

TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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Submission

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL LTP 2012-22

The 2012-2022 WDC Draft Long Term Plan is a major new piece of work and Tamahere Community Committee [TCC] congratulates council on its direction and quality.

The TCC has focused its submission on Tamahere matters and a number of major concerns it has pending further information.

We support the following.

SUPPORT

1. Targeted rate for Community Board costs.
2. Merger of Rural Fire Authority
3. The roading philosophy of no new seal and working the WDC assets harder. WDC's "look after what we have" is the key to this.
4. Grant of \$4000 per annum to Tamahere Community Committee
5. Principle of targeted rate provided they are equitable.
6. Council becoming a "Guaranteeing Local Authority."
7. Sale of Hamilton Airport shares.
8. Sale of Strada once best value for the business is re-established.
9. The new development contribution scheme, but note that the \$8,013 per section for water costs seems very high. (See "Oppose" & "Concerns")
10. Libraries: maintain status quo; we note the 70% growth is caused by Te Kauwhata. Plan does not include issues around Ngaruawhaia.

We oppose the following.

OPPOSE

1. The nature of the Sustainable Communities Growth Budget for Sport Pavilions in Tamahere; allocation of \$183,000 in 2017 and \$1.266 million in 2018. The vision for TCC has always been a community hub/piazza to act as a focus for the Tamahere community. We believe that this funding should be redirected to this project.
2. The moving of the Link Road development out to the year 2013.
3. UAGC has been revised from 22% to 25% but in previous years it was set at 28% and we believe it should remain at 28%.

4. Heat Smart Scheme; as quotes for work are often double or triple figures of suppliers outside this scheme. Also older houses, where the real need is are often declined due to OSH requirements.
5. Southern District water supply development contribution charge of \$8013. Council need to recheck public versus private good, growth versus guarantee of Level of Service which is driven by Hamilton city.

SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS

There are a number of issues in the plan that are of significant concern for TCC. We have requested further information on these items to enable more detailed comment at the hearing for this plan.

These are:-

1. The risk around property development projects in Pokeno, Tuaka and Te Kauwhata.
2. The rise in council debt levels over 10 years and the risks around development contributions not funding these rises.
3. The capital cost of Southern District's water storage of \$2.891 million and the real need for this spending.
4. That the plan does not take into account approximately \$4.5 million of potential new road development in Tamahere (Birchwood extension East/West Tamahere Link) arising from the Hamilton phase of the Waikato Expressway.

TCC's view is that NZTA should fund this because:-

- The growth in the Tamahere CLZ has been known and understood at the time that the Expressway planning was completed.
 - NZTA is determining to close the north end of Newell Rd/SH1
 - NZTA must take responsibility of poor forward planning in this respect.
 - It is unfair that both general rates and development contributions fund this cost as the concept is created by the Expressway not vice versa.
5. Costs for Sub catchment B in Tamahere.
 6. Footpath and walkways