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Long Term Plan 2015–2025 consultation documents published

Now it's time for you to have your say

The Tasman District Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 (LTP) Consultation Document and supporting information was made public on 9 March 2015. The Consultation Document focuses on the key issues for the LTP that the Council wants to discuss with residents.

You will notice that this consultation document deals with 'big issues' rather than every activity of the Council. The Council must now produce the Consultation Document rather than a Draft Long Term Plan, as a result of changes to the Local Government Act. It means the look and feel of the document is different to documents from previous years. But the real change comes from a shift in the approach to the Council's financial management. In particular, there are significant changes to debt management, depreciation funding and the Council's capital and operational expenditure programmes.

We are also consulting on a range of other documents and policies related to the Consultation Document at the same time. For a list of these other consultations, please refer to the Road Map section on page 4.

Where can you get more information?

Most of the information you would have previously found in the Draft Long Term Plan is still available as supporting information. This includes: the Council's Growth Strategy, Activity Management Plans, Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy and other policies and reports.

This supporting information is available to view or download from the Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP), or you can view copies at any of the District libraries and Service Centres.

Alternatively, email the Council at info@tasman.govt.nz, or phone 03 543 8400 for more information.

How can you make a submission?

You can make a submission on any or all of the documents online at www.tasman.govt.nz/LTP or by filling out the form in the middle of the Consultation Document and sending it to the Council by post or email.

Submissions must be received by 4.00 pm, 20 April 2015.

Your submissions will be considered by Council, with hearings in May 2015 and decisions on the Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 finalised in June 2015. See page five of this issue of Newsline for the list of public meeting and hearing dates and venues.



Message from the Mayor and CEO

The Long Term Plan Consultation Document is out. It explains what options are being considered, the Council's proposals and the implications of these for the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. It's what you need to read if you want to contribute to the Council's decision-making on our Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

You will see how we propose to address the major issues facing the Council as we plan the budget for the next 10 years. These issues include supporting the community to develop sustainably and putting the Council on a more stable financial footing. That means limiting rate increases, and managing expenditure and debt within tighter limits. It also means responding to population growth; coping with natural hazards; securing more water for the future; and working well with our regional partners.

We are proposing some big changes to how the Council funds its activities and what we are proposing to fund. These changes enable the Council to address some of the community's concerns about debt. We think you will be pleased with the significant reduction to our net debt forecast to \$109 million by 2024/2025 and the 3% (plus an allowance for growth) limit we propose on increases to rates income. The Council can achieve its financial objectives of reducing the projected growth in debt and rates by changing how we fund the wearing out of assets (depreciation), and reducing the amount of money we spend on capital projects. We are confident we can achieve these objectives without compromising what's important to our communities.

In the past, the Council has invested heavily in roads, stormwater networks, drinking water supplies, wastewater systems and community facilities. We cannot afford to continue at that rate nor do we need to. Our district is well set up for the future. We can afford to cut non-essential projects and delay others in order to reduce costs. Increased in-house engineering capacity and knowledge allows us to get more life out of the assets we own before they have to be renewed. Providing core services and planning for growth continue to be priorities.

Supplying water to our communities is a core responsibility of the Council so having a secure supply is a significant issue for us. Water shortages could reduce our levels of service and affect current and future users, our environment and many areas of our regional economy. Proposals on how to fund the Waimea Community Dam were consulted on last year. The clear message from the community was that, while a dam would be beneficial, the funding models proposed by the Council were unaffordable and not supported. We are not proceeding with those funding proposals. We are still proposing to provide for the Waimea Community Dam in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 – but to a lesser extent. The project is being reviewed for size and scope. The funding will be capped and

will only be used for the Council's community water supplies and environmental improvements. Irrigators will investigate and manage their own funding and not be subsidised by general ratepayer funds.

We have budgeted to meet two thirds of the cost of augmenting the natural low flow in the Waimea River. This is to improve the environmental health of the river. If the funds aren't used for the Waimea Community Dam a portion will be needed to meet the cost of an alternative community water supply.

We are relying on others, like Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd, to contribute the remaining costs of building the Waimea Community Dam and environmental improvements. Further work is occurring to secure this funding and to determine the best governance arrangements. Irrigators will need to make their own decisions about funding and how much water they need.

Tasman is subject to some extreme weather events and other natural hazards. Our priority is to plan for these and to ensure there is enough money committed to recover from damaging natural events. We will continue to build effective relationships with our regional partners including Nelson City Council and Nga Iwi o Te Tau Ihu.

These are the Council's priorities for ensuring that Tasman remains a great place to live, work and play. We would like your opinion on the important issues we have identified and the options we are proposing to address them.

We are holding public meetings throughout the District, as we have in the past. If you would like to contribute to the Council's decision-making, please come along and discuss the issues and options with Councillors and staff. You also have the option of making a written submission and presenting your submission, if you wish, at a hearing.



Richard Kempthorne
Mayor



Lindsay McKenzie
Chief Executive Officer

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What will you see in the next 10 years if the Council proceeds with its proposals?



DEBT AND RATES

Projected net debt will be reduced from \$172m in 2014/2015 to \$109m in 2024/2025 by:

- limiting spending on new assets,
- reducing expenditure on renewing assets because of better information and management practices, and
- changing how the wearing out of assets (i.e. depreciation) is funded.

Increases to rates income will not exceed 3% per annum (plus an allowance for growth). This figure includes inflation and targeted rates.



LEVELS OF SERVICE

- The focus is on investing in improvements to infrastructure that protect levels of service. Cuts to non-essential projects or delays to others are not expected to reduce the levels of service enjoyed by our communities.



MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Richmond South water supply will be upgraded
- Borck Creek land purchases and stormwater capacity will be upgraded
- Wakefield's wastewater main trunk line will be upgraded.
- Richmond Town Centre stormwater system will be upgraded
- More catchment planning and hazard management
- Provision of more land and services for our growing population
- Waimea Community Dam will be operational



WAIMEA DAM

Up to a maximum of \$25m allocated to the Waimea Community Dam project. The funds will be used to:

- Establish secure water supplies for reticulated community water supply networks (not irrigators)
- Contribute towards improving the health of the Waimea River
- Establish a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO).

The project will only proceed if substantial external funds are available to contribute to the remaining costs of the Dam.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Golden Bay Recreation Centre will be completed
- Motueka Library will be upgraded in 2021
- Progressive development of Saxton Field.

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Major issues for Tasman District over the next 10 years

There are five major issues that the Council will focus on as it makes decisions for the Long Term Plan 2015-2025:

Issue 1: Addressing rates affordability

Issue 2: Managing the Council's debt

Issue 3: Developing resilient communities

Part A: Providing a secure water supply

Part B: Hazard planning and provisions to recover from disaster events

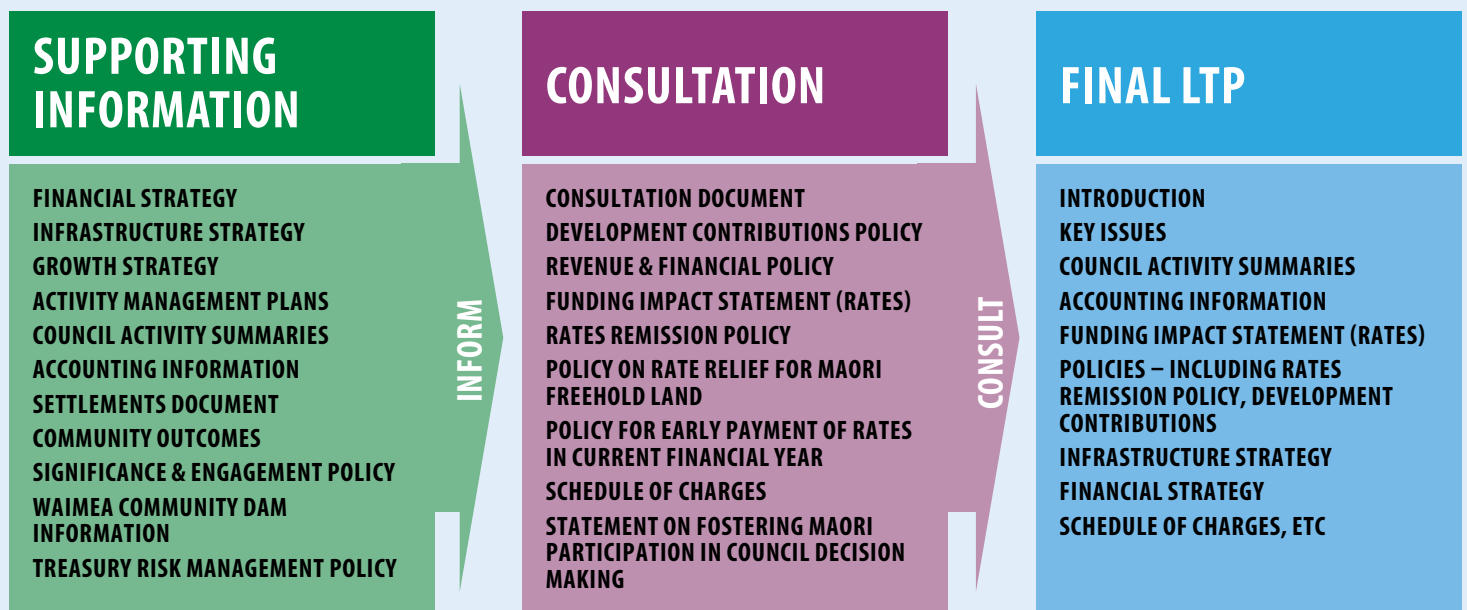
Issue 4: Responding to population growth

Part A: Providing sufficient land and services

Part B: Development contributions policy changes

Issue 5: Maximising Regional Opportunities

Road Map to the Long Term Plan



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WAIMEA RICHMOND FUNERAL SERVICES

Consultation meeting dates, venues and times

Date (2015)	Type of Meeting	Venue	Meeting Time
Tuesday, 10 March	Presentation/Q & A's Wakefield Community Association	Wakefield Worship Centre	7.30 pm
Thursday, 19 March	Drop In Session Presentation/Q & A's	Council Chambers, Richmond	4.30 pm 7.30 pm
Monday, 23 March	Presentation/Q & A's Presentation/Q & A's	Collingwood Sunday School Takaka Fire Station	4.00 pm 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 24 March	Drop In Session Presentation/Q & A's	Motueka Memorial Hall	4.00 pm 7.00 pm
Monday, 30 March	Brightwater Community Association – Presentation/Q & A's	Brightwater School	7.00 pm
Wednesday, 1 April	Drop In Session – Public Presentation/ Q & A's – Mapua & Districts Community Association	Mapua Hall	4.00 pm 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 7 April	Presentation/Q & A's Presentation/Q & A's – Tapawera & Districts Community Association	Murchison Sport Rec & Cultural Centre Tapawera Community Centre	3.00 pm 7.00 pm

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Public Notices

Rates Rebate Deadline

The rates rebate deadline for 2014-2015 rating year is quickly approaching. Applications **MUST** be in before **30 June 2015** to be accepted.

The Rates Rebate Scheme operates under the Rates Rebate Act 1973.

The purpose of the Scheme is to provide a subsidy to low income home owners on the cost of their rates.

The maximum rebated for this rating year is \$605.

Forms are held in each of the Council's offices. These have a Rates Rebate Income Eligibility Table on the front. The property you are applying for must be your principal place of residence. You cannot claim a rates rebate for the rates payable on a property that is used principally for business, farming, commercial or industrial purposes, or a home that is not your usual place of residence.

To check your eligibility and download a rates rebate form please go to our website www.tasman.govt.nz/property/rates/rates-rebate

Long Term Plan Community Meeting

Rotoiti District Community Council meeting regarding the Long Term Plan 2015–2025. Community Hall, St Arnaud, 7.00 pm, 27 March 2015.

Council Meetings

Agendas and Minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on the Council's website at www.tasman.govt.nz

Corporate Services Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 19 March 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Audit Subcommittee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 19 March 2015, 1.30 pm or at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee. No public forum

Community Development Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Thursday 26 March 2015, 9.30 am. Public forum

Tasman Regional Transport Committee

Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond, Friday 27 March 2015, 9.30 am. No public forum

Public Notices

Notice of intention to grant lease of part Tasman District Council land at 29 Cornwall Place, Tata Beach to Golden Bay Kayaks Ltd

The Council is contemplating granting a lease for the operation of a commercial kayak business on a portion of Council land at 29 Cornwall Place, Tata Beach. The land, which is a Council park, is currently being used for this purpose but a new lease agreement is now required.

The lease will be for the portion of the existing building located partially on the Cornwall Place park. The building straddles the boundary of Council's land and the intended lessee's adjacent freehold land.

The lease is intended to be issued to Golden Bay Kayaks Limited, who are the existing occupants of the building and have operated their kayak guiding and rental business in the park for several years. The lease area will be limited to the land/building under the roofline of the building where it is located on the "Park". It will be clear that use of the surrounding "Park" is not included in the lease, and kayaks must be moved promptly from the building to the foreshore. Kayaks are not intended to be stored on the surrounding grassed area of the park.

There will be provision for a small 'sandwich board' sign to be placed near the road to direct customers to the lease area during times when the business is operating. No other signage will be allowed, and neither will parking of the applicant's vehicle on the "park" be authorised.

A plan showing the proposed lease area will be available on the Council's website www.tasman.govt.nz, together with a copy of this notice.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Robert Cant on Ph. 03 543 8400, or Email: robert.cant@tasman.govt.nz.

Written submissions or objections should be sent to:

Tasman District Council, Private Bag 4, Richmond, 7050

Submissions or objections will be received up to 4.00 pm on Tuesday 14 April 2015. Please state whether you would like to be speak to your submission in the event that a hearing is required.

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Community partnerships

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

Does your sports team have places to go and games to win?

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is aimed making it easier for young people living in rural communities to participate in team sports. The fund can help subsidise travel costs for junior teams to enable them to take part in local sports competition. It is targeted at young people aged between 5-19 years.

Who is eligible? The Rural Travel Fund is open to support rural sports clubs and rural school teams with players aged between 5-19 years.

The closing date is 30 April 2015 with applications to be considered by the Tasman District Council Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee.

Application forms and further information is online at www.tasman.govt.nz/council/grants-funding

Adventures Outdoor Youth Club

The Murchison Cluster of the Tasman Youth Council proudly presents the 'Adventurers Outdoor Youth Club' – ten, interactive weekly workshops covering survival skills, white water rafting, search and rescue, pest control, nature studies, community plantings, plus more.

Funded by the Ministry of Youth Development, along with the Canterbury Community Trust, the workshops have been structured to address the identified limited opportunities young people in the Murchison area are faced with, by providing them with practical outdoor skills that they can use to enhance and improve their own backyards.

The workshops are suitable for 9-16 year olds, free to attend, however spaces are limited. To find out more, and to enrol contact Katie at the Murchison Centre. Email: murchison.centre@clear.net.nz, or Phone 021 296 5744.



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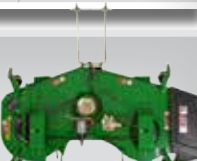


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Urban Stormwater

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Stormwater picks up pollutants such as:

- Bare exposed ground with loose soil
- Detergents, oil and heavy metals from people washing their cars
- Litter such as cigarette butts and food wrappers dropped on the ground
- Paint from people washing brushes in the gutter or over a stormwater drain
- Oil from leaking vehicles
- Industrial sites with incorrectly stored chemicals

All these pollutants end up in our streams and rivers where they reduce the quality of the water, making it unsuitable for swimming or drinking and difficult for plants and fish to survive.

What do I do if I see someone dumping into a stormwater drain?

If it's someone you know – tell them that what they're dumping is going to end up in your nearest stream or river, and encourage them to do the right thing. If you see a stranger dumping into a stormwater drain, please call the Council as soon as possible on Ph. 03 543 8400.

How you can help:

Washing your car:

- Wash it on the grass as grass acts as a natural filter. Use a bucket rather than a hose, to minimise water use and runoff.
- Clean up oil spills, fix leaking cars, collect and recycle used motor oil.

DIY painting – paint contains toxic chemicals which are harmful to the environment:

- Wash brushes over grass
- Small amounts of waste paint can be left to completely dry in the tin, and then be disposed of in your general rubbish.
- Save unnecessary washing by wrapping your paint brush or roller in cling wrap or a plastic bag. This will prevent them drying out for at least an hour.

Home Improvements

- Consider using permeable paving as it allows rainwater to flow through the paver
- Plant a rain garden to help remove pollutants and slow down stormwater flows
- Before doing activities such as exterior painting or water blasting find out where the nearest stormwater sump is and ensure your activities will not result in any waste products getting into the drain by containing run off on your property.

New extension links Cycle Trail to village centre

Riders on Tasman's Great Taste Trail will soon be able to get to the Wakefield village centre via a purpose-built path in Edward Street.

The new path is to be built along the southern side of Edward Street between Gossey Drive North and Treeton Place.

The construction of the path is to complete the connection joining onto the recently constructed section alongside the cemetery.

With tenders for the work closing on 25 February 2015 it is expected the works will commence by mid-March 2015 with a proposed completion date in early to mid-May 2015.

Riders making their way to or from Wakefield during this time are asked to take care and heed the signs and instructions from the contractor.



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