



Date: Wednesday 29 September 2021
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: 26 Gordon Street
Dannevirke

Tararua District Council

OPEN ATTACHMENTS

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Council Meeting Report
September 2021



MAYOR TRACEY COLLIS

KEY STATISTICS FOR TARARUA

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| \$164m Total value of Tararua three waters infrastructure assets managed by Tararua District Council | \$15m Proposed Government support package for volume transition | \$10.14m Current Tararua District Council three waters annual revenue 19% of Council's total revenue for the year 2020/21 |
| \$64m Total investment into three waters infrastructure assets in the Tararua District Long Term Plan 2022/23 | 7 Drinking water schemes 7 Wastewater schemes 4 Urban stormwater schemes | 5,797 Properties connected to a Council drinking water supply 5,829 Properties connected to a Council wastewater scheme 4,928 Properties receiving Council stormwater services |
| Tararua Projections: \$1,242 Current average annual three waters rates \$1,785 Council's projected 2022 average annual three waters rates \$1,595 Projected 2022 average annual three waters rates per household under the Government's reform \$9,504 Projected 2022 average annual three waters cost per household if Council opt-out of reform | | |
| A summary of Tararua District Council as a service delivery provider | | |
| 5B Rated by ORR for service excellence (Councilwide) | FULLY AUDITED and compliant with Long Term Plan | INTEGRATED Water Management Plan for Three Waters |
| 30 YEAR Infrastructure Strategy | PARTICIPATED in Water NZ National Performance Review | 24% Drinking water Management Community Satisfaction |
| 88% Wastewater Management Community Satisfaction | 65% Stormwater Management Community Satisfaction | Let's grow our 2022 revenue and infrastructure investment. We'll continue to deliver the best value for money, while also ensuring we meet our obligations to the community. |
| TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL www.tararua.govt.nz/threewaters | | |

"Let the winds of the Ruahine and Tararua give you strength. Let the waters of the Manawatū nourish you, for we are the pounamu of Te Tapere nui o Whatonga!"

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tracey Collis
July/August 2021



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1 – Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper, JP Retired

It with sadness that we learned of Max Coopers passing on Wednesday 8th September 2021.

Max made a significant contribution to the Eketāhuna community and served as both Chair of the Eketāhuna Community Board and the Eketāhuna Chair of the Swimming Pool for many years, and he was awarded the Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award in 2014. Max was also awarded a Tararua Civic Honour and a local JP.

He will be known and missed. Our condolences go out to his family and many, many friends.



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2 – Bead and Proceed

This workshop was held over Zoom. It was an inspiring way to educate all of the Councillors on the 17 SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals) that have been adopted by over 100 countries. This framework provides nations and organisations with guidance and measurable targets to achieve, across a number of factors that are impacting on us all.

The workshop and facilitator encouraged us to select five key concerns which held meaning to us as an individual. Painting our "beads" in the colour of those factors provided an entertaining but educational way of reinforcing what goals we will commit to addressing.



For me the five "beads" were: Climate, Life on land, Health and Wellbeing, Reduced inequalities, and Partnership. A fun way for us as a Council to reflect on how the strategic decisions we make for our community have some impact on the wider country and world.

Cr. Sharon Wards

Councillors were able to choose 5 "beads" from a list of 17 United Nations goals, and they are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1: No Poverty – Economic growth must be inclusive to provide sustainable jobs and promote equality. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 2: Zero Hunger – The food and agriculture sector offers key solutions for development, and is central for hunger and poverty eradication. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being – Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages is essential to sustainable development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 4: Quality Education – Obtaining a quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 5: Gender Equality – Gender equality is not only a fundamental, human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation – Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy – Energy is central to nearly every major challenge and opportunity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth – Sustainable economic growth will require societies to create the conditions that allow people to have quality jobs. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure – Investments in infrastructure are crucial to achieving sustainable development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities – To reduce inequalities, policies should be universal in principle, paying attention to the needs of disadvantaged and marginalised populations. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – There needs to be a future in which cities provide opportunities for all, with access to basic services, energy, housing, transportation and more. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production – Responsible Production and Consumption. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 13: Climate Action – Climate change is a global challenge that affects everyone, everywhere. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 14: Life Below Water – Careful management of this essential global resource is a key feature of a sustainable future. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 15: Life on Land – Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, half biodiversity loss. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institution's – Access to justice for all and building effective accountable institutions at all levels. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 17: Partnerships – Revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development. | |

Mayor Tracey also asked the Councillors that attended the webinar to add their “beads”, as follows:

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| Mayor Tracey Collis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero Hunger • Good Health and Well being • Climate Change • Responsible Consumption and Production • Partnerships for the goals | Deputy Mayor Erana Peeti-Webber: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero hunger • Good health and well being • Life below water • Life on land • Partnerships for the goals |
| Councillor Alison Franklin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Poverty • Life on Land • Life Below Water • Zero hunger • Partnership for the goals | |

3 – Opening Bowl, Ross Shield, Sporting Highlights

Saturday 25th September was the official opening of the Dannevirke Bowling Club. A good turnout and a great start to the season. We are fortunate to have bowling clubs in each of our towns.

Congratulations to the players selected for the Ross Shield. It is incredibly hard knowing we may not be able to support on the side-lines this year.



There have been some real sporting highlights from Tararua College and many of our young people selected for representative levels. Congratulations to them all and a huge thanks to their coaches and managers that support and help them along the way.

Hockey

1st XI Girls - 1st place (Division 1)
Hockey 1st XI Boys - 3rd place (Division 1)
Mixed Hockey - 2nd place (Mixed division)

Football

Girls' 1st XI - 1st place (Championship grade)
Girls' Social - 5th place (Conference grade)

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Rugby

Juniors - 2nd place (Youth 2 grade)
1st XV - 3rd place (Prem 3 grade)

Netball

Senior A - 4th place
Senior Blue - 6th place
Junior A - 3rd place
Junior Blue - 1st place
Junior Gold - 1st place

Basketball

Senior Prem Boys - Masterton Comp: 4th place
- Palm Nth Prem Comp: 3rd place
Senior A Girls - Masterton Comp: 1st place
- Palm Nth Comp: 1st place
Senior B Girls - 4th place
Senior B Boys - 8th place
Junior Boys - 1st place

Individual results (that we know of)

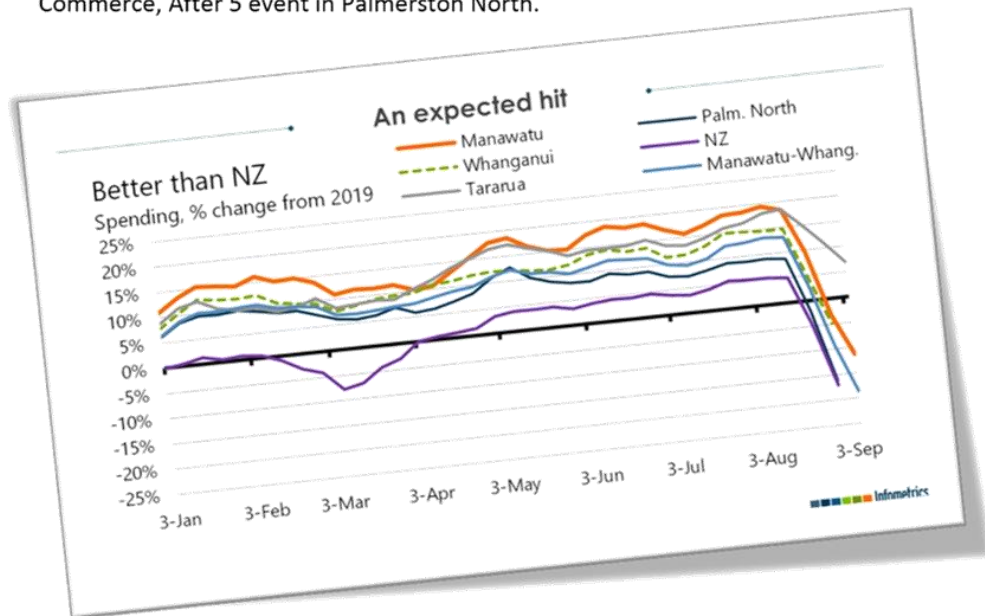
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| <u>Football reps</u> Aimee Powick Amber Mahoney Regan Christensen Joy Nobathu Aaliyah Robinson Austyn Beales | <u>Rugby reps</u> Taylah Wolland (U15 Manawatu development) Abby Rodwell (U15 Manawatu development) Amber Mahoney (U15 Manawatu) Jade Parker (U18 Manawatu) Ben Harris (U18 Manawatu) |
| <u>Hockey reps</u> Abby Treder (U15 Manawatu) Jayda Tindall | <u>Cricket reps</u> Abby Treder (Under 17 Central Districts Training Cricket camp, Manawatu Women's Development Cricket Team and Manawatu Secondary School Team) |
| <u>Basketball reps</u> Maia Andrews (U15 Manawatu) & been invited to attend the NZ training camp! | <u>Coaches:</u> Amy MacCaulay, Adam Millar, and Louise Powick – Team Manager |



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4 – Infometrics IoD after 5: Brad Olsen

We were delighted to see that how well the Tararua District spend had fared through Covid -19 and this was confirmed by Brad Olsen's presentation at the Chamber of Commerce, After 5 event in Palmerston North.



Brad is a Principal Economist and Director at the Institute of Directors.

Well done and this just shows our Love Local campaign is being implemented in the Tararua. Keep spreading the love.



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5 - Letters of Support, Condolences and Visits

Letters of Support

- Fantasy Cave
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tamaki Nui a Rua Kapa support

Condolences

- Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper

Letters/Cards of Congratulations

- 2021 Wackrow Youth Memorial Awards
- 2021 Ross Shield Team



Attendances

- **Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tamaki Nui a Rua**
Winners of the Rangitane o Tamaki nui-a-Rua Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Colouring Competition
Selection: Mayor Tracey Collis and Deputy Mayor Erana Peeti-Webber

(Many thanks to Bush Telegraph for the use of their photos).



The three winners of the Tik Tok Pot Competition, Cresha Marsh (left), Te Ahorangi Hauiti and Pikihauriki Paewai, with Rangitane manager Mavis Mullins, judge Zenna Catonyi, Mayor Tracey Collis, and Maori Language Week co-ordinator Ngahua Hauiti.



Rangitane manager Mavis Mullins points out the special qualities of the kawakawa balm created by Ellen Gray – gifts for Mayor Tracey Collis and Deputy Mayor Erana Peeti-Webber for judging the colouring competition.

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6 – Events Attended by the Mayor

Mayor Tracey Collis: 2021

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry Committee
- Weber/Wimbledon/Herbertville Liaison
- Citizenship Ceremonies
- Civic Honours
- Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs



| Date: 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 September | Regional Leadership Group Meeting Taranua District COVID 19 Daily Response Meetings – zoom |
| 2 September | Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Meeting – zoom Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three waters webinar for elected members |
| 6 September | Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting – zoom Regional Chiefs Meeting – zoom |
| 7 September | Regional Transport Meeting – zoom EM Joint Standing Committee Meeting – zoom Entity C Mayors & CE's Meeting – zoom |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 9 September | Cancer Society Meeting Bead and Proceed Epic Workshop - webinar |
| 10 September | Regional Leadership Group Meeting – zoom MTFJ – MSD Community Recovery Programme – zoom (poor connection) |
| 11 - 13 September | Mangatainoka Cemetery Emergency: Volunteers, Councillors and Staff |
| 13 September | ELT Meeting |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group After 5 with Brad Olsen – The economic implications of Covid 19 – Cancelled (the irony?) |
| 16 September | Road Safety Meeting |
| 20 September | Alliance – Hamish Featonby Meeting ELT Meeting |
| 21 September | Regional Transport & Chief's Meeting – zoom Entity C Mayors & CE's Meeting – zoom |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop with Lawrence Yule Right Tree, Right Place Comms Meeting |
| 25 September | Dannevirke Outdoor Bowls Opening Day |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Taranua Council Meeting |

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7 – Councillors Portfolio Reports for September 2021

Deputy Mayor: Erana Peeti-Webber

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Dannevirke Community Board – Wheel Park and Multi Sport Meetings

| Date 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 – 3 September | Covid 19 Response hui Monday-Friday |
| 2 September | Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three waters webinar for elected members |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting – zoom Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Epic Workshop - webinar |
| 10 September | Covid 19 Response hui Monday-Friday |
| 11 – 13 September | Mangatainoka Cemetery Emergency: Volunteers, Councillors and Staff assistance |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 17 September | Rangitane Te Wiki Judging |
| 21 September | Entity C Meeting - Zoom |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop via ROOMS Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 27 September | Multisport Steering Group Meeting |
| 28 September | Three Waters Webinar – virtual Roadshow of Australian Water Reforms Community Board catch up |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |
| 30 September | Three Waters Webinar – virtual Roadshow of Australian Water Reforms |

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Carole Isaacson

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Norsewood/Ormondville Community Liaison

| Date: 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|--------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three waters webinar for elected members |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting – zoom Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group Norsewood Community Catchup x Ella Domper, Hovding all Chattels have been sold or donated to various Community Groups in the Norsewood area. |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Taranua Council Meeting |

Alison Franklin

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Safer Communities
- Pahiatua On Track

| Date: 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|-------------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three waters webinar for elected members |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting – zoom Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Epic Workshop - webinar |
| 11 – 13 September | Mangatainoka Cemetery Emergency: Volunteers, Councillors and Staff assistance |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop via ROOMS Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 28 September | Three Waters Webinar – virtual Roadshow of Australian Water Reforms |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Taranua Council Meeting |
| 30 September | Three Waters Webinar – virtual Roadshow of Australian Water Reforms |

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Kerry Sutherland

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry
- Works Liaison Chair

| Date: 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|--------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three Waters webinar for elected members |
| 6 September | Three Waters workshop |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting – zoom Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 14 September | Forestry Meeting |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 21 September | Meeting with Alan Benbow with Mayor Tracey |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |

Peter Johns

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Forestry: Lead
- Woodville Districts' Vision

| Date: 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|--------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meetings – zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom Three waters webinar for elected members |
| 8 September | Regional Council Meeting – zoom Three Waters Rural Water Schemes Workshop – webinar |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Epic Workshop - webinar |
| 13 September | Forestry Meeting - zoom |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |

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Shirley Hull

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Makuri Community Liaison
- Pahiatua Upgrade Committee
- Economic Development Chair



| Date | Event/Attendances |
|-------------------|---|
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom |
| 6 September | Three waters workshop – zoom |
| 8 September | Tararua District Council Meeting |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Workshop |
| 11 - 13 September | Mangatainoka Cemetery Emergency: Volunteers, Councillors and Staff assistance |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |

Raylene Treder

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee Representations:

- Eketahuna Community Board

| Date 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|-------------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meeting - zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom |
| 6 September | Three waters workshop – zoom |
| 8 September | Tararua District Council Meeting |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Workshop |
| 11 - 13 September | Mangatainoka Cemetery Emergency: Volunteers, Councillors and Staff assistance Eketahuna Community Board Meeting |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 20 September | Passenger Transport Committee Workshop |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |

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Sharon Wards

Attendance at all committee meetings as per Councillor's schedule

Committee and Portfolio Representations:

- Akitio/Pongaroa Community Liaison
- Strategy and Policy Chair

| Date 2021 | Event/Attendance |
|--------------|---|
| 2 September | Three Waters Meeting - zoom |
| 3 September | Works Liaison Meeting (3) – zoom |
| 6 September | Three waters workshop – zoom |
| 8 September | Tararua District Council Meeting |
| 9 September | Bead and Proceed Workshop |
| 15 September | Works Liaison Committee & Finance Committee Meetings Love Local – Sugar & Salt Lunch Three Waters Meeting with Federated Farmers Three Waters Meeting with Economic Impact Group |
| 22 September | Forestry Workshop Revised Standard Safety Intervention Toolkit – webinar |
| 29 September | Draft Housing Strategy/Housing Workshop Tararua Council Meeting |

8 - Wairarapa Times Age Column: Mayor Tracey Collis

This Wednesday Tararua District Council will consider a report on the Three Waters reform which outlines the questions we intend asking the Department of Internal Affairs.

Our ratepayers own and council operates seven wastewater schemes, seven drinking water schemes and four urban stormwater systems. These assets are valued at \$164 million with a further \$64m of investment identified in our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. In a recent national survey over 76 per cent of those surveyed were satisfied with our drinking water management, 63 per cent with stormwater and 88 per cent with wastewater.

In a district which is geographically spread, we should be one of the winners in a reform where larger cities subsidise those with smaller ratepayer bases.

However, we were also part of the 1989 amalgamations and know only too well what it is like to fight for our fair share and to be recognised. Each of our towns has not only waited their turn and supported each other through town beautifications, but also through infrastructure renewal and upgrades. We have had to innovate due to our size, partner up to achieve economy and efficiency and attract staff to build our infrastructure team.

My heart goes out to these staff who are experiencing constant uncertainty in their roles, knowing and trusting council as their employer. They have asked me to fight to retain our Three Waters. Many residents have also taken the time to make contact and voice their concerns over issues such as where is our local voice and how will it be heard. They are also asking how we deal with the growth we are experiencing and how would we fare up against the larger towns and cities. They are sceptical of the figures being used by the Government and the assumptions being made over such a long period of time. We know only too well what it feels like to be rural, fighting for roading funding, access to services and housing, with the Government owning no housing in the Tararua District. It is no wonder when we don't have a single emergency house

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in the Tararua District that there is little trust in Government supplying water during an emergency.

Currently ratepayers are charged \$1242 for our Three Water services which in our Long Term Plan are projected to increase to \$1785 in 2031 compared to the Government's prediction of \$9504 if we opt out of the reform.

In addition to the Three Waters reform, the Government also has other significant reforms underway which will impact on the regulatory and operational cost of the delivery of the Three Waters services. These reforms include freshwater, resource management, climate change and zero carbon, alongside the Future of Local Government review. The sequencing of these reforms matters, but how can we discuss costs when the future regulations are unknown. What happens to our stranded overheads of \$1.2m and how do we deal with this?

Our report from Morrison Low indicated it is likely future costs for Three Waters will increase significantly as a result of meeting new standards and more rigorous compliance. Whether under a new entity or in-house with council, the direction remains the same.

After many years of RMA process, our council have recently received consents for Eketāhuna wastewater (receiving seven years) and Pahiatua (receiving 12 years) at a cost of in excess of \$1m. We agree this needs reform but what this looks like and the costs moving forward are unknown.

The reform adds to the uncertainty for our businesses as the costs are referred to are per household. How does our business community budget and plan going forward with an entity far removed from their local base? How will pricing, fairness and transparency be reflected?

There is also considerable concern in the rural sector as they seek to understand the implications to water supplies.

We have utilised the eight-week period to understand the information and potential options. We look forward to engaging with our communities and as always, making decisions with them for the best interest of the Tararua District now and into the future. It promises to be a robust discussion in council and in our communities as we progress the biggest reform in 30 years.



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