
Clutha District Council

Item for DECISION

Report	Approval of Responses to Submitters
Meeting Date	12 June 2024
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report asks Council to approve responses to submitters as tabled.

Note that the report will be circulated under separate cover prior to the weekend.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council receives the ‘Approval of Responses to Submitters’ report.
2. That Council approves the attached Approval of Responses to Submitters to the Proposed Long-Term Plan 2024/34, or as amended.

ID	AREA	Contribution	Response
2	Infrastructure	Please encourage more housing development by making it more attractive for developers. North Bruce has huge potential for growth and with a significant housing shortage in Dunedin, CDC should look to tap into this by encourage people to build and live in the Clutha District.	The Clutha District Council has a very permissive District Plan and some of the lowest Financial Contributions to connect to services. Council will be assisting development where we can within our Living and Working Strategy.
15	Infrastructure	Again, the footpaths and mobility parking. The footpaths need dips or ramps at the mobility parks on the street to make it safer and easier to access the footpaths from the mobility parks. This is a significant hazard and requires me to push my client along the road in her wheelchair as I cannot get the wheelchair with her in it up on to the curb	Council has actively looked to create mobility friendly routes around Balclutha, and we will look to implement improved access points as you have suggested when we undertake improvement works and kerb and channel renewals.

19	Infrastructure	Is it correct that the Coronation Hall car park will be used as open Carpark instead of union Street which will lose 40+ carparks. Uploaded by Kara 17.04.2024	The car park behind the Milton Coronation Hall is owned by the Milton Coronation Hall Society and any questions regards the use of the car park would need to be directed to the society rather than Council.
20	Infrastructure	CDC need to approach Govt to soften their demands of waste treatment drinking and waste. Car Parks - Needed off main street - Milton Milton needs community board Council - "IMPORTANT" When are the Cabins going off the Taylor Park Green Space RW! Need jobs completed Milton eg. Toilets - Taylor Park Uploaded by Kara 18.04.2024	Council are working on the issues you have raised on a number of fronts. Please submit to our Representation Review when that comes out in 2024 for consultation as that is the forum to advocate for a Milton Community Board.
40	Infrastructure	I feel that safe drinking water and safe communities is a priority. Also consider doing a subdivision for more affordable housing in the Tapanui area for all the workers that come to town. The library and swimming pool in Tapanui are great assets to the town.	Safe drinking water is a priority for Council and we are investing significantly in this activity area. The West Otago Community Board have a project looking at housing options as this is a project that was identified as part of the West Otago Community Plan process.
52	Infrastructure	The state of the roads in and around Heriot are constantly being used by very large lorries as there is industry located in the township which adds to the deterioration of the roads. The roads therefore need to be maintained accordingly. I have no problems with the industries located however the lack of suitable maintenance and width of the roads in places is dangerous. WATER:- Constant boil water notices for years. Constant breakdown of the Moa Flat water supply as this is a stock water supply which is sub standard at best. It appears that you want to charge us more rates monies to enhance the lifestyle of Balclutha and Milton residents whilst expecting rural communities to finance this inequality without having any of the benefits which are sorely lacking in the rural communities.	We would encourage you to highlight specific areas requiring maintenance and Council staff will look at these and contact you about them. We understand the frustration with the Moa Flat Water supply. We are working actively with the Rural Water Scheme Committee who have approved work that we expect will enable us to lift the boil water notice in the coming months.
61	Growing Tourism	What does this even mean. What is Tourism NZ doing? and how exactly does this fit with your waste management climate goals etc. I see in a statement the mayor is delighted	Tourism New Zealand is responsible for promoting New Zealand in key international markets as a visitor destination. Clutha NZ key market is domestic.

		more ratepayers are coming in. When will you wake up? the world is massively underpopulated.	
94	WWMP	Perhaps check out WBOP councils. Example on waste minimisation e.g. wastebin (i.e. green lid, red lid) bins have an extra bracket fitted where by the bin lid loop over an extra bracket and tag connects the 2 on day of pickup. At a small cost these tags are purchased form local outlets. Result: Helps cover costs of collection and eliminates over filled bins. No tag, no collection - over filled bin, also no collection. - Tag brakes and falls into truck as it is emptied. (I have a photo of one on my phone)	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services, user pays options will likely be considered as part of this work.
107	Waste Minimisation	Recycling. It is good that Council has a recycling system. We appreciate that one Council newsletter explained how to cut, clean and flatten drink cartons and take them to Cafe 55 which we have done and are continuing to do. We know MITRE 10 has advertised collecting all old, dead batteries. There is talk of farmers being able to recycle plastic from hay bales? What about household plastic from mattresses etc.? We were told about a fundraiser, saving the tag-tops from aluminum cans but don't know where or how? Also told of a system saving the plastic tags from bread bags but again don't know where or how? Would it be possible to have a co-Ordinator who could find out all the things that can be recycled wither through Council or through other Organisations, and collate all the information, both on-line and maybe a pamphlet for those of us who have eyesight problems or trouble with technology? Is it something that Council could look at with maybe an organisation like Lions?	Bale wrap can be recycled through Playback, to book a collection of find out more visit https://plasback.co.nz/recycling/. As part of the resource recovery park development at Mt Cooeee options will be considered for harder to recycle items such as soft plastics and bottle tops. Recycling for items like bread bag tags and can tabs are usually associated with community group fundraising initiatives and are often short lived collections drives. It is understood the bread bag tag recycling is no longer available. However, the Lions Club is currently supporting the Kantabs project where wine bottle lids and can tabs are collected and sold for scrap saving rubbish from the landfill. Funds raised are donated to Kidney Kids to support children with kidney disease and their families and whanau, more information can be found on their website https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/partnerships/our-partners/kidney-kids. If asked, Councils Community Libraries will often support these fundraising initiatives by providing drop off points. Council employs a part time waste education officer; they will be looking at improving the availability of recycling information as part of their role. If you have any questions relating to rubbish or recycling please do not hesitate to email help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz.
125	Infrastructure	There is nothing in the infrastructure list that mentions new tar sealing for country needs. Council has forgotten about Owaka Valley Clinton Road. They used 2 do seal extension every 2 or 3 years.	Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work

			ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. Unfortunately, at this stage there are very limited sections of the Owaka Valley / Clinton Road that will meet this criteria.
125	Infrastructure	The Clutha District is a great district to live in, but the Council must listen to what the residence want. It must not get carried away with its own vanity projects like the new Balclutha Memorial hall and Balclutha and Milton destination toilets. DID THE RESIDENCE WANT THEM??? I have had dealings with the Council and I believe that they don't listen to what the people want or say. What I want is the Owaka - Clinton road fully tar sealed. It is the forgotten highway. The Government and Council are similar and they are more interests in a low rate rise than spending money on infrastructure and now they are paying the price for it. Regards Lance Ibbotson - Owaka resident all my life.	The projects such as TPOMA and toilets in Balclutha and Milton were consulted on and approved through previous consultation processes. Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. Unfortunately, at this stage there are very limited sections of the Owaka Valley / Clinton Road that will meet this criteria.
127	WWMP	Are people allowed to opt out of extra bins? I live rural and don't have green waste. It's composted or dug into the garden.	The Rating Information included in Councils Revenue and Financing Policy section of the Long Term Plan defines the rating areas and application of rates funding. Mandatory and voluntary collection areas for any kerbside service extension will need to be consulted on before the introduction of a new service. It is likely that you will be able to opt out of the service if you live in a rural area.
127	Waste Minimisation	I don't have a local town living in a very rural area. I would like to see recycle centres more available in smaller towns. I.e. Clinton & Kaka Point. This includes Green waste.	Council provides a Transfer Station for rubbish and recycling in Clinton, it is open on Sundays from 10am - 12pm. Options for greenwaste will be considered as part of a Transfer Station Review. Council is not currently considering introducing a transfer station or drop off point in Kaka Point.

139	Infrastructure	I'm just saying as it is as far as a person living in the Tahakopa Valley which is a great place to live! But surrounded by gravel roads is hard going on one's motor vehicles etc. Hence Tar seal of roads. When the railway line was closed down in the Catlins 1971 the Government of the day promises the Local people that they would bring all roading up to standard of South Roads, but this was only them losing control of their mouths, it just never happened. Hence why cannot our Tahakopa gravel roads be tar sealed at best five km's every year? (Then one day we will have a Tar seal Roads). As I told the CDC Councilors at the soapbox Owaka meeting. Three waters is a Scam! To set river or bore water to top safe water standard is very costly, best way is put everyone onto rain roof tank water which would take care of the storm water problems. Sewerage waste problem, lets start thinking about using electric toilets or, it is all going into an industrial burner Unit using a nuclear power generator unit. NOTE - The CDC is just becoming a cash cow for this and that one that the rate payers are paying for. You need to cut your cloth like ordinary people have to do now days.	Sealing of gravel roads is very expensive and can cost more than \$500,000 per kilometre. Sealing 5 kms per year would potentially add \$2.5 million of costs per annum for the capital cost alone and with Clutha's over 2,000 kms of unsealed roads this is not sustainable. Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. Unfortunately, at this stage there are no sections of the Tahakopa Valley Road that will meet this criteria.
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156	Infrastructure	I support what the council is doing, I feel annoyed that we have a nay-sayer movement in our community, they are very loud and verbally aggressive therefore I prefer not to go to meetings as I do not want to expose myself to these people, many seem to be coming off the antivax/covid, anti govt, 3-waters, groundswell movements and after working in our community in Pharmacy over the covid period I have been left with some emotional trauma from being abused in my workplace by these people therefore it is hard to be around them as I have been pushed and screamed at in my face plus had to listen to all the ramblings of their alternative views. I don't think the council has always got it right, I am 40yrs old and my partner and I are both feeling very disappointed in our parents' generation and our grandparents as during their time they underinvested in every single area and now we are left to pick up the pieces while they got to have low rates for many years and yet that tends to be the age group that is now throwing their toys out the cot due to the rates hike that they literally have caused... they also tended to be the biggest voices against 3-waters due to being easily manipulated online with ridiculous campaigns and have zero ability to understand that they are the reason we are in this position now with our water infrastructure. I do wish the council had invested better in Milton as I have been approx. 12 years in my home yet still have a terrible footpath, but the new sub developments get it all straight away (maybe they pay outside of rates? I'm unsure..), Waiholo for one has a fancy path on their main road yet still here we are with none despite the rates I've also paid, kids can't ride scooters on ours, it is uneven and unsafe for elderly. We are also highly frustrated at the state of Taylor Park as we walk our dog there most days, the river is now full of rubbish due to all the long term "campers" the trees never get pruned, the "garden" has broken old logs - simple things like railway sleepers, weed mat and woodchips would make it so much tidier as we see in other places such as Oamaru and Invercargill, we are just so shabby around the edges and to be honest Milton is a bit of a ghetto town but thankfully has project	Thank you once again for your positive comments.
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	bruce doing everything they can to make it a better place to live but they can't do it all, if it were not for my job here I'd consider shifting as I find it quite embarrassing. Whoever is in charge of park maintenance needs to put in FAR more effort and actually come and look at what needs done as our town has the potential to be stunning, the trees along the river are already established just unkempt looking, we could have nice wee walking tracks between them, why has the council left in the ground the old posts for old fitness planks etc? they should have been removed 30 years ago, this is just neglect. There has been a teeny tiny bit of pruning from one tree that has the waste left just sitting on the ground for months now, trees have self-seeded into the river and the grass is a mess all along the river's edge... this isn't expensive things to fix... it's just been neglected. In regard to the Milton swimming pool complex - PLEASE DO NOT PULL THIS PROJECT DUE TO THE NOISY GROUP. For Milton to be a destination for people to want to live this project is SO IMPORTANT, I for one never use the grotty old Milton Pool, its very dated and unappealing. We should have bulldozed it in the early 2000s instead of wasting money trying to extend the life of it. This centre may even inspire others to want to invest in our town as that will tidy up that part of the town so much. I am begging that this project goes ahead as if it does not a fear that could be the beginning of the end for Milton. I have selected not important for Balclutha Library renewals as I feel Balclutha gets all of our funding as it is so Milton has been left to sit too long and we really need the investment so much more.	
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174	Infrastructure	we need to make cuts - these rates rises are too high. Looking at the UAGC - libraries are expensive, but these also provide important services. I am mindful that it looks like NZ is heading towards a recession, and Libraries are a great space for the unemployed to work on job applications, upskill etc - but is there any slack or inefficiencies in our libraries we can cut back? Do any libraries have spare rooms that could be rented out as office spaces to get some income? Are there other office spaces that could be rented? I was talking to someone who rents an office space at The Hub, and he was saying it was cheaper than renting a cabin in the garden and better for networking, having work meetings etc. Are there council rooms or spaces that could be rented out to help generate income and support local businesses? Just a thought. Look for any efficiencies where time and resources could be better spent. E.g. the process of getting resource consents for buildings through when neighbours make a submission to try and block it is a long and protracted process (especially if it goes all the way to a hearing) which ties up council resources. Currently there is no charge for the person submitting a complaint, so they have nothing to lose by complaining - maybe introducing a nominal charge for submitting a complaint will mean only those with a serious complaint will submit, and all those who just like complaining for the sake of it will stop, thus reducing wasted time and energy for council (and therefore costs). have a place where ratepayers and residents and make suggestions for improvements/reducing costs?	Around 80% of costs for the 5 community libraries are for staff, maintenance of the facilities and overheads. Any reduction would see the loss of some services, including council customer services from some branches. None of the libraries have any space for leasing out.
174	WWMP	I agree that we need to move towards reduced waste and better management of waste. The option proposed is expensive - can we look at local solutions to help keep costs down. Fore example, if with the new bins council will start collecting green waste - can we process this locally in Owaka rather than taking it to Mt Cooee? (Maybe have a wood chipper at the transfer station where residents can turn tree branches into wood chip for the garden?) Initiatives to help encourage composting etc. Similarly can we turn glass bottles into crushed glass for gravel paths? Problem	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work.

		solving and team working as a community is preferable to just paying higher rates for this.	
174	Waste Minimisation	Our transfer station in Owaka is a great resource, but under utilised. How can we best use it to reduce waste and the costs to the ratepayer for waste removal?	As part of this work staff will undertake consultations to gather local insights and identify opportunities for community collaboration to improve the transfer stations.
174	Growing Tourism	the \$195,000 for tourism sounds like it is historical? Yes we need to support tourism, but money is tight and I'm not sure it needs to be to this level?	\$195,000 has been an annual allocation to implement actions from the Clutha Destination Strategy adopted by council in 2020.
174	Rates and Spending	we need to make cuts - these rates rises are too high. Looking at the UAGC - libraries are expensive, but these also provide important services. I am mindful that it looks like NZ is heading towards a recession, and Libraries are a great space for the unemployed to work on job applications, upskill etc - but is there any slack or inefficiencies in our libraries we can cut back? Do any libraries have spare rooms that could be rented out as office spaces to get some income? Are there other office spaces that could be rented? I was talking to someone who rents an office space at The Hub, and he was saying it was cheaper than renting a cabin in the garden and better for networking, having work meetings etc. Are there council rooms or spaces that could be rented out to help generate income and support local businesses? Just a thought. Look for any efficiencies where time and resources could be better spent. E.g. the process of getting resource consents for buildings through when neighbours make a submission to try and block it is a long and protracted process (especially if it goes all the way to a hearing) which ties up council resources. Currently there is no charge for the person submitting a complaint, so they have nothing to lose by complaining - maybe introducing a nominal charge for submitting a complaint will mean only those with a serious complaint will submit, and all those who just like complaining for the sake of it will stop, thus reducing wasted time and energy for council (and therefore costs). have a place where ratepayers and residents	80% of costs for the 5 community libraries are for staff, maintenance of the facilities and overheads. Any reduction would see the loss of some services. None of the libraries have available space for hire.

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180	Infrastructure	I DO NOT TRUST THIS COUNCIL AT ALL. A NO CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR ME. YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR RATE PAYES, ALL YOU DO IS PUT US IN DEBT BY MILLIONS. BY THE WAY YOU ARE STILL WASTING OUR HARD-EARNED MONEY AND YOU DO NOT CARE. 3 WATERS THE AMOUNT WASTED HERE IS HUGE. ROADING IS UNACCEPTABLE. PLUS THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SHINGLE ROAD, AND THE DOMAIN. ONE DAY A CHILD IS GOING TO BE INJURED BECAUSE OF THIS. THE MOUTH KEEPS BLOCKING UP, IT IS UNBLOCKED AND THEN IN A SHORT TIME IT BLOCKS UP AGAIN. THEN THE SHINGLE ROAD IS COVERED IN WATER IN DIFFERENT PARTS AND IS DANGEROUS TO CROSS. SHAME ON THIS COUNCIL FOR NOT LISTING TO THE RATE PAYERS. YOU NEED TO STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY AND WASITING IT. YOU NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS.	Your comments are noted, and Council has reviewed all projects and balances the costs and the needs and wants of the community.
180	Waste Minimisation	WHY GROW TOURISM WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN KEEP OUR COUNTRY SIDE CLEAN. ALL THE RUBBISH AROUND, WHERE THERE IS PICNIC TABLES YOU CAN'T EVEN BE BOTHERED TO KEEP THE GRASS FROM GROWING UP TO THE TABLES. SO YOU CAN'T SIT DOWN AT THESE. PEOPLE DUMP RUBBISH AT TOKO MOUTH AND WE CLEAN IT UP. WE CUT THE GRASS, WE TRIM THE AREAS FOR VISITORS TO SIT AND WE LOOK AFTER THIS. WHAT DO YOU DO-NOTHING	Thank you for your submission. In regard to the dumped rubbish and long grass around the tables, if you feel a council managed outdoor area needs some remediation, please put in a service request and we will see to it.

		SHAME ON THIS COUNCIL	
194	Infrastructure	Looking at the financial burdens that the Council is presenting, it would appear these are the wrong questions for the immediate future and also for the short-term future that this Long Term Plan applies to. Are we at financial breaking point or not? If indeed we are, then a different set of questions needs to be asked. How much future debt are we prepared to take on? How much immediate contribution are we prepared to make? What are the core activities that we all agree we must allocate funding to? Do we pull our belt in and only spend on these core activities for a particular duration? How many of these core activities can we actually fund? Then we need a priority order list for people to chose from. If the financial position is as dire as Council presents then in the immediate future (the next 3 years) we need to massively change what we do. We need to reposition ourselves as Communities and Community led Council (over the next 10 years) for the actual long term. This requires true Community consultation and involvement.	Your comments are noted, and Council has reviewed all projects and balances the costs and the needs and wants of the community.

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194	Rates and Spending	This requires true Community consultation and involvement.	Your comments are noted. Throughout this LTP process cost savings regarding priorities have been investigated.
204	Infrastructure	Regarding consultation document Our Place Clutha District, as a document to inform ratepayers and “have your say” it is very good. My question is how much emphasis is council going to put on these survey results or is it more a good P R exercise to explain such a massive rates rise. Prioritise good basic infrastructure. “Not Nice To Have Stuff “ !! Regarding Three Waters Reform, As the mayor’s message stated all councils are	

		being barraged by the new expectations from Wellington. I do question these expectations as it is very good having the cleanest water in the world, but having half the council ratepayers not being able to pay for it. Wellingtons not putting their hand out to pay??? Council needs to look at “Water Done Well “ Auckland Have!!!!	
205	Infrastructure	I would like to see tables and chairs of sturdy material placed in the plaza area to get more use of this lovely section of our town. Make car parking in front of the new toilets in Balclutha entrance by the rear. Help with Kaka Point Playground fundraising for the new destination playground. Public toilets needed at Wilsher Bay Free overnight motor home parking at the Balclutha dump station.	Council is looking at options for landscaping around the new toilets in Balclutha. There are toilets currently at Willsher Bay in the Domain. Free parking at the Balclutha Dump Station would be a breach of our current bylaw so this would need to be amended to allow this and may be opposed by local camping ground operators.
206	Growing Tourism	Growing Tourism we need to focus on the services we provide to our visitors - do our food and accommodation providers have enough staff ? Water systems adequate ? We need to ensure that our visitors are getting a good experience. We want visitors who will spend money in the Catlins. Not heaps of tourists who pass through putting pressure on our environment and roads, but don't financially support the Catlin's.	The Clutha Destination Strategy vision is: Managed growth of a respectful sector will enhance the Clutha District as a destination to visit, live, work, and invest. Our visitors are respectful of our destinations, communities, and environment. Our residents are respectful and welcoming of visitors.
208	Infrastructure	Are libraries really necessary in this day and age? It seems a lot of money to maintain when most books are read online these days. Crochet lessons etc could be homes in our new massive hall.	Council operates 5 community libraries in the districts larger towns, with over 2,000 visitors pw. 100,000 people visited the libraries in the financial year, with 33,000 people using digital services and support.

220	Infrastructure	Communication is key. Please keep residents regularly updated on what is happening and progress on matters of concern. I am particularly referring to the water supply situation in Lawrence - both in terms of the water restriction and boil water notices - which is a MAJOR matter of concern to the residents. When people do not know what is the state of play, unhealthy speculation and negative feelings arise. An explanation of why the chlorine level at the water treatment plant cannot be resolved, and progress on the construction of the syphon to by pass Phoenix Dam to ensure continuity of supply would have been appreciated. It was a shock to read in the ODT that supply was down to a matter of weeks, and since that article (a month ago?) there has been no update.	A recent update on the Lawrence water supply has been released and we aim to make these regular to keep the community informed.
230	WWMP	Rate all homeowners for the service in all outlying established communities and offer an interim solution to cover the period from June untill 2027 (WMMP Comment) Correct waste disposal assists all of councils goals promoting a clean image	Council provides drop off facilities for household recycling at the Leitch Memorial Hall in Taieri Mouth, this service was introduced in 2020 at the request of the Taieri Mouth Amenities Society. Previously Council provided a user pays waste drop off point on the first Sunday of the month from 10am – 12pm. The service was under-utilised, with an average of 5 customers each month. The Taieri Mouth community currently has access to a private pay-as-you-go wheelie bin collection for waste through Waste Management New Zealand. Council is aware this service will be reviewed by Waste Management by the end of 2024 and will be considering waste and recycling options for Taieri Mouth as part of a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all of Councils waste services.
234	Infrastructure	Plan seems well thought through with good consideration of a wide variety of issues. However, it would be good to know firstly what specifically is needed of waster infrastructure and secondly why is it suddenly such a huge increase in investment that is needed now? Is it because the Council assumed that with Labours Three Waters scheme they would no longer be liable for the costings and therefore stopped investing in upgrades. for a few years, only to now find that this isn't the case and it is now up to the ratepayers to close the gap as those funds have been used elsewhere? Also, it would be good to know why Clutha Council is not deferring the long	The Clutha District Council has decided to proceed with a 10 year Long Term Plan to highlight the funding pressures that we are currently facing. The government is in the process of implementing new legislation known as Local Water Done Well. In the interim, Council has budgeted to continue to operate our 3 waters networks at a level we expect will be required to achieve environmental standards and meet drinking water requirements. We will be advocating on behalf of our communities through the new processes being put in place by the current Government.

		term plan for another year like other Councils (e.g. Gore District) are so there there is more certainty about Three Waters requirements before committing lots of funding to it.	
234	Waste Minimisation	Please bring back the community recycling bins in Clydevale by the swimming pool.	The recycling bins at the Community Pool were provided on a trial basis, and while they were well utilised unfortunately they were often contaminated with unrecycling items. Council approved a trail kerbside collection service to residential properties in the Clydevale and Tuapeka Mouth area in 2021, if you are interested in joining the service more information can be found on Council website here https://www.cluthadc.govt.nz/property-rates-and-building/rubbish-recycling-and-waste-minimisation/kerbside-collection#toc-link-6
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241	Infrastructure	We live in a rural setting, we do not receive any services for water, storm water, waste removal, footpaths, etc. Our road is very poorly maintained and dangerous most of the time. The grader is seen maybe twice a year but not doing a decent job as potholes and corrugations are back within days of the grader being through. I believe this should be reflected in our rates. We have to live off rain water, pay for skip collection, often are out filling potholes on our road or cleaning bridges to prevent puddles on the bridge. We have been following the papers after the announcement that Council intend to increase rates by 25% each year for the next three years. We are horrified at the implications this will create for us and fellow rate payers. We have read a lot of excuses and yourselves saying there is a lot of misinformation. Our understanding is that this has come about through the change of Government and the abolishing of Three Waters. Money that you as Council took out of the budget prematurely and now need to find again. Here on Bull Creek Road the only service we receive from Council is the grading of the road twice a year and spraying of roadsides once a year. We have no rural water scheme, sewerage, or rubbish collection, we pay for all of that ourselves. We have watched the eyesore of the new information centre being built at the cost of millions and new toilets unnecessarily installed in both Milton and Balclutha. We are questioning the spending of council on these things that are, in effect unnecessary as there were perfectly good buildings in place that could have been refurbished at far less cost. The main street of Milton does need an upgrade as far as storm water and electricity goes, but do we need trees and fewer carparks? No. is the Council listening to businesses on this? No. We realise Clutha District is large with less population than other Council Districts, but does this mean that an area like us that gets very few services should pay for Councils poor business decisions? We all had our suspicions 18 months before the election that 3 Waters was on the way out as well as a potential change in Government. Why was this not budgeted for then? If we, as businesses, were to increase the	In general, we spend a lot of time trying to get our rating system as fair as possible. If you are not connected to a water supply and do not receive rubbish services then you are not charged for them. In some circumstances, where there is a district-wide benefit, a small charge is spread across the district but in general you get what you pay for. Your comments on other matters are noted.
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		price of our goods or services by 25% per year for 3 years then we would have no business. We would not be supported. Rates increases in line with inflation? Yes, we would agree to that. Rates that reflect the services provided to our household? Yes, we would support that. Our own business will be put under even more stress to be able to pay these increases. It would be good to see Council behaving like a business in these tough economic times and doing the same as we are... looking at where money must be spent and holding off the wish list until the economy improves again and it can afford it.	
241	WWMP	We do need recycling in the area. Would be good to see composting available more readily and glass and plastic recycling stations with accessible hours	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations. Operating hours and local solutions for greenwaste and glass at the transfer stations will likely be considered as part of this work.
241	Waste Minimisation	As a rural dweller we do not receive any service from council for this and have to pay for ourselves. This should be acknowledged in our rates	The "Waste Management Rate" is a targeted rate and is only charged per pair of wheelie bins to each property that received the kerbside collection service. A small portion of the UAGC contributes to Waste Minimisation activities including education programmes and drop-off facilities for recyclables. Mt Coeee Landfill is a user pays facility and is funded through its fees and charges.
245	WWMP	Not enough recycling options in the area. Other councils have recycling options rurally. We pay for our own rubbish removal people that use your rubbish collection pay for it not the people rurally who already pay for their own.	The "Waste Management Rate" is a targeted rate and is only charged per pair of wheelie bins to each property that received the kerbside collection service. A small portion of the UAGC contributes to Waste Minimisation activities including

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245	Waste Minimisation	Even better have some plastic, glass ,recycling bins stationed in central rural areas.	Transfer stations in Clinton, Lawrence, Milton, MacLennan, Owaka and Tapanui accept household recyclables (glass is accepted for free but is currently not recycled). A drop off point for household recycling (excluding glass) is also provided in Taieri Mouth. Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the transfer stations. Options for glass recycling or reuse will be considered as part of this work.
248	Infrastructure	I would be interested to know if any of the tasks from the previous 10 year plans have been implemented or if they are on the agenda for this round. If they have been double up where is the money that has been taken in rates from the last 10 years for those projects. Council needs to tighten their own purse strings inhouse before they tighten the average working persons. Rates increases are going to cripple most home owners. We need to look after our people if we are to flourish, a concept at the moment I don't think Council understand!	Numerous projects from previous Long Term Plans have been completed and these are reported on every year in our Annual Report. Your comments are noted, and Council has reviewed all projects and balances the costs and the needs and wants of the community.
248	Rates and Spending	I would be interested to know if any of the tasks from the previous 10 year plans have been implemented or if they are on the agenda for this round. If they have been double up where is the money that has been taken in rates from the last 10 years for those projects. Council needs to tighten their own purse strings inhouse before they tighten the average working persons. Rates increases are going to cripple most home owners. We need to look after our people if we are to flourish, a concept at the moment I don't think Council understand!	Planned projects from previous Long Term Plans and the outcomes are reported on via Council's Annual Reports which publicly available to read on Council's website. You can read them here:

272	Infrastructure	I have been a ratepayer of Stirling District for many years and apart from occasional footpath upgrades and mowing lawns in the playground ,this community is neglected. Park equipment hasn't been upgraded for years, council is going to build a new subdivision. Children need somewhere to play, who are you intending to attract? In front of 21 Baker Street there is a very steep bank ,if it was in Balclutha a retaining wall would have been built years ago. Fonterra now pay a private contractor to keep the bank looking attractive and free of litter,but for how long? Residents in Stirling need to see value in the their rates	There are a number of grass banks throughout urban areas in the Clutha District and many of these do not have retaining walls - even in Balclutha. If there is a maintenance need in this areas then please but through a service request and Council staff will look at the issue.
275	Infrastructure	A. I see unnecessary work done. i.e. 1) Scraping back banks on Waihola end of Finlayson Road 2)Sealing roads that don't need it when there is uneven surfaces and pot holes. Rectify small one before they are majors.	The work undertaken on the lower area of Findlayson Road was not a Council project. This was undertaken by a private property owner. Please put through a service request if there areas that require maintenance and we will assess these against our district-wide priorities.
276	Infrastructure	2021 - So in May 2021 it was advertised in the Catlins that DORA a mobile digital learning bus was giving free training for Digital banks, scams etc. Kiwi Bank in conjunction with CDC were delivering at what cost was CDC paying of our rates toward all of the free stiff. Why not just the Banks, they have plenty of money of the publics to stand alone to teach such a service. In 2020 Nov. CDC held an additional Creative Communities funding round that year why two rounds ONE would have been enough - this is where the waste lies. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - another waste. \$2,000 a year to reach a goal, Don't they do that at school i.e. Edinburgh awards etc. CIVIL DEFENCE - Failed miserably for the "Gabriele Event" what are these costs to employ people that make useless decisions or no decisions as it turned out. REIMBURSEMENTS OF ALL COSTS INCURRED ON ANZAC DAY - RSA should meet at least 50% of there reimbursement costs of the day SPORT NZ RYRAL FUND - 5 - 19 years Why!	DORA the banking bus was fully funded by an external grant. An additional round of Creative Community funding was to ensure the externally supplied funds were allocated within our district - this did not result in any additional funds being available. Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. Not all gravel roads meet the criteria required for sealing.

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281	Infrastructure	1. I would like to see Milton main street go ahead the area in Grey Street beautify like the plan I saw a few years ago. 2. I would like to see Milton Pool and Library go ahead in the town centre. 3. I would like to have a gated play area for the 0-5 as the play equipment in Milton is not suitable and Taylor Park is very tired and scruffy looking we have to take our Grandchildren to Waiholo or Mosgiel to the play area even use there swimming pool which is fantastic asset to Mosgiel but this takes money out of our town Milton needs a complete overhaul it is tires scruffy very unclean looking not inviting. I would like to see the cabin stay but no where they are. I would like to see them over by the	Thank you once again for your generally positive comments.

		pool so it doesn't look like a single men's camp as you come in to our town we already have an environmental eyesore at the south side with the car wrecker. People rising the rail trail need to see we are a town that takes pride in ourselves as I think over time we can become a great destination to visit and stay.	
284	Infrastructure	Control spending. Footpath renewals only were lot of foot traffic. NOT Chatham street, Waihola) Waste of ratepayers money. Cancel Milton Library, Swimming pool and street improvements. Repairs and maintenance far better option. Should have been used last 1 years. To avoid debt!! No mention Roding our roading not work is being neglected. With heavy rain gravel roads without maintenance will be unusable.	Your comments are noted, and we encourage you to put in a service request where maintenance is required on our roading network.
284	WWMP	Council will have to change kerbside collection service? without details on bore how can we comment	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection, part of this work will likely include consultation with the communities affected.
289	Infrastructure	Complete sealing of Owaka Valley Road. My little car gets shaken so bad. I cant really afford not to go on it.	Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. Unfortunately, at this stage there are very limited sections of the Owaka Valley / Clinton Road that will meet this criteria.
289	Infrastructure	Library staff numbers... are they too high?	The districts 5 community libraries are open for 227.5pw delivering library, visitor information and council services. Any reduction in staff numbers would result in loss of some services.

291	Infrastructure	Why cant the library go inside the new town hall?. If it cant that is a absolutely terrible oversight of a easy way to solve that problem. Its bad enough we spent that amount of money on the hall any way if the library cant go in there ,keep it at its original location. Why cant it stay at its current location. This Milton pool is another case of a something that will blow way over budget , I have heard reports the old pool could of been fixed , was this true? Why was that offer not taken up. The council needs to pull its head in and stop building grandiose projects and worry more about core infrustructure. Why is it these destination toilets cost so bloody much. A normal person of the public can build a house with equal amount of toilets as the destination toilets and do it for less , Why o why does it cost so freaking much.	Possible response: To be discussed after decisions: Staff have had a very preliminary look, and this suggests there would be a significant impact on TPOMA's operation. There is however an expectation on the part of several submitters that Council should shift library operations there. It has the makings of a complex and controversial subject. Council does have a model that was employed successfully with the Rural Water Steering Group that brought together elected members, Rural Water Scheme Chairs, Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), and Council staff. One of the guiding principles for the operation of that Steering Group was that the members had to agree on the facts. The library relocation would be a subject that would benefit from an agreement on the facts. If such a steering group was created it could investigate a potential relocation, terminating at any time there was irrefutable and agreed evidence that a relocation wasn't feasible. However, it could also carry on concluding, and reach agreement that, a relocation was feasible.
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291	Infrastructure	Clinton the town has not been maintained to the bare minimum standard. We had "our community plan" and council has zero enthusiasm to upgrade the main street. The council have completely gaslight this town. The council came to this town asking what we would like , saying think big etc. , The town spoke , The council put out a document about what its plans where after tabulating all the data , The latest plan does not contain one single concrete thing they are going to do . its complete fluff. If it wasn't for a small hard working group of individuals in the Clinton community group that are doing the mahi so the council will come through with 50% of the funds I don't think anything would of come out of Our community plan, Ive lived here 15 years and almost nothing has changed in that time. Our gravel footpaths start to grass over before they get sprayed every single time . We put up with open ditches where there should be curb and channel and concrete footpath and they do not get sprayed enough , knee high grass in a urban town is not good enough. The gardens or gorge road are a bloody disgrace and have been for as long as i can remember. The council expect Clinton residents themselves to pay for every single inch of footpaths ourselves, Why cant it be put over at at least the Clinton district,. Do you understand what its like to live in a town that hasn't had improvements done for a very long time , to then see balcluthas main street get power lines burred, nice gardens put in , a 28million hall get built in a flood zone, and we still have open ditches in places with no footpath in places , we cant even seem to get the grass sprayed in a timely manner in the open ditches. The Clutha district council managed to put new footpath between advance agriculture and agri crates at the old Rosebank saw mill site straight away yet there is houses in Clinton that have stood for over 100 years on a urban street still don't have curb and channel or a footpath. At some point can Clinton have its turn. The pouputonoa doc reserve has so much potential but has zero public access and this needs rectified asap, Almost all residents in Clinton want the 50kph sign on the gorge road moved slightly further out of town to slow down trucks	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report
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		coming into town and also put up the signs that say no heavy engine brakes as this causes noise pollution . Its been proven that noise pollution causes health issues even in people that say they don't mind the noise. This will also help police as its my understanding that they struggle to set up a speed camera there because it is to close to the 50kph sign, All the information that was gathered from the Clinton community plan should be entered into the long term plan. It is my understanding that unless there is funding allocated that it isn't being considered for the long term plan. I think somewhere else where the council has dropped the ball is on light pollution , The most perfect example of this is the clydevale diary factory which stands out like a sore thumb at night time from many many miles around. It wastes energy and disrupts bird life and also anyone that is a keen astronomer .	
300	Kaka Point	What is the cost of the refurbishment to the KP toilets? Do not burrow money for upgrades as ratepayer cannot afford this expenditure at this moment as water upgrades are the priority /large costs in the newt 7-8 years	The estimated cost for option 2 (upgrade existing toilet and changing facilities), as outlined in the Long Term Plan consultation document was \$50,000. This option would be funded from depreciation reserves so would have no rates impact.
300	Community housing	Investigate a 'housing NZ partnership' model to address the gaps and futureproof a sustainable housing program. Ratepayers should not be the only group fixing this issue. Defer program of new builds for 5 years until water infrastructure expenditure has been achieved. I.e. buffering the load...	This question was asked as part of the LTP: Which approach? This question appears to support option (1) deferment being rates neutral.

300	Rates and Spending	All non essential spending must be stopped or risk assessed against a robust and transparent strategy to justify loaning money to implement. The ongoing budget blowout must stop as soon as possible. All budget breaches must be communicated to the councilors at the monthly meetings and a credible reason for this mismanagement of ratepayers' funds. Regulatory standards should be challenged as some are not achievable with revenue limits.(wastewater discharges 149Million!!)LTP not indicating over what period this amount has to spent? The culture of overspending on uncontrolled projects must stop. Accountability of project deliverables must be made public on a regular basis. All projects over \$50,000 must be tendered out (After 3 separate vender costings)and the winner of the tender process held to account for shortcomings'. Eg.. penalties for overspending and late delivery. Run the council like a business not a casual sponsored ratepayers association Do not form any more public trusts to run major assets within the CDC as the model of Dunedin City council of subsidy companies may suit better.	Your comments are noted. Throughout this LTP process cost savings regarding priorities have been investigated.
307	Infrastructure	We have lived on this street for many years and seen the traffic increase substantially over time. People use it to get to the rugby grounds and young ones for a racing track. With the new house being built I believe that our road needs to be tar sealed. I have noticed in town that other roads with fewer houses on (Some only one) have been tar sealed. With the increase in traffic on water street, it also needs to be tar sealed. We only see the grader a couple of times a year and the road is in a terrible state when it gets graded. It is nor good enough that in a town we have still got gravel roads. We pay the same rates as everyone else so we are entitles to the same services.	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.

331	Infrastructure	Footpaths - Clinton has had zero dollars spent on their footpaths over the last 10 years, this isn't sustainable. But \$25000 from rates was collected for this. Our mobility scooters can't even go footpath to footpath, they have to go out a driveway.. travel on the road then go up another driveway to get onto the next footpath or grass berms. We would like to point out that there are houses in Clinton on main streets that have been paying rates for 100 years and still have open ditches no curb and channel and certainly no footpaths. The Library is extremely important but there must be a better solution. A more cost effective solution, like putting it in the hall. Stormwater - The stormwater in Clinton needs a massive overhaul, open drains in towns went out in the 1800's, these are the same drains that have been here since the 1800's, we just want the standards that are in other towns to be here in Clinton. We have upteen times tried to get these drains fixed/upgraded. A lot of the drains around the centre of the railway tracks work very poorly if at all. We would like a mediator to work with us to get the solution between Kiwirail, Transit and the council.	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
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331	Infrastructure	Firstly all the information and data that was garnered from the "Our Place Clinton Plan" should be used in the long term plan if not this is a waste of excellent community feedback that you requested. We would formally like to request that these projects be submitted into the long term plan. 1. Curb and channel be installed on main Road from the corner of Hillfoot Road to the town boundary. 2. Curb and channel be installed on Halsey Street from the corner of Clifford Street to Mill street. 3. Curb and channel and extend the tar seal on Mill Street. 4. A general tidy up of Side Street. Including the slump in the road and scrape and gravel to the fence. 5. Improved access for mobility scooters onto footpaths, an example of this would be on ramps i.e. northern end of Manse Street/Halsey Street. 6. Maintenance - there is minimal maintenance being done around our Clinton township gardens on Gorge Road have not been maintained for decades, spraying is never done on time in Clinton, gravel footpath along in front of golf course needs sprayed, and tidied it is also unusable for people with strollers, buggy's or mobility scooters. There is a gravel footpath from the rugby grounds to town that is never sprayed on time and grasses over. 7. There should be a green waste dump at the transfer station. 8. We would like to request that the council match us 50/50 with the installation of security cameras in our town. 9. We would like to request that the 50km sign on Gorge Road be shifted around the corner closer to Old Manse Road, that would facilitate the police using radars and would also help with the noise and help with noise. 10. We would like to aske for a "Heavy Vehicles no engine brake" signs. Noise is proven to be detrimental to health.	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
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335	Infrastructure	Access to clean, safe drinking water for all Clutha District residents is paramount. Recent years have shown the literal and figurative cracks in our existing three waters infrastructure with frequent boil water notices, leaks, and outages across the district. We can't keep putting it off, we need to invest in replacing our ageing water infrastructure before it gets worse. I also strongly support council staff and Elected Members lobbying central government for greater support. I cannot speak to other towns, but footpaths are a key part of Lawrence's transportation infrastructure with many locals opting to walk instead of drive. We even have a group dedicated to walking our town most mornings. It is encouraging to see footpath improvements being made on Peel and Harrington Streets, completing the loop connecting the educational and recreational part of town to the main street. It would be great to see Colonsay Street upgraded next.	Your comments are noted, and Colonsay Street has been identified for a footpath upgrade.
349	Museums	If Council supports this project financially to the tune of over 20% of total cost, will it support other projects with similar tourism potential to the same level? The Lawrence Chinese Camp redevelopment springs to mind with an estimated project cost of \$3m. Should they ask for \$700,000 next year? In the past Council did support the Clutha Gold Cycleway extension from Lawrence to Waiholā but with this funding paid for by the Lawrence/Tuapeka and Bruce wards only.	Each proposal is evaluated on its own merits, by the Council of the day and against the financial situation at that time. All submission are welcomed.
350	WWMP	Regarding the change in service level by Jan 2027: would council consider a recycling facility in Lawrence? It's a shame to add so much cost to ratepayers when each area could operate its own small facility in support of larger priorities. Regardless, I fully support any initiative towards recycling - incl. glass and organics.	Council provides a Transfer Station for rubbish and recycling in Lawrence, it is open on Saturdays from 10am - 12pm. Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work.

352	Growing Tourism	How much does the tourism industry in South Otago truly contribute to GDP? I have heard that it could be in the region of 5% - to be confirmed. Stick to your key areas of spending as listed above. We cannot afford extra spending.	Tourism sector contributed \$27.3m towards the GDP (2.3%) in 2023. Growth in the tourism sector in the Clutha District has averaged 6.9% since 2000 compared with an average of 6.9% in New Zealand.
356	Infrastructure	Colonsay Street, Lawrence: That the footpaths in Colonsay Street be upgraded to a standard where a mobility scooter can safely navigate from Whitehaven Street, to Lancaster Street.	Your request is not consistent with modern landscape advice that we have received. We carefully consider plantings for visibility and have to comply with NZ Transport Agency Requirements for safety on the State Highway.
358	Infrastructure	MILTON MAIN STREET UPGRADE - During the process of the current upgrading, there is better visibility at pedestrian crossings, due to no plantings and other obstacles. Therefore we strongly recommend, there be NO plantings along the length of the upgrade. This will result in lowering costs of establishment and maintenance of trees, as well as enabling maximum carparking.	We have had many positive comments about the Freedom Camping Ranger, and he provides an essential service.
375	Infrastructure	My message to council. We have a small ratepayer catchment so as such. - Spend on the necessity!! - Better control of Project spending. We all know of Council waste of \$s in this area (Owaka sewerage plant a great example). Be more transparent with overspending, advise the ratepayer of your mistakes and what is being done to rectify Council needs a different thought process. i.e. instead of let's of even though we can't afford to: Just don't. Do we need this project or not (I think Milton's Cabins is a great example of what not to do. - Council needs to think Why?? get a Ferrari when a Morris Minor is fine (Fit for purpose) - Is council getting fair return from it's investment of all employees. Are council vehicles being used in the manner they are intended, these are visible to the ratepayers they need insurance they are investing wisely.	We have had many positive comments about the Freedom Camping Ranger, and he provides an essential service.

		Freedom Camping Range: Revenue gathered? This role a total waste of good resource: His job is to police & fine. The Mayor has stated he id to inform (A case of do we need? Answer NO)	
377	Climate Change	Climate Change 27. We commend CDC for considering climate change an important priority in their LTP and the Living and Working in Clutha Strategy. It's excellent that the council developed its Draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plans, which shows what the council is trying to achieve in the climate change space. 28. Climate change is one of the issues affecting the whole of New Zealand and the health of New Zealanders, as many factors that contribute to our health and wellbeing are linked to climate change.¹² Climate change can affect health and wellbeing outcomes directly through exposure to climate hazards causing injuries and death; and indirectly through greater risk of food and water borne diseases, vector borne diseases, food insecurity, community displacement, lack of access or loss of critical infrastructure, loss of employment, and financial insecurity; all of which have social and economic consequences.¹³ 29. We recommend that the draft strategy be more focused on the human domain of climate risk and impact and how climate change affects the health and the wellbeing of the population, and in turn what actions should be taken. In conjunction with the Otago Regional Council, we are happy to work with CDC to see if there is value in replicating workshops undertaken elsewhere in Te Waipounamu to gain a common understanding of the human health impacts of climate change across Otago.	Noted. It is considered that the draft Climate Change Strategy provides a base foundation for discussions with organisations and community, which can lead to discussion of the health and wellbeing of the community. For example, it is noted that (as per page 5) of the draft Climate Change Strategy, that part of the purpose for the strategy is to "provide a framework for collaboration across our district beyond – this includes neighbouring Councils, iwi partners, local and central government, private industry, NGOs, education, and most importantly our communities and people. " Additionally, one of the key objectives is to: "Provide a starting point for conversations with our communities, and to raise awareness of climate change impacts and risks."

377	WWMP	Waste minimisation. 30. We generally support the council's Waste Minimisation Plan. We have lodged a separate submission on this	Thank you for your submission on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. We would like to acknowledge your comments and encourage you to get in touch if you would like to discuss any points in further details. Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services. This analysis will encompass the extension of kerbside collection services, the operation of Mt Cooee Landfill, Councils Transfer Stations, as well as other resource recovery and education initiatives Regarding the specific comment on regional collaboration, section 1.2 of the Action Plan acknowledges Councils continued work with regional waste action groups. We are also pleased to advise a decision was made through the Otago Mayoral Forum to fund a Regional Waste Officer to support the Otago Councils on collaboration in 2023, CDC will be providing funding toward this position. Action Point 1 has also been updated in the final version of the WWMP to reflect this.
396	Infrastructure	This submission is about public toilets - the two long drop toilets at the Henley Ferry Bridge (on Taieri Ferry Road) between the two boat ramps (refer map attached). The toilets sit inside the Clutha District Council TLA but they are not on the list of facilities to be maintained. After a bit of digging, I found out that the CDC thinks Waiholo Looking Forward is maintaining these toilets, but this is not the case. Who uses these toilets? Recreational boaties, jet ski users, anglers, trampers, walkers, rowers and water lovers - they all need somewhere to "go"! It is difficult to ascertain statistics of user numbers but in the summer especially that area is busy with recreational users. As you would surmise, there are issues with the Taieri River flooding, whereby the contents of the long-drops rise and are deposited elsewhere 🤔💩 This poses a sanitation and environmental hazard that needs to be addressed promptly to ensure the health and well-being of both users, local residents and the surrounding ecosystem.	This issue is considered in a separate report. The response letter will have a link to that report.

		I've heard that these toilets will be decommissioned so I want to raise awareness that there are a large number of individuals and groups that use these facilities. Taieri Network recognises that many users are also from Dunedin City Council TLA so this may pose an opportunity for a collaborative project. Taking away the toilets does not solve the problem, it only exacerbates it. Given the proximity to the Taieri River and the potential impact of its dynamics on the site, it would be prudent to seek local resident opinions and knowledge to inform any necessary changes or adaptations. It may require a site change or the use of modern technology that has a positive impact on the environment and at the same time, swiping away the undesirables. Furthermore, it is worth noting that rowing clubs have taken the initiative to provide their own portable toilets. This underscores the importance of adequate restroom facilities in the area and highlights the need for a comprehensive solution that caters to the diverse needs of all users. As outlined in the Clutha District Council's investment priorities, which include growth, improving levels of service, and taking care of existing infrastructure, I urge the Council to earmark financial resources in the upcoming budget to upgrade the toileting facilities at the Henley Ferry Bridge location.	
397	Infrastructure	Kerb and channel is required from 52 Bushyhill Street to 74 Bushyhill Street to control storm water run off. During recent heavy rain, our property was flooded due to stones and fines travelling down the drain, clogging up the pipe in our driveway causing water to flow over the top of the pipe and into our property. This has only happened since three new houses were built next door as part of a new subdivision. The current system is clearly not adequate and I am constantly having to clear the pipe out to ensure we do not have a repeat occurrence.	This issue is considered in a separate report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
401	Infrastructure	I would like my money to be spent on roading, safe footpaths, curbing in Tapanui.	Council has advocated for appropriate standards for many years. This work is ongoing, and we are looking to work within the Local Water Done Well framework when more

			information is available as to how this will work.
404	Infrastructure	NZ HAD some of the highest 3 water standards on Earth. The Havelock North scandal was due to THAT council failing to reach standard. The previous Govt used that to adopt even higher UN water standards as NZ's new regulations, condemning NZ to etc. \$185 billion in expense at the signing of some papers. This expenditure in current and forecasted economies will result in property loss and impoverishment for kiwis on the lowest rungs, and sits uneasily with growing awareness of UN, WHO, WEF stated agendas. The previous Govt sought to solve the problem THEIR regulations caused 3 waters proposals which failed largely because it insisted on containing 'co-governance Treatyism' policy which would have altered NZ's constitutional understanding of itself, and over which no Public consultation debate or mandate was sought. CDC should mitigate this 'unsustainable' (Impossible) infrastructure upgrade by uniting with other councils to petition central Govt to: 1 Dial back the regulations to previous (world high) standards 2 Offer Labours 3 waters proposal of collectivized expense with economy of scale WITHOUT divisive co-governance policy - or at least with encouraged public education and engagements over what co-governance means for water management and other aspects of our constitutional status. 3 Proceed to encourage infrastructure rectification on a 'greatest good for greatest number' basis. Why try to solve (pay for) an unsustainable problem when we can simply REPEAL THE PROBLEM?	Council has been planning a new water supply for Lawrence for a number of years and improvements to the Lawrence Stormwater system are currently being finalised.
405	Infrastructure	The state of the drinking water and lack of water situation in Lawrence is the CDC responsibility and the outcome of lack of foresight and increasing neglect allocated to areas outside of Balclutha and Milton. This should have been addressed many years earlier. The flooding on Ross place Lawrence at the intersection by the 4 square that impacts	Council has been planning a new water supply for Lawrence for a number of years and improvements to the Lawrence Stormwater system are currently being finalised.

		businesses in the immediate vicinity also needs to be addressed as it has been caused by inexperienced planning implementing a useless drainage design under that intersection.	
412	Infrastructure	We the Tuapeka Vintage Club Inc would like to see a public ablution facility at the bottom of Steep Street, Lawrence and improved parking using the road reserve next to the Vintage Club. Please see our attached submission.	Council has an existing Community Plan project to look at the entrance to Gabriel's Gully and this includes the possibility of toilets.
427	Infrastructure	Reduce CDC staff on no brainer projects Watch spending Taylor Park - cabins, what a mess. Milton needs them and council too slack to stand up for what is needed, now for another huge cost. Milton / Waihola water scheme - What a poor organized project, starts and stops. Where is the water tank at Waihola? That should be finished before the pipe arrived. Also, will the pump station at Milburn be able to pump up the hill a Waihola? To me, employ the right staff for these projects as the costs go up.	This would require investment from private individuals and taking up their land with tanks. This is something that would need to be an initiative of private landowners and they would get the benefit of reduced water usage and reduced costs in some cases.
428	Infrastructure	Reduce the load on Milton area water schemes by undertaking a viability study into (if it hasn't already been done)utilizing the large buildings in the area to reuse rainwater for non potable purpose's. This could be stored /collected and transferred to treatment stations at or remotely via small satellite treatment stations... This type of system would reduce the load from the existing struggling source.. An added advantage is fire fighting ..and contingency in the case of a natural disaster. some examples of building of significant sizes are ... Pan Pac/Calder Stuart/ Malays Boats /Prison	This would require investment from private individuals and taking up their land with tanks. This is something that would need to be an initiative of private landowners and they would get the benefit of reduced water usage and reduced costs in some cases.
428	WWMP	Some contradictions in the LT plan ..one page says resource consents has been achieved another says still to be budgeted for??	This error should be acknowledged. Page 3 of the consultation doc reads: Key projects delivered have included: Mt Cooee Landfill resource consent. whereas page 11 reads: Securing the future for Mt Cooee Landfill (\$15.7M) The current resource consent at Mt Cooee Landfill expired in 2023. Council has submitted an application for the renewal of this consent, allowing operations to continue until it is approved.

428	Waste Minimisation	We need green waste facilities in towns, even if its moved to Mt Cooee by truck. Turn it into compost to sell.	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste will be considered as part of this work.
430	Infrastructure	This submission is to encourage DCDC to improve the toilets at the Henley Ferry Bridge. Presently the toilets are in a dilapidated shed with simply a concrete pipe sticking out of the ground - sort of something out of the third world. We use the area frequently during the summer and our young women rowers cringe at having to use the current facilities. We would encourage Council to improve the facilities so that they resemble what could be considered something normal practice for the environmental setting (no power or water) At least a toilet with a seat! Many thank	This issue is considered in a separate report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
431	Rates and Spending	If they are receiving the rebate now fair enough, but no more. If Council is genuine about peoples well being they should scrap the 10% penalty.	The 10% penalty is a legal requirement however Council's rates postponement policy supports ratepayers when experiencing significant financial hardship affecting their ability to pay rates, whether directly through health or indirectly through economic issues.
433	Infrastructure	Re: Beach Access I am a Papatowai resident. I have a holiday home above the Tahakopa Estuary and Papatowai Beach, I have been involved in the local community for over 30 years. I wasn't convinced that the council's by-law concerning vehicles on beaches would be of any benefit to local residents, or the beach pedestrians and wildlife that use the estuary and beach. The 2023/24 summer vehicles-on-beach season has only validated my concerns. We had two sealions and an elephant seal that made both the estuary and beach their home for several weeks, including over the busiest part of the Christmas and New Year period and summer. Due to the poor behaviour of people using vehicles on the beach the Freedom Camping Warden (FCW) and the Police were involved with controlling visitors who drove on the beach with no regard to wild- life or beach users. The council under the existing by-law has the ability to declare a Safe Zone and should initiate the process as soon as possible so	Owaka is a restricted water supply, and each property is supposed to have a two day storage tank. We have haven't had many complaints about the taste of water in Owaka (which comes from a 55m deep bore). Please check your tank and make sure it is clean as this can be a source of taste and odour issues in a restricted scheme. If you have a specific issue about a footpath or a road then we would encourage you to put a service request in and Council staff will assess it and arrange maintenance as required.

that there is not a recurrence of this issue in the future. As residents we should not have to put themselves at risk by protecting wildlife and the environment because the Clutha Council has a very weak by-law. I personally was on the beach daily ensuring people knew the elephant seal was present and trying to get drivers to slow down. The residents put signs up when the elephant seal decided to make the estuary its home for the summer, these were ignored by a large number of people and when approached noted they were allowed to drive on the beach and at times were very rude and belligerent.

The bylaw the Council passed is very weak, education has been poor, and beach signage is too small to be effective. The bylaw does include the provision for implementing Safe Zones and I would urge the Council to undertake a more thorough investigation of the issue and I believe it should be undertaken of all the beaches in the Clutha District, which have vehicle access, they should be assessed as to whether they should be Safe Zones. Although I am based in Papatowai I know this is a concern for others in the District so would support a district wide investigation.

This investigation should be based on:

- the frequency of pedestrians using the beach
- the number, and frequency, of native animals on the beach, (including marine mammals, penguins and other bird life)
- the potential impact of vehicles on the ecosystem including the hard sand subsurface.
- A high frequency, or impact, of any of these should lead to a Safe Zone being imposed.
- The current speed limit on beaches is 100 km/h. High speed driving and loss of traction is happening on our beaches (FCR report 2024. Night driving on beaches is also a major risk to nocturnal wildlife and should be prohibited.

With the prevalence of visitors ignoring the rules and authority the by-law needs have consequences imposed. This could include forfeiture of the offending equipment (vehicle) as done with breaches of marine and freshwater fishing regulations.

438	Infrastructure	Need to sort the water in Owaka. It's Terrible. Can't even drink it. The foot path on Macandrew Street is a danger to people walking on it. All the unsealed roads around the district should be maintained to a better service.	Drinking water has a national regulator than can fine and direct Council to meet standards. Achieving compliance standards is very important and has been considered by Council and balanced along with roading improvement and safety projects which are proposed to have increased funding through the Long Term Plan.
448	Infrastructure	Roads are more important than drinking water, How many people have been killed on the roads? How many people have died from drinking water in the Clutha district?	Safe drinking water is a priority for Council and we are investing significantly in this activity area. The West Otago Community Board have a project looking at housing options as this is a project that was identified as part of the West Otago Community Plan process.
458	Infrastructure	The reasons we have put some as very not important is not because we don't care it's because they're catch phrases that only you know what they actually mean. Of course we should not be static but you're well aware or should be there a collection of issues ratepayers are unsatisfied re and it's not worth going over them all are known to Council ie hind sight is 20/20. We would be more supportive if there did not appear to be it's so & so's turn. What sort of model is that based upon. Toilets seem to cost huge amounts and often replace perfectly functioning toilets or badly placed via a Balclutha itself, what on earth caused that.	Your comments are noted and we are looking at changes to how the Taylor Park Camping ground is operated.
458	Growing Tourism	What does the Tourist board do with our tax dollars? Whatever they're doing surely you lobby them they already have our money so why on earth would you advocate doubling up. Be a fabulous idea to figure out how to get visitors /tourists to pay for situations only they create wouldn't it?	I assume they are referring to Tourism New Zealand who have a board. Tourism NZ focus on international marketing. They engage with regional tourism organisations (Clutha Development) and Qualmark operators which Clutha Development support with their accreditation and are able to promote to TNZ.
460	WWMP	I have made a detailed submission re the WMMP and this is what I primarily wish to speak to - in summary I believe that the WMMP is reactive not proactive - there is an opportunity for the CDC to be aspirational and the regional exemplar whilst also lowering the rates burden	We would like to acknowledge the time you have taken to provide information on glass crushing and other recycling initiatives. I encourage you to read the Part B – Action Plan section of Council's 2024 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Table 5 outlines the action items that Council plans to address and implement over the next 6 years. As a starting point Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services. This analysis will encompass the extension of kerbside collection services, the operation of Mt Cooee Landfill, and Council's Transfer Stations, as well as other resource recovery and education initiatives.

465	Infrastructure	1. I am totally against the building of a new swimming pool in Milton. It was rumoured that Calder Stewart offered to fix the pool that is there now, does this not seem like a win win situation. 2. The cabins at Taylor Park. Yes, they are to be shifted/sold whatever, if you are so worried about using them for housing/bike trail riders/tourists then relocate them to where you wanted to put the new swimming pool, at least it would tidy up the section and improve the main street. There is water/sewage already there and right next to the council offices for payment etc. 3. Milton Dog Park, I do not own a dog but feel that this would be an excellent idea and have it situation at the old tennis courts at the back of Taylor Park. 4. If you are wanting to make Taylor Park a viable Camping Ground, then make it more welcoming for people. At the moment you drive in there and up past the cabins and you are constantly being glared at by 2 or 3 men, who are just sitting there. As a camper myself, I like to see an office and a welcoming manager. Taylor Park as it is today does not accommodate for today's travelling public. People have bigger caravans and like to be able to park them easily. My suggestion would be that if any land became for sale around the current swimming pool/back of the A&P grounds then you relocate the camping ground to there. A well maintained, good facilities, welcoming manager camping ground would soon get people stopping, word of mouth is the best form of advertising. People need to feel safe and quite frankly camping at Taylor Park at the moment does not give me that feeling. Finally, I feel that whatever is written or spoken about by ratepayers will once again fall on deaf ears because damage is already done :(	Your comments are noted, and we are looking at changes to how the Taylor Park Camping ground is operated.
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470	Infrastructure	LTCP-LTP 1.1 (Major New Developments) Funding to establish a Lawrence-Tuapeka Development organisation to manage major new developments The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board requests CDC consider funding for a specific “Lawrence Inc’ development organisation and appropriate resources to lead major new developments in the area. This doesn’t detract from the excellent work that Clutha Development Incorporated does, but would provide dedicated resource with appropriate commercial business acumen to lead major projects in our district that are at risk if they remain reliant on (limited) volunteer resources. Specifically: (1) appoint a dedicated CEO and (potentially part-time) Admin (2) appoint a local advisory board (3) assistance with establishment costs (registration). The first major community developments for the organisation would include: (a) Gabriel’s Gully Destination Plan (Phase 2) – high-quality visitor experience Following the successful implementation of Phase 1 of the Gabriel’s Gully Destination Plan (the implementation of Story map), the Community Board acknowledges the support of CDC and Clutha Development that made this key element in promoting our district possible. Phase 2 of this plan is significant and would deliver key gateway elements at the Gabriels Gully entrance, including sculptural archway, Town Centre trailhead, car park reserve and community amenities (public toilets etc). (b) Residential Development – improving access for first home buyers A first-home buyer residential development (similar to that in Kaitangata). There are a number of models that can be explored (and land options) and this is also expected to be a major project.	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
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476	Infrastructure	LTCP-LTP 3.1 (Capital Works) Colonsay Street curb and channelling to reduce flood risk The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board has already asked CDC to prioritise curb and channelling on Colonsay Street which regularly floods and has a direct effect on flooding at both Hospital Creek and Ross Place. The large exposed ditches along the street also pose a safety risk to pedestrians and sight-seeing visitors (who struggle to cross and can't get their bikes across), as well as making some properties inaccessible for car entry. (There appears to be no CDC funds currently allocated). This submission reiterates the need for curb and channelling work to take place in Colonsay Street.	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
478	Infrastructure	LTCP-LTP 3.2 (Capital Works) Colonsay Street footpath improvement to improve accessibility The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board has already asked CDC to prioritise footpath improvement on at least one side of Colonsay Street to improve accessibility the length of the street for its local residents and sight-seeing visitors who have reduced mobility, or use mobility aids. This submission reiterates the need for footpath improvement to take place. (There appears to be no CDC funds currently allocated)	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.

480	Infrastructure	LTCP-LTP 3.4 (Capital Works) Lawrence Cemetery – Clearance of debris in Chinese Burial Section & remembrance memorial The Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board asks that CDC clear the debris that was left covering the Chinese burial section in the lower part of the Cemetery when the area was bulldozed many years ago, meaning grave sites are not identifiable and headstones were pushed from the top down into the area. To right the wrongs of these unfortunate events, we request: (1) the area is sensitively cleared so archaeologists can begin work to identify the number of graves that are expected to be in this section which is bordered by the Hawthorn hedge, line of oak trees and pond (wet weather only), and adjacent to where the Ardrossan reburials have taken place; headstones could be righted, and (2) some kind of remembrance memorial be placed in the upper area of the cemetery. It is mandatory the Chinese Community is consulted (contact Denise Ng), who will provide CDC with a sense of what is appropriate, in conjunction with archaeological experts (contact Peter Petchey).	This request is answered in the Community Board and Community Committee Submission report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
482	Waste Minimisation	We do recycle, but on numerous occasions we have seen the recycling dumped.	All recycling collected as part of Councils kerbside collection, or at Mt Coote Landfill and the Transfer Stations is transported to the Full Circle in Green Island, Dunedin, for sorting and baling where it is then on sold to recyclers. On the very rare occasion recycling may need to be landfilled if contamination is too high, however Councils waste contractor has not reported the need to do this for a very long time. If you have seen otherwise, we strongly encourage you to contact Council on 0800 801 350 or help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz as soon as possible after the event with details of where and when it was witnessed so the issue can be addressed with our contractor.

488	Infrastructure	Public toilets at Henley Ferry. These are absolutely crucial! All schools hold rowing camps down at Henley, boys and girls are there the entire weekend. To decommission the public toilets would be irresponsible. Upgrading them is a much better alternative. Some weekends there are upwards of 60 rowers.	This issue is considered in a separate report. The response letter will have a link to that report.
496	Waste Minimisation	The Lodge spends a lot of time every week making sure we do the best for recycling. We take glass to Balciutha or to Owaka on a Sunday. I hear rumours that recycling is often not - put into landfill instead!	All recycling collected as part of Councils kerbside collection, or at Mt Cooee Landfill and the Transfer Stations is sent to Full Circle in Dunedin for sorting and baling, landfilling due to contamination has not reported the for a very long time. If you have seen otherwise, please contact Council on 0800 801 350 or help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz as soon as possible so the issue can be addressed with our contractor. Glass collected at Mt Cooee is crushed for drainage; at transfer stations, it is collected separated so quantities can be recorded to support review work but is not currently recycled. Local solutions and funding for glass will be explored as part of the service review. Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the transfer stations, solutions and funding for glass will be considered as part of this work.

496	Growing Tourism	PLEASE SEE THE EMAIL I SENT TO CLUTHANZ. I could say a lot more about the lack of cohesive work in the district and how the Catlins needs something to keep and encourage people to visit. Thanks for the document. I see it was adopted in August 2020. A lot of things have changed and there are lots of errors when it comes to accommodation etc. I have read quite a bit about ourselves and even in August 2020, it was wrong. We have had smart TV's with WIFI connectivity for 10 years, we have Fibre WIFI and have had for years. Just to name a few things. You mention about us upgrading etc to be able to stay open in the winter. It is really not worth it. We are having 1 or 2 guests a night right now or none, so we are about to shut down. Probably will not reopen until December but will reopen for groups of more than one night stays. We have lots of double glazed windows, fully insulated ceilings everywhere we can etc. BUT no one is coming. The caves are shut as they normally do and there is not much to do in the region. I rejoined the Visitor Centre network and someone was going to visit us this summer, but no-one did. There was some rather hypercritical comments also regarding AIRBNB type accommodation working against commercial operators like ourselves. But then the Council put in the freedom camping place next to the pub in Owaka which is them doing the same to us, their ratepayers! And then you talk about helping NZMCA set up a free place!!! Why do we bother to provide what we do when we get hit round the ears all the time??? So frustrating to read again and again. Is this the sort of stuff you want in your submission? This region needs more things for guests to do to stay, like the cycle trail or coastal walk., During summer, we had guests staying an average of 1.1 nights. That meant 16 to 18 rooms checking out every	Your comments are noted by Council. Clutha Development has received your email as well. The role of destination management by Clutha Development is to promote and facilitate new tourism and growth activities.
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		day. Absolutely no money in this sort of turnover. Far too much work and effort for the return. People need to stay longer, like they do in places like Queenstown. Our linen hire company, Preens in Dunedin, could not believe how much linen we were needing to order. But not making any money on this sort of business. There is also a complete lack of community from other accommodation operators in the area. As soon as they are full, up go the NO VACANCY sign. And because we are off the main road, what do prospective guests do - they keep driving to Balclutha or further south, maybe even Invercargill. If we are full, which is very rare, I ring around to see what I can find. But then I have been in this industry for over 30 years with loads of experience of this in Queenstown and Christchurch. I could go on but will stop here and I will put this into my submission. Regards JAN Thomas's Catlins Lodge Owaka Ph 027 415 8333	
511	Infrastructure	sort the core infrastructure..... unsure why i should pay for neglected services that have been problematic for many years, especially when my property is not in a 'connected' area for water infrastructure	The text messaging system has been requested by our scheme committees and members of the public to keep them informed of any issues. Your other comments are noted.
518	Infrastructure	Understand Council has to comply with central government rules But how many people have become unwell from drinking water in our area? , The Rural water schemes were put in place for stock water now the stock water which is still most of the schemes are drinking treated water??? Money could also be saved by only text messaging when the schemes are working perhaps the training of the staff operating the schemes needs to be looked at. All above have a place and a importance but you cant spend money you do not have nor put the burden on the ratepayer you need to plan and slow the work down We have heard it said the burden shouldnt fall on the	The text messaging system has been requested by our scheme committees and members of the public to keep them informed of any issues. Your other comments are noted.

		ratepayers of the future it is true then that bad fiscal planning / maintenance in the past is butting the burden on todats rate pater	
519	WWMP	The dump should never been put next to a river , once again you go on about environmental footprint and yet are trying to endorse what will inevitably be an environmental disaster, leaching and runoff will one day be a problem if not already , we have to comply with regulations for a bloody silage pit , you idiots are piling rubbish up next to a river? Let's see, environmental footprint, climate change, weather events and sea level rise, You have to remember what you have already said before saying the next thing. I cannot support this stupidity.	The Council actively monitors and manages leachate and stormwater as part of existing landfill resource consents to mitigate groundwater effects. An environmental impact assessment was conducted for the Mt Cooee consent renewal. Staff will be looking to conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services, including kerbside collection, transfer stations, and the landfill's future, considering environmental impacts.
519	Waste Minimisation	Farmers already pay for their environmental footprint, why add more? *LG NOTE* this was the comment under living and working - response for comments on wmp and transfer stations are outline below Most recycling is just sorted and dumped somewhere else, Recycling is a trendy word that costs money for nothing. Get a glass grinder and use the material for our roads, Stewart Island uses this system no glass bottles leave the island .	Glass collected at Mt Cooee is crushed for drainage; at transfer stations, it is collected separated so quantities can be recorded to support review work but is not currently recycled. Local solutions and funding for glass will be explored as part of the service review. All recycling from kerbside, landfill, and transfer stations is sent to Full Circle in Dunedin for sorting and baling, landfilling due to contamination has not reported the for a very long time. If you have seen otherwise, please contact Council on 0800 801 350 or help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz as soon as possible so the issue can be addressed with our contractor.
524	WWMP	It is very hard to believe council when they have been lying to the public about what they have been doing for so long What recycling have they done? Putting stickers on yellow bins for what 20 years when they just throw it over the tip face. Bringing in garbage from other areas	All recycling from kerbside, landfill, and transfer stations is sent to Full Circle in Dunedin for sorting and baling, landfilling due to contamination has not reported the for a very long time. If you have seen otherwise, please contact Council on 0800 801 350 or help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz as soon as possible so the issue can be addressed with our contractor. Mt Cooee landfill has accepted waste only from within the boundary of the Clutha District since 2020.

528	Infrastructure	In preparation for the upcoming summer tourist season, the Council needs to take action to improve the car parks on Surat Bay Road. This includes filling up potholes and marking parking spaces, which will ensure that tourists park their cars, caravans, and camper vans properly, improving safety and organization. Additionally, relocating the toilet to the car park will address the safety concerns of elderly and disabled individuals, making the area more accessible for everyone. This will prevent tourists from using our property as a roundabout, parking, and a toilet for people with disabilities.	Your comments are noted and Council has reviewed all projects and balances the costs and the needs and wants of the community.
529	Infrastructure	Like all households, business's etc, when the costs are getting high, cuts have to be made. Your rate payers are being asked to pay exorbitant rate increases over the next 3 years, but what are the Council going to do to reduce their costs & spending? How much would this reduce the increases? - is the Council working as efficiently as it could? - There seems to be a large number of people employed. - is this necessary? - Can this be streamlined more? - Vehicles per employee - Very noticeable in the Clutha township - budgets & targets. - are these accurate? - utilizing Council buildings over the Clutha district & combining costs where possible. I would like to see the Council get the infrastructure, (roading/water/sewerage) improved, as with it's age, it is going to fail soon in a lot of cases. Spending should only be on the necessities.	Your comments are noted and Council has reviewed all projects and balances the costs and the needs and wants of the community.

534	Infrastructure	Safe drinking water-Lobby the govt to get standards reduced .Standards too high . Increasing standards for discharges to the environment-Less talking and more attention to what matters Improving storm water protection-Protection from what .Unable to comment as too little background. Community housing-This should be part of councils maintenance budget now so what is the issue with this. Securing the future of Mt Cooe landfill-Turn Mt Cooe to a re cycling depot. Put dump elsewhere .Too close to the river Efficient sealed road renewals-Only do what you have money for.Stick to budgets .No more cost overruns Strengthening bridges-All bridges have a lifespan .I would have thought council would have a rotating maintenance plan for this .If not why not Critical bridges-Same as above Milton main street- Like Balclutha was a waste of money .Trees are now wrecking the ash felt and has been poorly designed. Too late to stop Milton but a waste of money. Footpath renewals-Plan and budget for this .One would have thought there would be a plan in place . Milton community library and swimming pool-What a pool in a library a recipe for damp wet books. A plan that is equally wet. Defer the pool project and upgrade existing pool. strengthen library and stop spending our money on Vanity projects .There is a good pool in Mosgiel Dunedin Balclutha Why a new one in Milton too. how many people actually use it daily? Does the cost outweigh the benefit of new? Balclutha library renewals-Combine the services with the informatio centre as in Tapanui .Much of this is now digital. Combine what you can and save on cost.	Council has a limited rural seal extension programme. This is limited to rural roads that qualify for assistance funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and is generally where there are houses impacted by dust from unsealed roads. This means that for this work ratepayers only have to contribute \$1 of rates for every \$3 spent on sealing work that qualifies. A canal between Lake Waiholo and Lake Tuakitoto would need to be approximately 27 kilometres in length (as the crow flies) and would significant local property owner support. This type of project is not within the scope of Council to progress at this stage.
535	Infrastructure	I wish to see three major roads in the Clutha District tar sealed. In this order number one Clarendon Berwck road, number two Owaka Valley road, number three Back Road, Milton. After these are completed we could possibly look at Akatore Road. I have come up with a new concept for tourism for the Clutha distict. I call it the Bruce County Canal. This canal would	Due to budget constraints within our Greenspaces, we can look at tree maintenance on a case-by-case basis should budgets provide the ability for the works to go ahead. Our greenspaces do need a proactive tree maintenance budget but that is subject to Council approval. Please send through service requests or call our helpdesk if you identify any dangerous

		conect Lake Waihola and Taieri River system to Kaitangata and Clutha river system. Thus allowing boating and tourism of all kinds to be developed as a one of a kind tourist attraction in the country. I wish the council to support this on any way possible. This concept would be based roughly on the English canal system.	trees and these will be inspected, and action taken as required.
539	Infrastructure	I work as an arborist, and constantly I see unmaintained trees and hazardous trees on Council owned property and with very small budgets it makes it hard to maintain the trees in the Clutha District. I would like to see more time/money put into the Greenspace area of Tree Maintenance. As a passionate tree enthusiast and Arborist I often see improper tree maintenance practices being done on trees and it is appalling! And it is obvious best practice isn't being followed, I'd love to see more consultation with people like myself as a qualified arborist advising on tree work.	The issues with the existing pool have been well canvassed and a fix is likely to be costly and have a high potential for failure. The issue of a bypass for Milton is an NZ Transport Agency issue and at this stage this is not being considered.
544	Growing Tourism	Clutha never has and never will be a tourist hot spot. It is a service area to a farming district. Clutha Development Team is costing approx \$500,000 p.a for what? have they produced anything to Clutha's advantage?	Clutha Development publish their annual reports on their website CluthaNZ.com (to see what has been achieved).
545	Infrastructure	Stop spending money on non essential projects. Get someone to look after major projects, look at the cost blowouts we have already paid for new toilets, voted \$600,000 actually 1.2million. Cabins voted \$25,000 each, total cost now \$700,000. Swimming pool \$800,000 - 1.8million everything you do costs the ratepayer more. Its our money not yours, you work for us. You built a new town hall in a flood zone, then quote climate change? We demand more transparency and proper accounting. This document is full of assumptions and guess work. Why does it cost us 1.2million dollars for libraries? Put a hold on all work with the new Milton pool and complex for a minimum of 3 years. Get some budget advice, learn to save money. Bus people from Milton to Balclutha and use the pool that is not being used to potential there.	Passenger transport is the responsibility of the Otago Regional Council but there have been some discussions regarding some form of transport between Dunedin and Balclutha but nothing has been confirmed at this stage.

		If contractors cannot give a quoted price and stick to it, the project is off the table, No more predetermined projects. We want clear and transparent accounting, not estimates and draft numbers.	
547	Rates and Spending	Will there more done if rates increase? Better walk paths in Kai, less or alternative to spraying?	
551	Rates and Spending	We have a number of elderly people living in properties owned by Family Trusts who as a condition of their living in these properties are required to pay rates. It is my understanding that even if they are beneficiaries of the Trust or even Trustees they are not eligible for the rates rebate. I would like to see Council work towards/lobby for this to be changed. I also feel that our rate rises have been kept low for too long which has led to the necessity for a massive upgrade in infrastructure which has been previously minimal now, leading to the necessity for a major increase in rating and hard decisions to be made at this time.	Your comments are noted. The people's voice is also effective when lobbying Central Government for changes to rules regarding trusts and trustees.

552	Infrastructure	CONSULTATION REGARDING THE CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED LONG TERM PLAN 24/34 Regarding figures received from Clutha Concerned Citizens meetings etc. regarding both the internal and external debt. it is hard to believe that such a massive debt has been accrued when you consider that not that many years ago the CDC boasted a surplus of \$25m. and a further \$6.4m was gifted to the CDC as what appears to be a sweetener from the then LABOUR GOVT for councils to agree with the LABOUR GOVT. proposed THREE WATERS PLAN meaning the LABOUR GOVT. would take ownership and control away from councils. However, after wasting \$1.1b of taxpayers money THREE WATERS was dismantled by the now NATIONAL GOVERNMENT as the National Party stated prior to the election would happen and would be handed back to councils to maintain and control under new guide lines. Regarding the present massive internal debt of the CDC it is suggested that Council and Senior staff are out of their depth in decision making as well as being top heavy with both staff and plant, it is very easy for those that are out of their depth and unqualified to take the attitude that the sky is the limit when spending someone else's money. In summary considering the CDC state of debt that is seen as completely unsustainable it is considered that unless a hold is put on all capital works where possible and maintain existing assets only, until the debt is reduced to an acceptable level, failing that it is envisaged the CDC will cease to exist long before the LONG TERM TEN YEAR PLAN MATURES.	Council has a programme of stormwater improvement works in Milton and this is intended to reduce the impact of flooding - one of which is the impact on the wastewater system that you have highlighted.
557	Infrastructure	I would like to mention in Milton when we have heavy rain the toilets at the bottom end of town - High Queen Street will not flush. This has been going on for years and still happens. It must be our right as a rate payer to be able to flush our toilet when it rains heavy. Been to Council when this happens are nothing has been done about it. The sewerage works is the problem I have been told by water contractors who have come to see when this is happening.	Council is working with the Richardson Rural Water Scheme Committee to look at options of the future and this includes a strategic project to look at the best long-term source for water for the Richardson South Scheme that is currently fed from the Puerua River. We will be keeping scheme users informed of progress as this project proceeds.

565	Infrastructure	My Main concerns are water and as we are on the Richardson South Scheme. The scheme should not be supplying Paretai and Kaka Point there is a big river going past there building a treatment plant etc. on the flood free ground would make more sense. The little Puerua river is too small. In summertime the water has a very earthy taste. The scheme is unable to deliver water to some of the higher farm tanks meaning in the summer water is running out on these farms. As they run out of water on several occasions even after putting in extra storage tanks on farm. Stock may handle a couple of days without water but since creeks and rivers have had to be fenced of it has just about become unworkable. Things have to change, or production will drop less money coming into district.	Council has considered the issue of compensation as you have requested and as this can only be funded from rates, they have declined these requests unless there are exceptional circumstances.
568	Infrastructure	Request Clutha District Council for compensation for water tank cleaning at Kaka Point Township. I am aware that our water supply is supposed to be up to standard, which have been set by Taumata Arowai. However for near 12 months we the citizens of Kaka Point weren't able to drink the water that was coming from our taps, this water came from the South Richardson Reservoir down the line not getting filtered, (I believe the filtration system was getting renewed). This water went into our tanks and became totally undrinkable. When we finally got water going through our taps that was supposed to be clean, we find that our tanks needed cleaning, however we feel as a community that it is our right to have clean and usable drinking water, and part of that is our tanks need to be cleaned by the Clutha District Council, as part of this process. We are happy for the Council to give us some compensation, as we are aware that we do have to clean our tanks on a regular basis, but this was not a maintenance issue for the home owners. Please find attached a petition with signatures from most of the Kaka Point Community to request some compensation towards our costs. Thank you, Claudia Faichney, Kaka Point President	Council has considered the issue of compensation as you have requested and as this can only be funded from rates, they have declined these requests unless there are exceptional circumstances.

570	Infrastructure	The Naish Park duckpond is full of weeds, in a dreadful state. I want the maintenance of Naish park kept up - the rose garden, duckpond and birds. They are a feature of Balclutha left by someone for the people of Balclutha and should be looked after. Rural roadings need to be addressed especially main rural roading out around Tahakopa. Can Mowatt Saddle be looked at. Get back to the old-fashioned way of doing things, employing people to fix potholes from the word go. No reports just get on and do an area.	District Plan protection was proposed for buildings in Lawrence approximately 20 years ago and this was not wanted by the local community. This has been raised through the community plan and as such other options will be evaluated. Council has supported the Community Board project to improve the zig-zag to date and the community Board is working on a range of projects that include the dog park and toilets.
580	Infrastructure	We demand transparency with all finances I don't understand how we spend 1.2 million dollars on libraries, cut the spending. Cadogan always follow labours directives follow the new government Stop wasting our money \$60,000 for a pump that doesn't fit (hiding in Crown Street) \$600,000 for toilets 1.2 million fucken joke taylor park 25,000, 740,000 you lot have no credibility we do not trust you	Council has brought the treatment operations functions of our three waters activity in-house. We have not brought the reticulation services in-house and this is delivered through external contractors.
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588	Rates and Spending	Internal Loans No mention of internal loans in the consultation document. 1 In the 2023 Annual Report they are classified as internal loans. In the 2023/24 Annual Plan I believe they were referred to as "Internal Investments". Which is it? 2 What is the policy in terms of funding interest payments on these loans/investments. How is the interest calculated? 3 Are the loans/investments repayable? If not why record it?	Your comments are noted. Internal loans are tracked internally and audited externally.
589	Growing Tourism	Nil, how much do they bring to this community? Might sell some petrol or pantene some stores might do well, nothing for our community. Nothing like Queenstown. We are a drive through.	Visitors support our businesses and services - tourism sector contributed \$27.3m towards GDP in the Clutha District in 2023.
605	Growing Tourism	We give Clutha economic development 800,000 a year to do what?	Clutha Development receives core annual funding from the CDC of \$477,000 pa. Additional project funding of \$61,200 is available on a project by project basis. Funding for destination management is allocated annual.
624	Waste Minimisation	Thinking longer than 10yrs re the landfill ... would be nice if another option? incineration etc. (Doing with neighboring regions partnering plus /minus with central govt plus / minus methane use for power generation off then land fill done heaps overseas including by big car manufacturers like BMW.	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work. Incineration is not an option Council is looking to consider at the stage.
624	Waste Minimisation	glass recycling needs to be sorted for the region. also, organic green waste collection would really further reduce amounts going to landfill promotion of 'bin-inn' type goods facility to less packaging waste ...	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work. Incineration is not an option Council is looking to consider at the stage.
624	Waste Minimisation	don't need a land station just need it to be collected no glass recycling @ Kerbs in Lawrence -	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work. Incineration is not an option Council is looking to consider at the stage.

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634	WWMP	Lets make everyone responsible for their own waste as we are in the Catlins. Same rule for all.	Council provides a Transfer Station for rubbish and recycling in Maclennan, it is open on Saturdays from 1pm - 3pm. The Waste is transported back to the Mt Cooe Landfill in Balclutha. The waste collected as part of any private waste collections in Papatowai is also likely brought to Mt Cooe Landfill.
634	Waste Minimisation	Transfer station is complete bullshit. Rubbish is inspected and approved or rejected yet all goes together in black plastic bags to landfill. Stop wasting money	All recycling from kerbside, landfill, and transfer stations is sent to Full Circle in Dunedin for sorting and baling, landfilling due to contamination has not reported the for a very long time. The recycling collected at the Maclennan Transfer Station is sometimes bagged for ease of transport back to Mt Cooe for consolidation with other recyclables. If you have seen otherwise, please contact Council on 0800 801 350 or help.desk@cluthadc.govt.nz as soon as possible so the issue can be addressed with our contractor.
635	WWMP	Why is glass dumped and not recycled.	Glass is not currently recycled because of the significant costs involved in collecting, colour sorting and transporting this material to Auckland for recycling. Glass collected at Mt Cooe is crushed for drainage. Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services, glass will be considered as part of this work.

637	Infrastructure	Climate change & Enviro footprint are so tightly related they should be one question. I have cites & support re this if council is interested. Infrastructure investment - We need infra. fit for a future very unlike the one we grew up in. For 3W that means: Less reliance on high tech (where dependant on offshore); Shift to Sustainable Drainage SuDS for urban (typically reduces Capital spend by 20%); Is community maintainable in emergencies; and improves with age (I wish pipes did that!); For Council to make it easier for people to install composting / vermiculture human waste systems. This has added benefit of shifting total WW cost to those who opt in, and simplifies buried services. Overseas these are maintained by a network of contractors. Systems are installed into every climate imaginable.	Your comments are noted. There is provision for composting toilets and grey water systems to be installed, these are subject to individual site assessments being provided at application stage.
637	Kaka Point	When both buildings are adjacent it makes no sense to not treat the opportunity to upgrade them together, but the second half of the allocation seems excessive. Is there Surf Lifesaving support from sponsors ?	The Kaka Point SLSC has indicated that cost of the redevelopment would primarily be funded from other sources, including Surf Life Saving NZ, private sponsors, and grants from other community funders.
637	WWMP	*LG NOTE* this was WMMP Comment* Great to already hear of waste volume reductions. Look at the Rakaia model. Also look at Industrial Ecology, there are several in NZ reprocessing waste, using waste as feedstocks and avoiding a lot of landfilling - while employing many people. If you can't find anything ask me as it was the basis for my landscape degree. What is the waste breakdown between private dwellings, commercial, industrial, and council itself (from infra works), and govt works in area? Are toxics being held separately from main? There are biological solutions to solve this in NZ now - including for asbestos that are a lot It is great to hear that you have measurable reductions in landfill volumes.	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including options for landfill and resource recovery, the kerbside collection and transfer stations, construction and demolition waste and organics will be considered as part of this work. Information on quantities of waste can be found in the Otago Regional Waste Assessment here. Mt Cooe landfill is not permitted to accept toxic wastes. Asbestos waste is managed under a special waste permit and requires special burial conditions. More information about special waste can be found in Councils Solid Waste Bylaw.

637	Waste Minimisation	*LG NOTE* this was transfer station Comment* If we lacked a transfer station illegal dumping would probably increase. It also (hopefully) means people take polluted soil there rather than dispose into a gully (for the next generation to find). In five years I have only been to the transfer station once, but it is useful to get rid of large objects. Bulk green 'waste' should be composted locally, Council could also point people to where they could learn how to compost. *LG NOTE* this was in additonal Comment* Also look at Industrial Ecology, there are several in NZ keeping a lot of material out of landfills and employing many people. If you can't find anything ask me as it was the basis for my landscape degree and arises in my work. Clutha lacks a waste exchange - these exist esp. in the UK and Germany and also reduce the number of empty trucks on the road = more profitable trucking. Waste exchanges operate using a database that lists materials wanted, Materials available along with waste info and documentation, and trucks available. For instance I might arrange for 200T of broken brick to be trucked somewhere, and buy back 300T of soil from another place. The databases are written to maximis full trucks and make the most of otherwise empty trucks. This is already happening but it is ad-hoc and small-scale. (Through a recent contract I realised there is interest along the East Coast from CHC for such a project). What is the waste breakdown between private dwellings, commercial, industrial, and coulcil itself (from infra works), and govt works in area? Are toxics being held separately from main? There are biological solutions to solve this in NZ now - including for asbestos that are a lot 5 years? LT vacant land kills towns as unsightly and the dead zones make people lose interest in places and keep on driving.	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including options for landfill and resource recovery, the kerbside collection and transfer stations, construction and demolition waste and organics will be considered as part of this work. Information on quantities of waste can be found in the Otago Regional Waste Assessment here. Mt Cooee landfill is not permitted to accept toxic wastes. Asbestos waste is managed under a special waste permit and requires special burial conditions. More information about special waste can be found in Councils Solid Waste Bylaw.
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640	Housing	Community housing I believe council should defer any new builds for a period of up to 5 years and continuing the level of targeted maintenance as present. Two issues concern me with regards to our housing stocks. The majority were built in the period 1970s and 80s so are well and truly paid off and also the fact that if our 98 units are rented at an average of say \$150 per week, income is \$764400, where does all the money go? Rents should not be subsidized from rates, reduce the UAGC to mid 500's, everyone gains. Means testing is just that, mean! If you could afford to live in a better dwelling why would you move into council housing?	This supports a rates neutral position option 1 community housing. Specifically, we make an overall loss of community housing due to its age and condition. Current expenditure (based on revised budget 2024) is as follows: Total project revenue \$768k, costs are opex \$80k, parks and O/H \$156k, Transfers and work in progress (maintenance) \$563k

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640	WWMP	Waste minimisation In the consultation document we're told of your plans, 4 options and further down you state your determination that there's no alternative options and it doesn't meet the significance test for a consultation question. Just the waste of a page. And the subject is waste minimisation! And you ask for feedback, really! Here's my feedback, take waste minimisation out of the UAGC it's \$318700, and as it's also probably from the same charge, enviro schools should not be funded either.	Council staff will be looking to undertake a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all waste services including the kerbside collection and transfer stations, local solutions for greenwaste and glass will be considered as part of this work. A small portion (less than 4%) of the UAGC contributes to Waste Minimisation activities including education programmes and drop-off facilities for recyclables, funding received through the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Levy also contributes to these costs. Council's Kerbside Collection is funded by the "Waste Management Rate", a targeted rate that is only charged per pair of wheelie bins to each property that receives the kerbside collection service. Mt Coorie Landfill is a user pays facility and is funded through its fees and charges.

		What measures have staff been able to offer and investigate with regards to reducing the proposed rating impact on our communities? None, carry on as usual! Rating impact mitigations My preferred option to manage rating impact is to limit rate increases to a maximum of 8.72% (being 1/10th of your projected 10 year total intended rates increase. The investment subsidy of the UAGC should be equal the total sum gained from our investments. The sum invested should not be increasing. Councils operating surplus (i.e. \$400k 2023) should also go toward reducing the UAGC. If our council has the ability to generate profit it should at the earliest opportunity benefit ratepayers not be added to investment capital. One thing that I think would be timely is looking at " right sizing council staffing capacity and capability". The Otago Regional Council encompasses an area that includes the Clutha, Waitaki, Central Otago, Lakes District and Dunedin City council and has approximately 320 employees. The Clutha district I understand employs approximately 200 employees. Additional rebate to the vulnerable I do not support additional assistance being given to those already in receipt of the rates rebate. Reducing expenditure across the range of activities supported in the UAGC would mean the UAGC would return to amount paid in the years 2022/23 and 2023/24 benefiting all ratepayers. Our UAGC should be in the region of the mid \$500's	
640	Rates and Spending		Your comments are noted. The regional authority (regional council) has different responsibilities from a territorial authority (district council) making it difficult to compare workforces.
650	Growing Tourism	You say you believe (Clutha Development) their work has contributed to a 7.1% increase in tourism expenditure Believe - is a very vague statement - where are the figures to support this? We can't afford \$195,000 per year for this.	Your comment is noted. The tourism expenditure figures are based on data available from Info metrics annual and quarterly reports (on Clutha NZ website).

650	Rates and Spending	The CDC is in a very precarious position debt wise yet this Long Term Plan is going to raise this debt by a staggering amount. Why then is there no mention in this plan of saving money or cost cutting to reduce the debt and not increase it? - In the Local Government NZ Governance Guide under level of service it reads as follows Customer expectations and willingness to pay Financial Constraints These two things seem to have been left out of the Long Term Plan! The Taylor Park debacle and the Destination Toilets in Balclutha and Milton are classic cases of no financial constraint being applied just the CDC will do it regardless and you/us the ratepayers will cough up!! This attitude of spend up large with large cost overruns lack of proper consultation for poorish outcomes has got to stop! Could our CDC be like Invercargill City Council - keep their rates rise to 10% and cut costs! Well worth CDC thinking and acting on!! We cannot undo the previous debt but we can cut costs and reduce our debt and stick to core services and cut or defer some or all of the projected expenditure in this LTP. It is called a Long Term Debt Plan. We ratepayers simply cannot afford this.	Your comments are noted. Throughout this LTP process cost savings regarding priorities have been investigated. Unfortunately compared to Invercargill we have considerably more water schemes to fund to bring up to the new drinking water rules.
653	Growing Tourism	Why spend \$195,000 per year This is another cost we can't afford.	To implement the actions from the Clutha Destination Strategy (adopted by council in 2020).
657	Living and working	Local Alcohol Policies (LAPs) 11. Alcohol laws in New Zealand aim to reduce the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol. We believe that well run on-licensed environments are the safest place for people to consume alcohol in NZ. Hospitality New Zealand is committed to delivering training and skill development across the industry to further enhance host responsibility in this sector. 12. Prior to the implementation of the Sale of Liquor Act in 1989 there were about 3000 licenses in NZ and since then the number of licenses has increased to just over 11,000.	CDC as completed research into LAPs and concluded, The licensing and management of alcohol in the Clutha District seemed most comparable to surrounding smaller councils who had actively chosen not to pursue the development of a LAP due to not believing they would benefit from it greatly and the potential cost of the process, specifically potential appeals. In reference to STRA , your comments are noted

Conversely, liquor consumption in New Zealand has decreased 22% since 1986. Therefore, increased access (more licenses and more places to purchase alcohol) has not translated into higher consumption.

13. We believe a holistic approach needs to be taken to support safer drinking in New Zealand.

We believe councils have many options available to address alcohol harm while maintaining the community and economic benefit of hospitality. Some of these tools include:

- National settings under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.
- District Licensing Committees and their discretion around approving licenses, and the ability to issue infringement notices and license suspensions for noncompliance.
- Accords and stakeholder agreements to drive inner city safety improvements.
- Host responsibility training: eg Responsible Service of Alcohol (HNZ), ServeWise (HPA).

14. Hospitality NZ will work with you to ensure regulatory agencies enforce the Act as it was written and intended, not attempting to use functions of the Act such as appeals to meet their own policy preferences.

15. We will also consider appropriate amendments to the LAP system, cutting down on the time and financial cost of implementation, and/or deferring to DLCs to administer appropriate restrictions, and mitigate further unnecessary expense being incurred by local councils, associations and individual businesses in the establishment of LAPs.

Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA)

16. The STRA sector has grown rapidly and it is now a key part of the tourism industry in New Zealand. Rapid visitor growth and a lack of commercial accommodation development in many of the busiest tourist regions have also created increased demand for STRA. While competition in any sector is healthy, the unregulated nature of STRA presents an uneven playing field vis a vis traditional commercial accommodation

		providers. 17. Commercial accommodation operators are seeking a fairer playing field around rates and regulations, particularly targeted at STRA properties that are whole-of-house rentals operating more than 90 days a year. The STRA sector operates mainly in residential areas, only pays residential rates, operates with less regulation, and often escapes appropriate taxation. 18. In some parts of the country, the preference for rental property owners to convert to Airbnb or similar, is resulting in a lack of available long-term rental accommodation for workers and families, and impacting on the community feel of suburbs. 19. Some Councils such as Rotorua and Queenstown have made moves to define STRA accommodation in their District Plans, so these providers – when occupied above a certain number of visitor nights – are deemed to be commercial operators and would be subject to commercial rates and regulations. Nelson and Christchurch have made similar moves – however, enforcement remains the issue. 20. At a Central Government level, we are advocating for the creation of a national register of short-term rental accommodation properties, and ensuring appropriate health and safety and compliance requirements on peer-to-peer house letting is set at a national level, removing the need for local councils to come up with the rules and moving towards fair regulation of STRA operators. 21. Hospitality NZ will work with you to define commercial accommodation in your area in a way that captures whole-of-house STRA listings and ensure rates are appropriately collected from these businesses.	
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