coastal Highway Lifestyle Block	\$1,100,000	\$4,536.90	\$4,653.14	2.56%	\$116.24

Depending on the effect of specific targeted rates, individual properties will vary from the above examples.

Council's proposed overall financial summary:

Prospective Comprehensive Income Statement	2012/2013 Budget \$ (\$000s)	2013/2014 LTP \$ (\$000s)	2013/2014 Proposed Budget \$ (\$000s)
General Rates	31,248	32,811	32,134
Targeted rates	29,154	31,604	30,246
Total Debt	159,026	177,185	175,270
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,202	2,741	4,069

Please refer to pages 119-126 of the Draft Annual Plan for Council's full prospective income statement, prospective balance sheet, prospective cash flow statement, prospective statement changes in equity, prospective cash flow reconciliation, projected revenue by activity and summary funding impact statement.

The proposed General Rate income of \$32.134 million includes the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) of \$5.459 million. The UAGC is proposed to increase from \$288.78 to \$290.00 per rateable property.

# Key Issues

This section outlines the key issues for 2013/2014 and proposed changes from what was included in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 for this year. We encourage you to read it. We are planning to undertake a number of maintenance and renewals projects during the year. Council has, however, delayed or removed some expenditure in order to keep rate increases down to a more affordable level in 2013/2014. Delaying projects has a number of possible effects: it might increase rates in future years as more projects are undertaken in a shorter time period, resulting in higher maintenance costs (if assets that would have been upgraded fail), but it also enables Council to consider different options, and to take advantage of improved methods and new technology. To manage risks Council reviews all projects each year, so other projects might be postponed in future years, and Council also monitors the condition of assets that are at risk of failure. Read on to find out what the changes are.

## Rates

Council has considered the requests for projects and services throughout the District as well as the current economic environment. One of the highest priorities in developing this Draft Annual Plan was to keep rates as low as possible, but at the same time maintain Council infrastructure and services. The overall increase in general rates is proposed to be 1.53%, after deducting 1.3% for population growth. Most properties in Tasman also pay targeted rates, and the cost of the services that these cover, for example community facilities and wastewater, have increased at a slightly higher rate. The increases in total rates for sample properties in the District are between 1.66% and 2.56%. However, some properties may vary from these figures depending on the targeted rates they pay. Council has worked very hard to keep rates down at this level, but at the same time provide for proposed additional or improved services where possible, for example the proposed Golden Bay Recreation Centre. To keep rates as low as possible, Council has however reduced expenditure, or delayed projects. The main changes are set out on the following pages. We have included sample properties showing their total rate changes on page 5. If you are interested in seeing what the proposed rates are for a particular property, then this information can be found on our website, or you can telephone Council offices.

## Debt

It is not financially sustainable for Council to provide all the services and activities wanted or needed by all communities. Council, therefore, has to prioritise its work programme. Council debt as at 30 June 2012 was \$155.6 million and the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 forecast that this would increase to \$310.8 million by 2022. Underpinning this figure is a significant programme of capital upgrades to refurbish infrastructure and to meet the demands of growth. To more fairly spread the costs across current and future residents and ratepayers Council borrows to fund these projects, with the repayment of the loans being met by all current and future residents who benefit from the improved services. Council also noted in the Long Term Plan that it would review the scope and timing of the Lower Motueka Valley Flood Control, Motueka water supply and Coastal Tasman pipeline projects with a view to reducing costs. These reviews will be completed prior to the next Long Term Plan in 2015.

## Interest Rates

Council is mindful of the cost of interest payments on loans, and the slower economic conditions worldwide has meant that interest rates have remained lower than forecast. In the Long Term Plan we assumed that the average cost of loans in 2013/2014 would be 6.1%, but we have been able to reduce this to 5.8% as borrowing costs have been lower than forecast. Council remains within its Liability Management Policy.

## Organisational Development and providing improved services to residents and ratepayers

Council has commenced reviewing how it delivers services to residents and ratepayers with the objective of providing greater value to our customers. There are a number of projects already underway or planned for 2013/2014 that will contribute to this objective. Examples include bringing more of Council's professional engineering services in-house, contributing to, and implementing more shared services with Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils. We have also commenced work on a new Customer Services programme to improve, right across the Council, how we respond to customer requests.

## Rainfall events December 2010 and December 2011 and Council's Disaster Fund

In both December 2010 and December 2011 the Tasman District experienced extremely heavy rainfalls which led to flooding, slips and debris flows which damaged Council infrastructure and private property. Both these events depleted Council's disaster funds.

Council has a policy of gradually rebuilding its General Disaster Fund to \$6.5 million (inflation adjusted each year) over a period of ten years. The contribution to this fund provided for in the Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 is \$550,000. Council also maintains a Rivers Protection Fund and as at 31 December 2012 the balance of these two accounts totalled \$1.23 million.

## Transportation, Roading and Footpath Issues

### a. Reduced levels of Government funding

The Long Term Plan 2012-2022 included information on the decision by The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to not inflation adjust its share of the funding for local roads. This has effectively reduced NZTA's contribution towards funding Tasman's local roads and reduced the funds available to manage roads and other transportation activities. Council decided as part of the Long Term Plan process to maintain its inflation adjustment for its share of the cost of local roads.

As part of developing this Draft Plan, and in order to keep rates affordable, Council has removed, delayed or reduced the budget for a number of Transport activity projects that were previously scheduled for 2013/2014. These include:

- Proposed work on Will Watch car park in Wakefield, Richmond Town Hall car park, and the Salvation Army and Council office carparks in Motueka. The projects delayed total \$93,164.
- Planning and consultation on proposed Richmond streetscaping reducing expenditure in 2013/2014 by \$170,630.
- Road studies work reducing expenditure by \$31,580.
- Footbridge removal work reducing expenditure by \$47,926.
- Upgrade of the Landsdowne Road intersection reducing expenditure by \$70,935.

### b. Tasman's Great Taste Trail

Stage 1 of Tasman's Great Taste Trail (TGTT) to Mapua and Wakefield is scheduled to be completed in 2012/2013 together with connections through to Motueka, Riwaka and to the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park. The Kaiteriteri link is funded through a \$150,000 contribution from the Ministry for Economic Development. Council is also establishing an interim connecting trail loop from Motueka to Woodstock and through to Wakefield, due for completion in 2013/2014. This Draft Annual Plan includes funding to complete upgrading TGTT in the Mapua/Ruby Bay area.

Completion of the full TGTT loop from Wakefield through Spooners Tunnel, Kohatu, Tapawera, to Woodstock and



## Key Issues (cont.)

Motueka is scheduled to be completed from 2014/2015 to 2018/2019. This work is subject to Annual Plan reviews, and to Council receiving adequate external funding and cash contributions from community groups/organisations and central government.

### c. High Street Motueka undergrounding of powerlines

This Draft Plan includes \$358,660 towards a project to underground powerlines along High Street Motueka. This work is expected to take several years and is led by Network Tasman. Total cost is estimated at \$1.2 million and Council is seeking public feedback on whether or not to proceed with this project.

## Water Supply

### a. New Richmond water treatment plant

Richmond water is currently supplied from two water sources, the Waimea bores adjacent to the Waimea River and the lower confined aquifer at Lower Queen Street. Council has programmed the construction of a new water treatment plant in Richmond, where both sources will be blended, to meet the Government's new drinking water standards. The Richmond supply does not currently meet the desirable nutrient content under the standard and blending of the supplies will achieve this requirement. Construction of the treatment plant is planned to occur from 2012 to 2015. The total cost of the project is in the order of \$9.4 million. \$4.2 million is planned to be spent in 2013/2014 on resource consents, land purchases and design work for the treatment plant.

### b. Water Supply Agreement with Industrial Water Users

As a result of an arbitration between the Council, Nelson Pine Industries Limited, ENZA Foods New Zealand Limited and Alliance Group Limited to resolve a dispute over the terms of water supply from the Council to these users, the rates and charges for water supplied to those users in 2013/2014 will be set at \$1.08 per cubic metre of water supplied.

## Water Supply projects that have changed

In order to keep rates and charges as affordable as possible Council proposes to remove or delay a number of Water Supply projects that were included for the 2013/2014 year in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022, these include:

- Upgrade of the Murchison and Tapawera Water Treatment Plants. Council had proposed to undertake these upgrades in 2013/2014, but it is now proposed to move these projects to 2014/2015 and reduce expenditure by \$678,606.





- Upgrade of Motueka Water Treatment Plant. This work was proposed to be spread over two years, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. The proposal is to reduce the 2013/2014 year by \$53,169 and undertake more work in 2014/2015.
- Upgrade of reticulation systems to provide for growth. It is proposed to move this year's funding to 2014/2015 and this will reduce expenditure by \$107,641.
- Wakefield/Eighty Eight Valley services. It had been proposed to undertake work to assess whether it would be feasible or practical to provide water from the Wakefield water supply to consumers currently on the Eighty Eight Valley Rural Water Supply service. This Draft Plan proposes to delay this work from 2013/2014 to 2014/2015 reducing expenditure by \$108,898.
- A number of other small projects are proposed to various water supply projects. Please refer to the full Draft Annual Plan Key Issues section for this information.

## Wastewater projects that have changed

In order to keep rates and charges as affordable as possible Council also proposes to remove or delay a number of Wastewater projects, these include:

- Upgrade of reticulation systems to provide for growth. It is proposed to move this year's funding to 2014/2015 and reduce expenditure in 2013/2014 by \$107,641.
- Pipeline renewals in Motueka. Council had a budget of \$657,500 for sewer replacement in Motueka. It is proposed to reduce this budget to \$300,000. The required work is still expected to be completed at this reduced budget.
- Pipeline renewals in Richmond. Council is proposing to delay this work from 2013/2014 to 2014/2015 reducing expenditure in 2013/2014 by \$290,631.
- A number of other smaller changes are proposed to various wastewater projects. Please refer to the full Draft Annual Plan Key Issues section for this information.

## Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit budgets

Tasman District and Nelson City Council's are joint owners of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit (NRSBU). The NRSBU operates the Bells Island treatment plant which treats wastewater from most of Nelson City, Richmond, Mapua, Brightwater, Hope and Wakefield. At the time this Draft Plan was prepared the budgets for the NRSBU had not yet been finalised, therefore, there may be minor adjustments required to the wastewater rates and charges when the Annual Plan is finalised in June 2013. The Wastewater charge for the first pan, which is the charge that most residential properties that are connected to the Council wastewater services pay, is proposed

to be \$701.97. This is slightly lower than the rate proposed for the 2013/2014 year in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. This charge includes all Council waste schemes.

## Stormwater projects that have changed

In order to keep rates and charges as affordable as possible Council proposes to remove or delay a number of Stormwater projects, which will reduce expenditure in 2013/2014, these include:

- Motueka Stormwater Discharge Consent. Delay by one year reducing expenditure by \$21,528.
- Richmond Stormwater Quality Plan. Delay by one year reducing expenditure by \$54,628.
- Seaton Valley Stream, capital works and maintenance to reduce flooding. This work is scheduled over a number of years and it is proposed to delay the work scheduled for 2013/2014 for one year, reducing expenditure by \$64,225.
- Poutama Drain works in Richmond. The development of the Poutama Drain is aligned to the works being undertaken in Richmond West, the water treatment plant and the stormwater improvements proposed for Middlebank Drive. These works were planned for 2012/2013 through to 2014/2015. It is proposed to delay the work costing \$152,301 for 2013/2014 and add these works to those planned for 2014/2015.
- Queen Street Stormwater Reticulation Improvements. This work is part of the replacement of the stormwater services in Queen Street, Richmond and is linked to the Richmond CBD development project. These works are planned to be undertaken between 2012/2013 and 2017/2018. It is proposed to delay the investigation work costing \$158,774 that was originally planned for 2013/2014 and combine this with the final design work scheduled for 2014/2015.
- Ranzau Road stormwater improvements. This project includes improvement to stormwater systems and therefore reducing the flooding of roads and private properties in Ranzau Road. These works were planned to be undertaken from 2012/2013 through to 2016/2017. It is proposed to delay the investigation work of \$41,739 planned for 2013/2014 until 2014/2015, but still complete this work in 2017.
- Commercial Street stormwater improvements in Takaka. This project includes installation of a new stormwater reticulation system in Takaka's main street to reduce the flooding that occurs there. It is proposed to move this multi-year project out by one year with the completion date shifting from 2015/2016 to 2016/2017. The \$75,366 budget for 2013/2014 will shift to 2014/2015.
- Land purchases for Borck Creek, in Richmond West. Council has proposed to purchase land for stormwater services along Borck Creek and proposes to provide funding towards this land purchase.

# Key Issues (cont.)

## Changes to Stormwater Operational budgets

- Council has an obligation to maintain the stormwater diversion systems above the Tapawera township. Each five year period gravel and rock is required to be removed from the diversion. Council had budgeted \$63,758 for this work in 2013/2014 but is now proposing to undertake this work in 2014/2015.
- As part of Council's Health and Safety obligations it had budgeted \$21,053 to develop a policy on private bridges that cross the Council's stormwater open drains. Council is proposing to delay this policy work from 2013/2014 until 2014/2015.

## Emissions Trading Scheme

Council is required to pay for gas emissions from its landfills through the purchase of New Zealand Units (NZUs) through the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). The ETS is expected to cost approximately \$92,040 in 2013/2014. The Long Term Plan 2012-2022 assumed that the cost of NZUs would be \$15 per unit, however recently the cost of NZUs has fallen significantly. Council is proposing to amend the assumption for this Draft Plan to \$5 per NZU. This has reduced costs by \$322,141. These savings have been partly offset by lower volumes of waste being taken to Resource Recovery Centres. The net effect is that Council is proposing to hold most waste disposal rates for 2013/2014 at the same level as for 2012/2013, apart from commercial charges at the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre which are proposed to increase by \$2.60 (incl GST) per tonne.

## River Works projects that have changed

### a) Borlase Catchment

In the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Council had proposed that upgrade work be undertaken in the Borlase Catchment in St Arnaud. Council has reviewed this project and reduced the expected cost by \$335,514 in 2013/2014.

### b) Development of a new database

Development of a new database, with information on the District's rivers. Council is proposing to delay this work and reduce the proposed costs by \$107,641 in 2013/2014.

## Lower Motueka Valley Flood Control Project

As part of reducing costs when the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 was finalised Council reduced funding for the Lower Motueka Flood Control project to \$5 million within the 10 years with the intention

of reviewing the scope and timing of the project. \$753,487 of this was proposed to be spent in 2013/2014. Council is still to reconsider this project and so the capital loan funded work for 2013/2014 is proposed to be removed from the Draft Plan budgets and replaced with a \$30,000 operational budget to fund the investigation work.

## Reduced expenditure for Community Recreation

Council is proposing to reduce the level of funding for community recreation activities by reducing the level of funding for staff by approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year. This reduction will result in a lower level of service. Council will need to prioritise, each year, the activities and events undertaken by community recreation staff.

The main areas of work proposed to have reduced staffing input are:

- Community liaison and advice, including attending community meetings.
- Partnership programmes, including a reduction in staff time supporting social services projects such as Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective, WHO Safer Communities "Safe at Community Response Forum and OSCAR network.
- Community and recreation events.
- Planning and policy work.

Council is also proposing to achieve savings through the online production of Jam Magazine saving \$13,000 and by reducing the print run of Hummin' in Tasman, saving \$6,700. Council is also proposing to reduce the Holiday Programme Grant Allocation budget by \$11,000.

## Reduced expenditure for Environmental Education

Council is proposing to reduce the level of funding for environmental education work by reducing the level of funding for staff by approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year. This reduction will result in a lower level of service consequently Council will need to prioritise staff time.

The main areas of work proposed to have reduced staffing input are:

- EnviroSchools Programme and work with schools and early childhood centres (excluding work around waterways, waste minimisation and biodiversity).
- Additional Ecofest activities outside of the main Expo event.

- Environment Awards (which are now also to be run biennially).
- Non-Council events such as Conservation Week, World Wetlands Day and Matariki.
- Community gardening (excluding waste minimisation activities)

Council is also proposing to achieve savings through the electronic production of Ecobuzz newsletter.

The Environmental Education work will continue to focus on supporting other Council related activities such as water quality, air quality, waste minimisation and biodiversity.

## Review of Museum Services provided by the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust

In the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Council proposed that a strategic review of the Nelson Provincial Museum's long term operating, facilities and governance needs be undertaken during the first three years of the Long Term Plan, including storage facilities and running costs of the Museum. Council has proposed that this be a joint project between Tasman and Nelson Councils and the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust. This is proposed to be funded from existing budgets and will not impact on the Museum Rate charged to property owners or on the grant provided by the Council to the Trust for the running of museum services. The proposed review will be discussed with the Trust and Nelson City Council over the next few months.

## Review of Tourism Services

The Council is aware of a proposal by Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited (TNTL) to review its business activities which may involve TNTL no longer operating the Golden Bay i-SITE and Murchison Visitor Centre. If an alternative operator cannot be found the i-SITE and Visitor Centre may close. Council is also undertaking a wider strategic review of funding visitor services.

Funding for destination marketing and management, administration and operation of TNTL and Golden Bay and Motueka i-SITES and Murchison Visitor Information Centres of \$422,416 is provided for in this Draft Plan. The specific purposes for which the funds will be used will depend on the Statement of Intent (SOI) prepared by TNTL and subsequently agreed by the shareholders, and on the outcome of consultation on the Draft Annual Plan.



# Key Issues (cont.)



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## Environmental Management issues

### Reduced levels of Government funding towards biodiversity

Council proposes to reduce the total expenditure on biodiversity projects by \$51,650. This was the amount of funding Council had been receiving from the Biodiversity Advice and Condition Fund over the previous three years. Council chose not to cover the shortfall from general rates but will be making a further application to the Biodiversity Fund. If this is unsuccessful, the programme will continue at a reduced level of expenditure. Council will continue its other work to support biodiversity in the District including Streamcare and plantings in reserves.

## Jackett Island

Council considered options for dealing with the erosion on Jackett Island at its Engineering Committee meeting in February 2013 and has resolved that the proposed capital and maintenance costs and the long term effects are not sustainable in the long term. Council will return to the Environment Court with the outcome of its investigations. Council will also continue to discuss the long term options with key stakeholders.

## Regional and District Facilities

For affordability reasons, Council has had to prioritise where it provides new and improved facilities. This was done through the Long Term Plan preparation. Over the ten years of the Long Term Plan Council has included funding for Tasman's Great Taste Trail, various Saxton Field projects and the Brook Sanctuary which are regional facilities. It has also included funding for district facilities like the Golden Bay community facility and the Motueka Library.

The key district and regional facilities projects with funding included in the Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 include work at Saxton Field, the Golden Bay Community Facility and the Brook Sanctuary.

In January 2013 the Moutere Hills Community Centre suffered a fire which did major damage to the function room and kitchen areas. Council's insurers have agreed to pay for the repairs to be undertaken. Council hopes to have the repair work completed by December 2013.

Council is planning to work with Nelson City Council on a review of the funding of regional facilities over the coming year.

In addition to the projects listed above, Council uses funding from Reserve Financial Contributions towards new developments on reserves like walkways, play equipment, toilet blocks, etc. For details on these proposed projects please refer to pages 127-133 in the full Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014.

## Motueka Library

The upgrade of the Motueka Library was a major community facility that was scheduled to be provided in the 2013/2014 year of the Long Term Plan at a cost of \$1.1 million loan, funded through general rates. Council is now planning to move the Motueka Library upgrade to the 2014/2015 year. This project is being moved to enable alternative sites and options to be further investigated. A figure of \$25,000 is being allocated from Motueka Reserve Financial Contributions to pay for the further investigation work.

## Other Community Services projects that have been changed

Other Community Services programmes and projects have been removed or funding has been reduced in this Draft Plan. Examples include:

- Reduced funding for the libraries of approximately \$9,000 including purchasing periodicals, furniture, advertising and sundry expenses and reduced funding of \$2,000 for the operating grant to Tapawera Library.
- Funding for the Treasured Pathway and street tree planting has been removed from the budget.
- Changes in grants allocations include reducing funding for the Community Consultation Grants provided to community associations by \$3,800 and for Friendly Towns by \$1,000.

## Parks and Reserves maintenance contract

Council's current parks and reserves maintenance contract will expire in June 2013. We are currently in the process of re-tendering the contract. At the time of preparing the budgets for this Draft Annual Plan we did not know the outcome of the tendering process. We have, therefore, retained the current budgets for parks and reserves maintenance in this Draft Plan. Any adjustments in the costs of the maintenance work will be made at the time of finalising the Annual Plan. These adjustments could lead to changes in the relevant budgets in the final Plan.

## Seismic assessment of Council's buildings

Council is required to undertake seismic assessments of its buildings under its Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy prepared under the Building Act 2004. These assessments are in two parts, firstly Initial Evaluation Procedures (IEPs) are made and if the results show that a building may be earthquake prone, then a further Detailed Engineering Assessment (DEA) is made. Currently public buildings are required to be improved over time to meet 67% of new building standards. IEPs have been undertaken on 13 Council buildings and DEA's have been completed on the Golden Bay Service Centre, Pohara Hall and the Parklands Museum. DEAs are being obtained on nine additional buildings in priority order as funding and resources are available. Aside from the Golden Bay Service Centre, Council has not made any provision for works that may be required to bring those buildings up to 67% of new building standards. Once the detailed assessments have been received they will be considered and reported to Council for a decision on any further action that may need to be undertaken.

A sum of \$320,000 to increase the seismic strength of the Golden Bay Service Centre to 67% of building standards has been allowed for in the budget contained in this Draft Plan. There is a possibility that further requests for funding might be required to be made prior to the adoption of the final Annual Plan. If this is the case, the priorities will be reassessed during the preparation of the final Plan.

Funding applications to sources other than Council funding have been made to undertake the work required to strengthen the Parklands Museum and at this stage it is not anticipated that further Council funding is required.

## Iwi and Māori matters

Local Iwi and Council both undertake work to support communities and contribute to the economic development of the Tasman District, but in different ways, for example Iwi have a kaitiakitanga (guardianship) role for the environment and Council has a range of enhancement, monitoring and regulatory functions that it undertakes to protect and improve the environment. Iwi have a long term commitment to the region and through various businesses provide economic development and significant employment to residents of the District, whereas Council focuses more on providing infrastructure to support businesses.

The Tasman District Council appreciates the important contribution Iwi and Māori organisations make towards these common goals.

It is important to Council that it has a good working relationship with Iwi and a number of steps have been taken over the last few years to enable greater contribution by Māori in the decision making processes. These are set out on page 84 in Volume 2 of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. Some of the recent actions are inclusion of Iwi representatives on important working groups and the appointment of a Kaumatua to assist the Mayor and Chief

## Key Issues (cont.)

Executive with Māori protocol. Māori have asked that they be included in more of Council's decision making processes and that Council provide resources to enable this participation.

Council has also asked iwi for an annual governance level hui to discuss how we can work closer together.

### Shared Services and Joint Procurement

Council delivers a range of joint projects and programmes with other councils across the top of the south (Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui).

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council already collaborate closely together and with other councils on approximately 100 projects, programmes and shared services, covering a wide range of activities. This collaboration can provide a stronger regional voice on issues, better facilities and services for ratepayers, and efficiency gains.

At the same time collaboration preserves the separate identities and accountability arrangements of the two Councils, enabling each Council to respond to the specific needs and preferences of its local residents.

Examples of some of the many shared services and collaborative arrangements occurring with our neighbouring councils include reciprocal library borrowing between Nelson and Tasman, Top of the South Land Transport Liaison Forum, insurance procurement, Nelson Tasman Tourism, Nelson Tasman Rural Fire Network, Top of the South Maps, Saxton Field and the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit. Some programmes are led by one Council because it has particular expertise in that field, so that specialist skills don't have to be duplicated. Regional pest management and hydrology services are good examples of such programmes in Nelson/Tasman, which are led by the Tasman District Council. Nelson City Council leads other programmes.

Nelson City, Marlborough District and Tasman District Councils have stated that they wish to work closer together on strategic issues which affect the three communities. A new Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed to by the three Councils and project teams established to work on new potential shared services. There are a range of potential activities which we are looking at, for example roading. We are continually looking at ways to work together to deliver services more efficiently and effectively.

In addition to the collaborative arrangements and joint procurement activities we have with our neighbouring councils, we also have a number of arrangements with other councils across New Zealand and with the Government. Such arrangements include the nationally run Local Government Funding Agency, being part of the All of Government purchasing programme for stationery supplies, vehicle purchasing and photocopying services, and the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs.

### Fees and Charges

Council is proposing to adjust most fees by inflation (with some rounding), except some Corporate charges, dog registration, and sale of liquor charges, which remain the same as in 2012/2013. The main changes proposed in this Draft Annual Plan are:

- Increasing the hourly rate for work undertaken by staff on a cost recovery basis from \$138.00 to \$140.00.
- Increasing "Alterations to Designations" from \$500 to \$900 under Resource Management Miscellaneous.
- Adding "Hot Picks Collection" to Library charges. Other library charges are unchanged.
- Adding Hall Hire Charges for Council owned halls.
- Adding "Berthage of a vessel at Council owned wharf or floating jetty (Port Mapua)" and "Council owned wharf at Riwaka" from Wharfage and Berthage charges.
- Reduction in solid waste charges per tonne rate in Mariri, Takaka, Murchison, and Special Waste to Eves Valley.
- Increasing the commercial charges at the Richmond Resource Recovery Centre by \$2.60 (incl GST) per tonne.
- Deleting "Certificate of Free Sale" from sale of liquor charges.
- Deleting "Road Opening Permit Fees" from Engineering charges.
- Deleting "Aerodrome Movement Definition" from aerodrome charges.

### Proposed Lee Valley Dam

In the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Council, together with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC), proposed the building of a dam in the Lee Valley. A dam is required because water from the Waimea Plains is currently over-allocated and Council is considering new water provisions for minimum flow in the Waimea River. Depending on the minimum flow that is finally established without the dam, water allocations might need to be reduced by between 50 and 70 percent. This would have a significant impact on residents and businesses who depend on the provision of water from the Wairoa/Waimea Rivers and the aquifers underlying the area. Reducing water allocations by this amount is estimated to reduce the value of agriculture to our region by \$440 million over 25 years. In addition to needing greater water flows for irrigation and environmental reasons, Council also needs to ensure that there is a secure water supply for the projected population increases in Richmond, Brightwater and Wakefield.

Further background information on the proposed dam is in Volume 1 of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 and on Council's website.

Submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 raised a number of issues including:

- Affordability and the likely cost per hectare
- The mandatory nature of using a rate (with some submitters requesting more user pays)
- Support for the dam to address the over-allocation of water
- Proposals for greater use of water conservation measures.

Council considered all submissions to the Long Term Plan and resolved to include the dam in the final Long Term Plan with further work to be undertaken on design, resource consents, securing land, and to explore other options for covering the costs of the dam.

The next stage of the Lee Valley Dam project is to prepare and apply for a resource consent, and the negotiation of land access and purchase agreements. A preliminary budget has been prepared based upon estimated consenting costs of \$500,000 and project management costs of \$200,000. Current estimates of funds remaining after the completion of the dam design and governance projects results in an expected shortfall of \$380,000 which is required over the next two years for this work. This is proposed to be funded equally at \$190,000 over the next two years. It is proposed to fund these costs through:

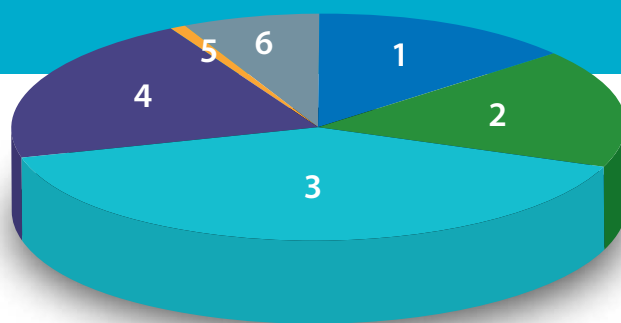
- Increasing the urban water daily charge by 0.30 cents per day and the cubic metre charge by 1.0 cent
- Increasing the Waimea Water Augmentation (Lee Valley) Rate by \$1.28 to \$26.83 per annum
- Increasing the Waimea Water Augmentation Levy on permit holders. Details of these proposed changes are on page 39 of the full Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014.

The funding would be used to develop detailed design drawings, prepare resource consent applications, review the proposed funding model and other pre-tendering work. Once this information is available Council and WWAC will be able to undertake further consultation with the public and users of the water on the proposed project including the allocation of costs and funding sources.



# Where your rates go

Council provides a wide range of services to the District's residents, businesses, and also visitors to Tasman. The pie graph shows the services that Council provides and the proportion of rates proposed to be spent on operational costs for these services in 2013/2014. The Key below shows the wide range of services and assets provided by Council.



## 1 Environment and Planning 13%

- Resource Policy.
- Resource and Environmental Information.
- Resource Consents.
- Environmental Monitoring.
- Regulatory Services – animal control, building consents, health and liquor licensing and inspections, noise control, parking control, maritime safety.
- Land Information.
- Civil Defence Emergency Management.
- Rural Fire.
- Environmental Education.
- Biosecurity – pest plant and animal management.

## 2 Transportation 16%

- Roading – 1,700km of roads: 944 sealed, 757km unsealed, 475 bridges and footbridges, 234km footpaths, 23 carparks, 2,723 streetlights.
- Coastal Structures – wharves at Mapua and Riwaka, responsibility for Port Motueka, jetties and boat ramps, coastal protection works at Ruby Bay/Mapua and Marahau, operation of Port Tarakohe.

## 3 Sanitation, Drainage and Water Supply 42%

- Water – 16 water supply areas, 660km pipelines, 34 pumping stations, 11,400 domestic connections, 44 reservoirs, Wai-iti Dam.
- Wastewater – 14 Urban Drainage Areas, 380km pipeline, 3,470 manholes, 74 sewerage pumping stations, 7 wastewater treatment plants.
- Stormwater – 15 Urban stormwater drainage areas and 1 general district area, assets used include drainage channels, piped reticulation networks, tide gates, detention or ponding areas, inlet structures, discharge structures.
- Solid Waste – 1 operational landfill and 22 closed landfills, 5 resource recovery centres.
- Rivers – Council maintains 285km of X and Y classified rivers, assets include river protection works such as stopbanks, rock protection and willow plantings.

## 4 Community Services 21%

- Parks and Reserves – 595ha of reserve land and 41 playgrounds.
- Community Recreation.
- 24 Public Halls and Community Buildings.
- Community Facilities and Pools.
- Cultural Services and Community Grants.
- 4 Public Libraries.
- 1 Swimming Pool (ASB Aquatic Centre).
- 12 Cemeteries.
- 61 Public Conveniences.

## 5 Council Enterprises and Property 1%

- Forestry (approximately 2,800 hectares).
- Property.
- Motueka and Takaka Aerodromes.
- Council Controlled Organisations – including Nelson Airport Ltd, Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd, Tasman Bays Heritage Trust and Port Nelson Ltd.

## 6 Governance 7%

- Council Support.
- Elections.
- Representation reviews.
- Strategic Planning.
- Communication.
- Elected Representatives.

Note: The above tables and graph shows the proportion of General Rates and Targeted Rates funding for each group of activities. Approximately 60% of the Council's income comes from rates, with the balance including user charges, government subsidies (mainly for the transportation activity) and investment income.



# The major capital projects we have planned for you for 2013/2014

We've got some big capital projects planned over the next few years. We are upgrading existing wastewater treatment plants to meet environmental standards and the Richmond water supply to meet central government requirements. New recreation and community facilities are also planned.

The key projects are outlined in the table below. More information on these and other major projects Council is undertaking can be found in each of the Activity sections in the full Long Term Plan.

In addition to the items listed in the table, the Council is planning to undertake maintenance, replacement and renewal of a range of its existing assets and funding has been allowed in the Draft Annual Plan to undertake that work.

Community Services	
<b>Community Facilities and Parks</b>	
• Saxton Field developments (land purchases, walkways, roads)	\$423,439
• Golden Bay multi-use facility	\$2,260,461
• Brook Sanctuary	\$157,899
• Library collection renewals	\$327,852
Transportation, Roads and Footpaths	
<b>Roading and Footpaths</b>	
• Sealed roads pavement rehabilitation	\$686,750
• Sealed roads resurfacing	\$2,833,326
• Unsealed road metalling	\$861,128
• Drainage renewals	\$1,564,903
• Minor safety improvements	\$1,165,458
• Tasman's Great Taste Trail	\$637,235
• Bridge renewals	\$538,205
• High Street Motueka, undergrounding of powerlines	\$358,660
Some of the projects noted above will occur subject to receipt of a satisfactory New Zealand Transport Agency subsidy	

## The major capital projects we have planned for you for 2013/2014 (cont.)

Sanitation, Drainage and Water Supply	
<b>Water supply</b>	
• Richmond Water Treatment Plant	\$4,189,926
• Richmond Water Meter Renewals	\$641,196
• Installation of backflow prevention at key sites	\$198,033
• Re-zoning high level at Vahalla Drive, and Talbot Street	\$400,317
• Pump Stations at Dovedale, Redwood Valley and Motueka (Recreation Centre pumpstation)	225,542
<b>Wastewater and Sewage Disposal</b>	
• Treatment Plant Upgrades at Motueka, Takaka and Pohara Valley/Tata Beach	\$7,325,631
• Richmond telemetry renewals and improvements to services	\$242,839
• Motueka pipeline and manhole renewals	\$300,000
• Wakefield pipeline renewals	\$185,735
<b>Stormwater</b>	
• Borck Creek – Headingly Lane land purchase.	N/A
<b>Solid waste</b>	
• Eves Valley Landfill work	\$152,387
• Resource Recovery Centres upgrades at Richmond and Mariri.	\$936,952
<b>Flood Protection and River Control Works</b>	
• Borlase Catchment Project.	\$200,000
<b>Council Enterprises and Property</b>	
• Earthquake strengthening work for Golden Bay Service Centre.	\$320,000

Note: some projects are undertaken over several years and therefore the amount noted in the table above might not be the full cost of the project. Refer to the relevant Activity Management Plan on Council's website for financial information on projects across the full ten years of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

# Proposed new rates postponement and rates remission policies

The following two Statements of Proposal are being consulted on at the same time as the Draft Annual Plan. Submissions can be made on the same form, letter or online as the Draft Annual Plan. Following consideration of submissions, Council may choose to adopt either or both the Rates Remission Policy or the Rates Postponement Policy or it could adopt a combination of the two policies. The main difference between the two policies is a Rates Postponement Policy requires the rating relief to be repaid in the future by the property owner and therefore has impact on other ratepayers. In comparison a Rates Remission Policy requires all other ratepayers to meet the shortfall, but provides a greater benefit to individual property owners.

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ABOUT A PROPOSAL FOR A RATES POSTPONEMENT POLICY FOR LAND USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SUBJECT TO ZONE CHANGES

### 1. Background

The Tasman District Council is considering a Rates Postponement Policy that allows Council to provide rating relief for land used for residential purposes, where the land value of those properties has significantly increased following a Council-initiated zone change. Where that significant increase in land value occurs there may be a resulting increase in rates payable on that property which is inappropriate.

### 2. Summary of Policy Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that the Council may, on application by the ratepayer, postpone all or a part of any rate made and levied in respect of land, if the land has been rezoned as the result of a Council initiated zone change made under the provisions of the Resource Management Act.

The effect of that zone change must be to increase the land values and consequently increase the rates to an extent the Council considers to be inappropriate. The increase in rates due to the change in the land value only will be considered. Increases in rates due to movements in property values generally or due to Council's funding needs and revenue and financing policy changing, fall outside the scope of this Policy.

2.2 To qualify for a rates postponement under the Policy:

- the rating unit must be situated within the area of land that has been rezoned.
- the rating unit must be land used for residential purposes
- the property owner must have owned the rating unit prior to the zone change being initiated
- the property owner must reside permanently in the rating unit

For the purposes of this policy 'residential purposes' means any land used for residential as well as residential/lifestyle purposes, including land not zoned for those purposes on which a dwelling is located and is occupied by the Ratepayer as a principal place of residence.

2.3 The postponement may be for such period of time as the Council considers reasonable, commencing from the date upon which the Council determines that the land rezoning affected the land value and increased the rates levied on that land provided that no rates shall be remitted for years prior to the financial year in which this Policy was adopted.

2.4 Any postponed rates will be postponed until:

- the death of ratepayer(s); or
- the ratepayer(s) ceases to be the owner or occupier of the rating unit; or the ratepayer(s) ceases to use the property as his/her residence; or
- a date determined by the Council in any particular case.
- any earlier date determined by the ratepayer in any particular case.

2.5 Financial and administrative charges may be added to the postponed rates. The financial costs will be the interest Council incurs on its borrowing as set out in the Annual Plan for each year.

2.6 The Council will consider and be guided by the following criteria in its decisions on applications for a rates postponement under the Policy –

- a. those relevant matters set out in s101 of the Local Government Act relating to the determination of appropriate funding sources
- b. whether the applicant ratepayer actively sought rezoning or any deferred zone uplifting
- c. whether the applicant ratepayer has realised a financial benefit from the zone change
- d. the influence of market movements on land values
- e. the personal circumstances including the financial circumstances of the applicant ratepayer
- f. equity and fairness among ratepayers
- g. the precedent effect

### 3. Application

Applications for rates postponement must be made to the Council prior to 31 October of the rating year to which the postponement is to apply. In the first year that the Policy is in effect applications may be made within such further time as Council in its sole discretion might allow. Applications will not be backdated to prior years.

# Proposed new rates postponement and rates remission policies (cont.)

If an application is approved the Council will direct its valuation service provider to inspect the rating unit and prepare a valuation. The extent of any postponement will be based on valuations supplied by Council's valuation service provider.

Council may recover costs from applicant ratepayers in accordance with the Fees and Charges Policy.

## 4. Consultation on Statement of Proposal and Period for Submissions

Consultation on the Statement of Proposal to which this Summary of Information relates is being undertaken combined and concurrent with the Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014. The Statement of Proposal may be inspected and copies of it obtained in the same manner as set out in the manner agreed by the Council in relation to the Draft Annual Plan. Submissions close 4.30 pm 22 April 2013.

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ABOUT A PROPOSAL FOR A RATES REMISSION POLICY FOR LAND USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SUBJECT TO ZONE CHANGES

### 1. Background

The Tasman District Council is considering a Rates Remission Policy that allows Council to provide rating relief for land used for residential purposes, where the land value of those properties has significantly increased following a Council-initiated zone change. Where that significant increase in land value occurs there may be a resulting increase in rates payable on that property which is inappropriate.

### 2. Summary of Policy Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that the Council may, on application by the ratepayer, remit all or a part of any rate made and levied in respect of land, if the land has been rezoned as the result of a Council initiated zone change made under the provisions of the Resource Management Act.

The effect of that zone change must be to increase the land values and consequently increase the rates to an extent the Council considers to be inappropriate. The increase in rates due to the change in the land value only will be considered. Increases in rates due to movements in property values generally or due to Council's funding needs and Revenue and Financing Policy changing, fall outside the scope of this Policy.

2.2 To qualify for a rates remission under the Policy:

- the rating unit must be situated within the area of land that has been rezoned.
- the rating unit must be land used for residential purposes
- the property owner must have owned the rating unit prior to the zone change being initiated
- the property owner must reside permanently in the rating unit

For the purposes of this policy 'residential purposes' means any land used for residential as well as residential/lifestyle

purposes, including land not zoned for those purposes on which a dwelling is located and is occupied by the Ratepayer as a principal place of residence.

2.3 The remission may be for such period of time as the Council considers reasonable, commencing from the date upon which the Council determines that the land rezoning affected the land value and increased the rates levied on that land provided that no rates shall be remitted for years prior to the financial year in which this Policy was adopted.

2.4 Any remitted rates will be remitted until:

- the death of ratepayer(s); or
- the ratepayer(s) ceases to be the owner or occupier of the rating unit; or
- the ratepayer(s) ceases to use the property as his/her residence; or
- a date determined by the Council in any particular case.
- any earlier date determined by the ratepayer in any particular case.

2.5 The Council will consider and be guided by the following criteria in its decisions on applications for a rates remission under the Policy –

- h. those relevant matters set out in s101 of the Local Government Act relating to the determination of appropriate funding sources
- i. whether the applicant ratepayer actively sought rezoning or any deferred zone uplifting
- j. whether the applicant ratepayer has realised a financial benefit from the zone change
- k. the influence of market movements on land values
- l. the personal circumstances including the financial circumstances of the applicant ratepayer
- m. equity and fairness among ratepayers
- n. the precedent effect

### 3. Application

Applications for rates remission must be made to the Council prior to 31 October of the rating year to which the remission is to apply. In the first year that the Policy is in effect applications may be made within such further time as Council in its sole discretion might allow. Applications will not be backdated to prior years.

If an application is approved the Council will direct its valuation service provider to inspect the rating unit and prepare a valuation. The extent of any remission will be based on valuations supplied by Council's valuation service provider.

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# Consultation and Submissions

We encourage everyone interested in the future of Tasman District to provide comment on this Draft Annual Plan and the proposed Rating Postponement and Rating Remission Policies.

We have had to decide what was needed most urgently and to consider what is affordable. We acknowledge that we might have identified different priorities than some members of the community may have, therefore, we seek your input on what we propose to do.

Submissions can be in the form of a letter or on the submission form contained at the back of this document or on the submission form on the website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)).

Please send submission to us by 4.30 pm, 22 April 2013 at the following address:

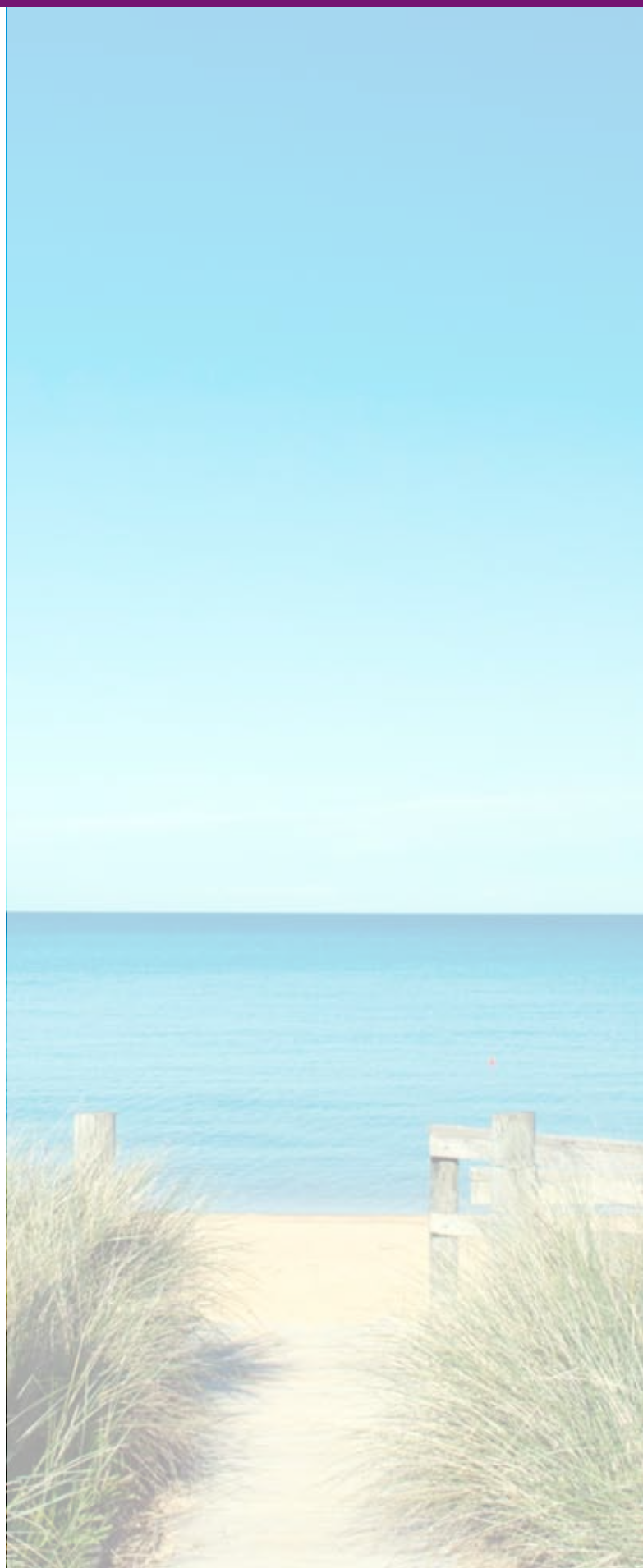
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**Tasman District Council**  
**Private Bag 4**  
**Richmond 7050**

or email to: [annualplan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:annualplan@tasman.govt.nz)

Council will provide the opportunity for people to present their submissions to it, should they wish to do so (please refer below for the dates when the Council will be hearing submissions). If you wish to present your submission to Council, please indicate your preferred first and second choice date and venue.

## Discussion sessions and meetings to hear more about the Draft Annual Plan

We are running a series of consultation discussions and presentations on the Draft Annual Plan and the two proposed Rating Policies around the District. The location and timing of the consultation sessions are outlined in the following table. The “chat” sessions will be in the afternoon. We will have some displays and a range of Councillors and staff available to answer your questions about the Plan and the rating policies. These sessions will be very informal. We are also proposing to do some presentations on the Plan and have question and answer sessions at the meetings in the evenings. In some cases these meetings will be run in conjunction with the meetings of local community associations. Please come along to the sessions.



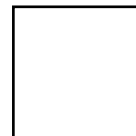
## Consultation and Submissions (cont.)

Date	Venue	Time
Tuesday 26 March 2013	Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
		7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Wednesday 27 March 2013	Tasman District Council, Queen Street, Richmond	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
	Meet the Ward Councillors meeting, Tasman District Council, Queen Street, Richmond	7.30 pm
Tuesday 2 April 2013	Brightwater Community Association (Brightwater School Hall)	7.30 pm
Monday 8 April 2013	Mapua Boat Club	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
	Mapua & Districts Community Association (Mapua Boat Club)	7.00 pm
Tuesday 9 April 2013	Wakefield Village Hall, Whitby Road, Wakefield	3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
	Wakefield Community Association (Wakefield Worship Centre, 120 Edward Street, Wakefield)	7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 April 2013	Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
	Tapawera Community Centre	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Monday 15 April 2013	Takaka Fire Station Hall, 6 Motupipi Street, Takaka	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
	Collingwood Sunday School Hall, Elizabeth Street, Collingwood	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

## Dates for Council hearing the submissions

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 8 May 2013	Takaka Fire Station Hall, Takaka	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Thursday 9 May 2013	Tasman District Council, Richmond	9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Friday 10 May 2013	Tasman District Council, Richmond	9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Monday 13 May 2013	Tasman District Council, Richmond	9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 15 May 2013	Motueka Memorial Hall, Motueka	9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Thursday 16 May 2013	Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre – if sufficient submitters wish to be heard.	11.30 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 17 May 2013	Tasman District Council, Richmond – if sufficient submitters wish to be heard.	9.30 am – 4.30 pm

# Submission Form to Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014



## Submitter details (please print clearly):

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your postal address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Your daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council meeting held for this purpose?

YES  NO

If yes, please indicate your preferred location with a "1" and your second preference with a "2":

Richmond  Motueka  Takaka  Murchison (depending on number of submitters wishing to be heard)

If yes, please indicate your preferred time:

Morning  Afternoon  Either

Are you writing this submission as:  an individual or  on behalf of an organisation

If an organisation, please name the organisation and your position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your comment on the Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014 and/or rating policies (*please continue overleaf if you require more space*):

*Please note: All written submissions will be made available to Councillors and the public.*

*Please write clearly, as all submissions are photocopied.*

Please send your submission to:

**Submissions on Draft Annual Plan 2013/2014**

**Tasman District Council**

**Private Bag 4**

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Or drop your submission into Council at 189 Queen Street, Richmond, or your local library or service centre. Alternatively email your submission to: [annualplan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:annualplan@tasman.govt.nz) or fax to 03 543 8560. Submission forms are available for download from Council's website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)).

**We need to receive your submission by 4.30 pm Tuesday 22 April 2013.**

Copies of the final Annual Plan 2013/2014 will be available at Council offices, libraries and on the Council website ([www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)).

Would you like to be sent a CD of the final document?  YES  NO

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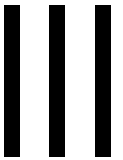
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