

Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 – Summary of feedback

To support hearings 24-25 May 2022

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Summary of feedback received

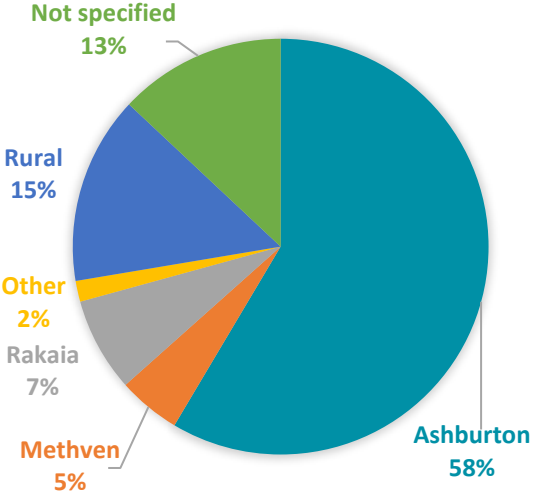
Public consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2022/23 was undertaken from 6 April, to 6 May, 2022.

- 131 submissions were received on time, from 123 individuals and eight organisations.
- There were no late submissions received as at 10 May 2021.
- 17 submitters indicated they wanted to be heard on their submission form.
- 14 submissions were received in hard copy, 11 were e-mailed and 106 used the web form.
- A number of queries and informal feedback was received through conversations with members of the community during the consultation period (for example, at community meetings). This informal feedback has been included.

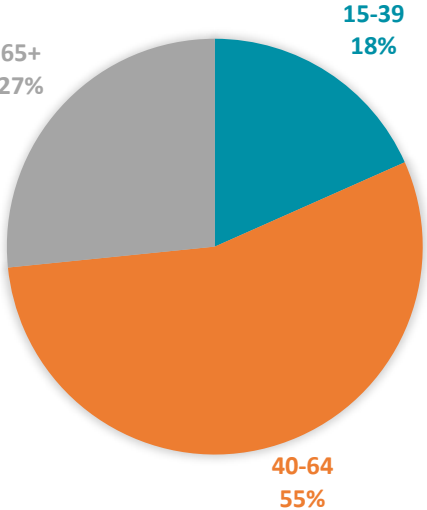
Submitter Demographics

Submitter Location

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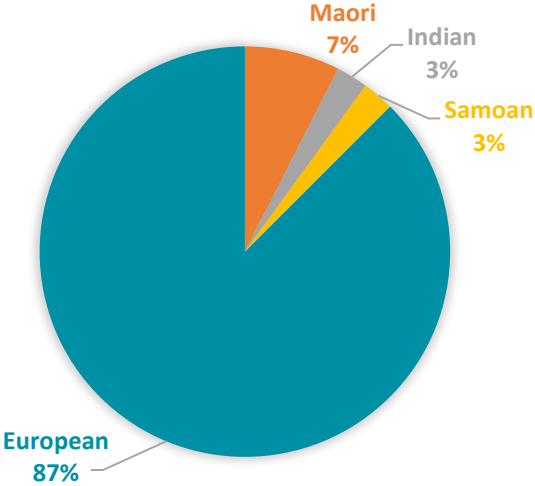


Age of Submitters



Submitter Ethnicity

Data showing ethnicity of individuals who specified their ethnicity. 85 (69%) did not provide ethnicity information.

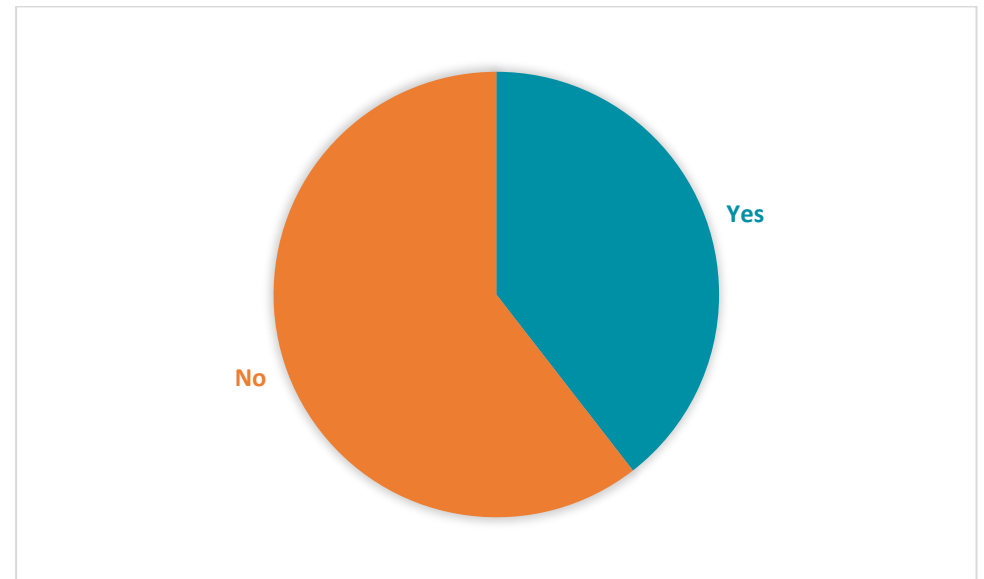


***Topic One: Reviewing our day-to-day
levels of service***

A summary of feedback on topic one

Based on the question “Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase?”

Answer	Number of submissions
Yes	47
No	72
Total	119



Summary of support and non-support for topic one (reviewing levels of service)

Based on the question “Should we review our day-to-day levels of service?”

SUPPORTS a review of day-to-day levels of service			
Submitter name	Page	Submitter name	Page
Individual submitters			
ANONYMOUS 1	8	MARILLA, Verissa	91
ANONYMOUS 2	9-10	MCLINTOCK, Sandra	99
ATKINSON, Guy	15	MCNABB, Craig	100
CRESSEY, Mark	25	MITCHELL, Clarke	102
CRISPIN, Sarah	26	MORGAN, Sally	105-107
DALE, Nicholas	27	NEW, Athol	115
DEPREE, Liz	29	PARKES, Adrian	116
DIXON, Kaitlin	30	POLLARD, Karen	121
DONDERTMAN, Josh	31	RAE, Tracy	124
EDZES, Sara	33	REID, James	127
FELTON, Maria	49	RITCHIE, Graham	129
GIRVAN, Robert and Jacqueline	55-56	ROBERTSON, David	130-133
HAWKES, Murray	66	SCOTT, Suzanne	151
HYDES, Ian	74-75	SHIRLEY, Abigail	152
JACKSON, David	77	SHOUP, David	153
JACKSON, Verity	78-79	STEVENS, David and Claire	158
KEEFE, Rere	81	TURNER, David	162
KELLY, Grahame	82	WALKER, Laraine	166
KUMAR, Sandeep	84	WALL, Nicola	167
LALLU, Balwant	85	WASZCZAK, Eliza	170
LANEY, John	86	WATSON, David	171-172
LUXTON, Frank	90	WEIR, Peter	174-175
MCKENZIE, James	97	WRIGHT, Correy	183
Groups / organisations			
FEDERATED FARMERS	42-48		

DOES NOT SUPPORT a review of day-today levels of service

Submitter name	Page		Page		Page
Individual submitters					
ANONYMOUS 3	11	HOOPER, Maxine	71	VAN ASPEREN, Amanda	164
ANONYMOUS 4	12	HUNT, Annette	72	VINCENT, Les	165
BEAUCHAMP, Shane	16	HURST, Jeff	73	WALLACE, Lorna & Des	168
BELL, Sam	18	HYDES, Ron	76	WALSH, Deanna	169
BIRD, Matthew	19	JONES, Sarah	80	WEBSTER, Peter	173
BRIDGE, Lynnette	20-21	KERSLAKE, Diane	83	WHITE, Antony	176
CLARKE, Peter	22	LEE, Andrea	88	WILLIAMS-FREEMAN, Sharon	177
CLEMENS, Val	23	LOUSICH, Stephen	89	WOOD, Edward	178-181
COOKE, Jeanette	24	MAVOR, David	92	WOODS, Chris	182
DE BOER, Marel	28	MCKAY, Richard	94	YOUNG, Don	184
EASON, Ed	32	MCKENNA, Bronnie	95		
ENSOR, Paul	34	MCKENZIE, Craig	96	Groups / organisations	
EVEREST, Phillip	38	MOORE, Christine	104	ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	13-14
FALLOON, Shirley	39-40	MOORE, Jonathan	104	HAKAERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL	61-62
FAVEL, Donna	41	MURDOCH, Barbara	108	METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD	101
FOLLEY, David	50	MURRAY, Peter	109		
FOWLER, Ian	51	NELL, Malcolm	110		
FOWLES, Jane	52	NELSON, Darryl	111		
FRANZ, Brenda	53	PEILUA, Peter	112-114		
GARDINER, Murray	54	PERKINS, Alistair	118-119		
GLEASON, Mark	57	PLUNKETT, Kirsty	120		
GREEN, Sue	58	POSTLETHWAITE, James	122		
GREENAWAY, John	59	QUINN, Chantelle	123		
GUISE, Marion	60	RENNIE, Roger	128		
HALLENSTEIN, Ben	64	SMITHERAM, Glen	154		
HANHAM, Teri	65	STEMMER, Paul	156-157		
HEAVEN, Maryann	67	TARBOTTON, Jane	159		
HODGE, Ian & Helen	68-69	TIMOTHY, Cory	160		
HOLMES, Brent	70	TITO, Robert	161		
		URQUHART, Kevin	163		

Summary of themes that support topic one (support for reviewing levels of service)

Submitter name	Page number	Summary of <u>reasons TO review</u> levels of service	Staff comments
ANONYMOUS 2	9-10	<p>Cost of living crisis (affecting people on low or fixed incomes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of residents are facing the highest costs of everything and inflation is rampant. Those on fixed incomes aren't getting pay rises. (ANONYMOUS 2) Many are on fixed incomes struggling with the cost of living crisis. Believes there is also a constant increase of new services over the years at the expense of core services. (GIRVAN) Cost of living is too high already, rates need to remain unchanged. (ATKINSON) The average working New Zealander is struggling, just to meet basic costs of living. (POLLARD) By justifying a larger increase in rates you are adding flames to the inflation fire. (CRESSEY) Just a small amount, rate hikes are going to be hard for many moving forward, plus interest rates rising and general living costs. (CRISPIN) Young families and older citizens who exist either on a benefit, pension or low wages are struggling to meet current rates. (DEPREE) Ratepayers are struggling with the rise of living costs. (EDZES) Many households are finding money in short supply (LUXTON) Yes I think there are some reductions that can be made to save the ratepayer some money, especially those struggling. (REID) Cost of living is going up too much without significant rates rises to make this worse. (RITCHIE) Cost of living is increasing across the board and going without, Council should do the same (JACKSON, D) Council rates have been well above inflation/cost of living every year for decades making it increasingly difficult for those on fixed/low incomes to keep up payments, especially for those retired and living on superannuation. (WATSON) 	Noted
ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	13-14		
ATKINSON, Guy	15		
CRESSEY, Mark	25		
CRISPIN, Sarah	26		
DEPREE, Liz	29		
EDZES, Sara	33		
GIRVAN, Robert and Jacqueline	55-56		
GLEASON, Mark	57		
JACKSON, David	77		
LUXTON, Frank	90		
MCNABB, Craig	100		
POLLARD, Karen	121		
RAE, Tracy	124		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living is making it to hard and a lot of people in Ashburton are seasonal workers. (WRIGHT) • People are struggling enough as it is without this extra cost added. Wages are hardly keeping up with the rate of inflation. (MCNABB) • Opposed to the proposed 12.2% rate increase for the Ashburton Area. Believes the increase is insensitive and lacks empathy for those on fixed incomes, reduced employment hours, and increasing cost of living as we enter the COVID 19 recovery phase. (ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION) • Cutting expenditure on services that matter to ordinary folk while the ADC is perceived to spend gloriously on its new office could be a public relations disaster. (GLEASON) • Suggests rates are becoming an increasingly large burden for people on a fixed income. (RAE) • Concerned with rate increase for this year and the current cost of living, it is difficult times for many. Understands certain costs that are rising and beyond the control of the council and there are certain things such as water quality, road maintenance, rubbish collecting that are necessary and important. (SCOTT) 	
ANONYMOUS 1 BIRD, Matthew DIXON, Kaitlin EDZES, Sara FELTON, Maria GARDINER, Murray HAWKES, Murray KEEFE, Rere KUMAR, Sandeep LALLU, Balwant MCLINTOCK, Sandra WHITE, Antony	8 19 30 33 49 54 66 81 84 85 99 176	Reduce unnecessary spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New car fleet. (BIRD) • New Council offices. (BIRD, MCLINTOCK) • Temporary roading work. (BIRD) • Common sense cost cutting. (EDZES) • Believes Council is over staffed. (LALLU) • Says if things were done right in the first place then work wouldn't have to be revisited. (DIXON) • Says to reduce wastage and spending on fluffy feel good stuff and stick to absolutely core spending. Reduce staff and ensure those employed do a decent day's work. (GARDINER) • Believes the council operations could be run more efficiently. Says they observes inefficiencies due to poor managers which in turn affect workers and attitudes when dealing with elected members. (WHITE) 	Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests that as there is less tourists at this stage skip some non-urgent services can be skipped (KUMAR) • Says that rates should be reduced along with reducing the service levels to a point which ratepayers require, rather than what submitter believes is driven by overly ambitious and values-driven management. Believes services such as building consents should be self-funding. Administration functions should be reducing in cost as they are automated. (HAWKES) • Says that the public should appreciate saving money despite a drop in service (KEEFE) • Suggests Council could make temporary cut backs elsewhere with full service continuing once the economy normalizes. (FELTON) 	
ATKINSON, Guy FELTON, Maria FEDERATED FARMERS WALL, Nicola RAE, Tracy	15 49 42-48 167 124	Rate increase in line with inflation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes rates need to remain unchanged (ATKINSON) • Says that small reductions in services can save some costs (FELTON) • Rates increases should not exceed inflation and spending should be managed prudently, particularly in current times where all members of the community are impacted by the pandemic (FEDERATED FARMERS) • Believes the rate increase should be set at no higher than inflation (WALL) • Council should live within its means not just keep hiking the rates (RAE) 	Noted

Summary of submitter's recommendations to review levels of service

Based on the subsequent question "If so (review levels of service), what should we do less of?"

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BIRD, Matthew HAWKES, Murray KEEFE, Rere KELLY, Grahame KUMAR, Sandeep LALLU, Balwant LUXTON, Frank RAE, Tracy	19 66 81 82 84 85 90 124	Reduce expenditure associated with Council personnel (staff/consultants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say reduce levels of staff (KELLY, LUXTON, LALLU, RAE) • Believes that staff need to multitask, stop taking extra-long breaks and work harder (LALLU) • Says to reduce parking enforcement, administration staff, senior management expenses (HAWKES) 	Noted

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REID, James ROBERTSON, David SMITHERAM, Glen WHITE, Antony	127 130-133 154 176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says Councillors should be demanding a sinking lid on full time staff as most administrative functions go on line and are automated. Council services must be delivered in line with budget and budgets need to be tight. (HAWKES) • Suggests salaries and wages are frozen and travel/trips reduced (KELLY) • Reduce vehicle usage, reduce fuel consumption, and use more video camera tech to save the amount of people you have to have out and about or facing the public. Reduce frequency of regular services. (KEEFE) • Suggests staff members carpooling, using solar power lights or sensor lights rather than conventional, and offering voluntary services where ever possible. (KUMAR) • Stop taking big pay rises. (RAE) • Reduce spending in Health and Safety. (REID) • Increase pay rates to attract better quality staff to do their jobs better. Believes that this will cost a lot less addressing following up and the frustration from members of the public. (WHITE) • Believes Council has purchased new utes which are parked up at the old ACL yard, while saying Council is cutting costs. Believes this makes the community feel unappreciated. (BIRD) • Look at the level of staffing. Annual Report last year showed a massive increase in staff compared to 11 years ago. Consider making new staff appointments fixed term to remove the need for redundancy payments and keep a lid of staff levels. (ROBERTSON) • Cut down on the use of consultants which only confirm what staff and Councillors already know. E.g. Second Bridge (ROBERTSON) • Recommends serious research needs to be done before the council employs any extra staff. The numbers have a habit of growing like topsy and the job expands to meet the number of people available to do the work. (SMITHERAM) 	
CRESSEY, Mark NEW, Athol POLLARD, Karen ROBERTSON, David	25 115 121 130-133	<p>Reduce costs in general across the organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should look at all services line by line and ask if are they adding value to the community or not. Reduce or remove spending on areas not creating enough value for the spend (NEW). • Stop spending on unnecessary things (POLLARD). 	Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale back on reports and operation costs that have no or little value (ROBERTSON). Make sure the Annual Plan is not increasing levels of service. Set standards for work activities and levels of service at a lower level to reduce costs if ratepayers are advised of this approach. Requests that Council directs strict control on all spending with section managers' control, or not have it in the budget in the first place (ROBERTSON). 	
ATKINSON, Guy BIRD, Matthew DEPREE, Liz FEDERATED FARMERS MCNABB, Craig POLLARD, Karen RAE, Tracy SCOTT, Suzanne URQUHART, Kevin WALKER, Laraine WASZCZAK, Eliza WATSON, David	15 19 29 42-48 100 121 124 151 163 166 170 171-172	Reduce levels of service at facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Gallery (URQUHART, POLLARD) EA Networks Centre (WALKER, RAE, SCOTT, FEDERATED FARMERS) Library (ATKINSON, MCNABB, POLLARD, RAE, URQUHART, WATSON, WALKER, WASZCZAK) Admin Building (WALKER) More discounts on recreational facilities in the district for pensioners and young families, slightly increasing for those people whose income is in the higher bracket (DEPREE) Doesn't believe people wanted the art gallery (BIRD) The EANC should be able to sustain operating costs through minimal input from ratepayers. Fees and charges should be fully utilise to ensure the beneficiary principle is met. (FEDERATED FARMERS) Our members are less likely to utilise urban based services than urban ratepayers therefore any reduction in the rates they pay towards these would be welcomed. (FEDERATED FARMERS) 	Noted
FELTON, Maria HAWKES, Murray WATSON, David	49 66 171-172	Review levels of service in Infrastructure Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for reductions in wastewater and stormwater (WATSON) Waste disposal (WATSON, FELTON) Pointless recycling, only spend money on recycling where the recycled material is used, i.e. don't sort glass unless it is reused, don't sort anything which is later dumped. (HAWKES) 	The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 puts responsibility on territorial authorities to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within their districts. The Act encourages a reduction in the amount of waste we generate and dispose of to land fill. Among the most effective way is through recycling. The Act imposes a levy on all waste sent to landfill. We aim to reduce the volume of

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			<p>waste that is sent to landfill to save residents paying Waste Levy.</p> <p>All glass is recycled. Sorted glass generates more resale value than unsorted glass. Likewise, materials are sorted so that we can generate more income from their sale.</p> <p>Recycling is only dumped when it is contaminated with other material.</p> <p>Hernando Marilla</p>
COOKE, Jeanette CRISPIN, Sarah EDZES, Sara FELTON, Maria JACKSON, David NELL, Malcolm POLLARD, Karen SCOTT, Suzanne WATSON, David WHITE, Antony WRIGHT, Correy	24 26 33 49 77 110 121 151 171-172 176 183	<p>Reduce levels of service in Open Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantings (DALE, EDZES, WATSON) • Mowing (CRISPIN, EDZES, WATSON, WRIGHT, RAE, JACKSON D) • Beautification (DEPREE, NELL, WALL, POLLARD) • Trees (WHITE) • Lease out wide areas of verge for cheap grazing instead of being mown (EDZES) • Mowing focus more on the main thoroughfare in town (so it still looks good). Perhaps put out the idea that if keen rate payers mow the council frontages opposite their homes, they get a discount on their rates (plus cost of petrol). Means you don't have to pay labour costs to mowing contractors. (CRISPIN) • Plant more fruit trees (EDZES, COOKE) • East Street fairy lights (JACKSON D) • Park maintenance, without our town looking too unruly of course and making sure these areas are being run as efficiently as possible (SCOTT) 	<p>Staff strive for efficiency in operations. Recently the procurement of more modern machinery has created time efficiencies whereby other tasks can be delivered without incurring addition costs on ratepayers. Staff appreciate urban berms being maintained by residents – without this input, it would be required to be funded. Management aim to strike a balance where plantings are both attractive, colourful and able to be efficiently maintained.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
DEPREE, Liz FEDERATED FARMERS JACKSON, David JACKSON, Verity MORGAN, Sally	29 42-48 77 78-79 105-107	<p>Reduce levels of service in Economic Development / Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter requests to reduce events, particularly those which benefit a limited number of people (DEPREE). • Submitter requests Council consider reducing the level of service for the Economic Development and Tourism activity. MCFE oppose farms being rated for the promotion and tourism or other businesses. Farmers pay levies for promotion and support of their own industries, which add substantial value to local economies. (FEDERATED FARMERS). 	<p>Any reduction would result in a reduction in levels of service.</p> <p>Council run events score highly in our Annual Residents Survey.</p> <p>Agritourism is a growing sub set of the industry and it fits directly as a benefit to the agricultural sector.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter notes that Business and Economic Development is funded 100% through the general rate, meaning farmers contribute a large share to an activity they gain little benefit from (FEDERATED FARMERS). • Urges Council to conduct a review into the delivery of this service and minimise its cost to rural ratepayers (FEDERATED FARMERS). • Requests a reduction in budget for the Economic Development activity, to equivalent of the ChChNZ contract, as submitter believes current service is not good value for money for ratepayer (JACKSON, V). • Sees no value for this excessive spend, questions why it needs \$800,000 per year, suggests it is scaled back (JACKSON, D) • Requests Council does not proceed with Post COVID Event planning & Destination Management (MORGAN). • Requests that Council does not fund the Agricultural Portfolio role - believes due to contract extension, Council is possibly now already funding rather than central govt (MORGAN). 	<p>CHCH NZ are undertaking a Destination Management Plan on behalf of Council through the current contract.</p> <p>ED leverages rate funding to attract attracting income from other sources such as it did this year with the Our Land Our Water fund.</p> <p>Council are not funding the Agricultural Portfolio, funding for this role comes from other sources.</p> <p>Simon Worthington</p>
BIRD, Matthew CRISPIN, Sarah FOWLER, Ian GREENAWAY, John REID, James WOODS, Chris	19 26 51 59 127 182	<p>Reduce spending on council offices/civic centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less building of palaces for yourselves (GREENAWAY) • Don't agree with the money that was spent on new council buildings. (FOWLER) • Recommends reducing the budget on some of the new council buildings, while the community civic centre is awesome, but perhaps council office section could be reduced (CRISPIN) • Less spending on Council offices (WOODS) • Believes a 'budget blow out' for the civic centre is a disgrace (BIRD) • Believes spending on Civic Centre and future maintenance is an overspend. Believes an overspend is unethical considering local businesses are struggling while increasing the rates of those struggling businesses. Would prefer to see Council staff operate in an 'average' office environment. (REID) 	<p>Following public consultation in 2019, the new Library and Civic Centre (Te Patako o ka Tuhituhi and Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka) was designed and the tender for construction awarded in 2021. The construction is approximately 50% complete.</p> <p>While there is pressure on the time frame and cost of the building due to covid, supply chain issues, labour shortages and inflation, Council is working very hard to keep the project to its budget.</p> <p>Note that the Government granted \$20m to Council for the new building as part of its Covid stimulus programme in 2020 – this contribution was not factored in when the budget was originally set, and represents a significant reduction to the original (consulted on) cost of the building</p>

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			to ratepayers regardless of the pressure on the current budget. Hamish Riach
NELL, Malcolm RAE, Tracy REID, James ROBERTSON, David WALL, Nicola	110 124 127 130-133 167	Reduce spending on expensive/capital projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce spending on new buildings (RAE) • Reduce overspending on new developments (projects) that are expensive and not used by all (REID) • New building projects should be done with spare income only (NELL, WALL) • Stop any capital projects proposed except essential water upgrade projects. Says documentation does not provide capital works proposed and can be easily delayed (ROBERTSON). 	Noted
RAE, Tracy WOODS, Chris	124 182	Reduce Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce number of councillors (RAE, WOODS) 	In order to achieve fair and effective representation at local government elections, local authorities are required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years. A representation review addresses the total number of councillors there should be for the district or region and the way they are elected. The last representation review for Ashburton District was undertaken in 2018 and so the next review is due in 2024. Toni Durham
GIRVAN, Robert and Jacqueline HAWKES, Murray WATSON, David	55-46 66 171-172	Increase user pay services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building department and similar areas should be funded more by user pays (WATSON) • Recreation facilities should be funded more by user pays (GIRVAN, HAWKES) 	The building department activities are 90% funded by Fees & Charges as set by the Revenue and Finance Policy. This policy is due for review in the next financial year. Erin Register

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ATKINSON, Guy KELLY, Grahame RAE, Tracy	15 82 124	Reduce community services/grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce community programmes (ATKINSON) • Reduce community grants (RAE) • Grants for sport clubs and organisations could be reduced (KELLY) 	<p>Council's grants scheme is in place to help support community groups to be able to operate in our District. Council is not the full funder of these organisations. Two of our grants are funded from outside organisations such as Creative NZ, Sport NZ and the external funding for trail maintenance.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
KELLY, Grahame METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD WRIGHT, Correy	82 101 183	Improve management of Council contractors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractors performance could be managed to be more efficient (KELLY) • The Board does urge the council to ensure that there are rigorous contract performance audits for all contracts that council is involved with (METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD) • Award tenders based on price (WRIGHT) 	<p>The past few years, ADC has moved away from the usual Lowest Price Confirming selection process and has been using Price Quality Method (PQM) approach when tendering Contracts. PQM is a structured tender evaluation framework which takes into account both price and non-price attributes to evaluate tenders. All large contracts are now being tendered using PQM approach. In most cases, Non-price and Price attributes are scored 60% and 40%, respectively.</p> <p>Hernando Marilla, Neil McCann</p>
BIRD, Matthew HAWKES, Murray JACKSON, Verity	19 66 78-79	Improve management of EA Networks Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says if access fees to EA Networks Centre doesn't cover staffing costs then it should be shut down on the principle that ratepayers should not pay for facilities which are not being used. (HAWKES) • Takes issue with the pool closure for maintenance busy use periods (BIRD) • Says that EA Networks Centre should better manage staff levels, particularly in the gym, instead of cutting hours (JACKSON) • Suggests taking gym classes to rural communities. (JACKSON) • Questions why EANC staff are not bidding for events. (JACKSON) • Says management should report back to ratepayers how to increase utilisation of the stadium. (JACKSON) 	<p>The 22/23 draft budget for EANC meets the R&F policy..</p> <p>The summer closure period was selected as other pools in the district were open allowing aquatic activity to remain in the district. In addition the contractors were available at this time.</p> <p>Gym staffing levels are based on a health and safety risk assessment. Gym classes in rural communities are being investigated.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says the School Holiday programme takes activities out of the EANC and more emphasis should be on showcasing how versatile the EANC is for youth. (JACKSON) 	<p>EANC is not an events facility as per the resource consent. A business and marketing plan and utilisation study is being completed to assess and increase the utilisation of EANC. The school holiday programme supports families in the district as well as getting youth active youth. The model was designed by Sport Canterbury and still followed as per original agreement.</p> <p>Richard Wood</p>
DALE, Nicholas WOODS, Chris	27 182	<p>Improve spending in roading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions the cost of moving digital speed reduction signs every few weeks (DALE) Less road repairs as you should do it right the first time (WOODS) 	<p>The speed indication device is moved around to get coverage of the known sites where speed is an issue. Keeping in one place too long can result in reduced effectiveness particularly for the regular users.</p> <p>Road repairs are needed on what is an aging network. Repairs are often made to try to hold until a more permanent repair or reconstruction is affordable. Every effort made to do it right the first time and this is the case on the reconstructions but the holding repairs will often fail because they are a temporary fix. We do not have the funding or resources to do all the work required on the network.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

Summary of themes that do not support topic one (reviewing levels of service)

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BELL, Sam CLEMENS, Val EASON, Ed FOLLEY, David FRANZ, Brenda GREENAWAY, John HEAVEN, Maryann HODGE, Ian & Helen HUNT, Annette JONES, Sarah KERSLAKE, Diane LEE, Andrea MARILLA, Verissa MAVOR, David SMITHERAM, Glen WEBSTER, Peter WOOD, Edward	18 23 32 50 53 59 67 68-69 72 80 83 88 91 92 154 173 178-181	<p>Maintain current services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned at what these small cuts in service might be. Submitter happy to pay a little more to maintain current services (CLEMENS) • Maintain levels of service as they are currently and do not add new services (EASON) • Continue to maintain current levels of service (FOLLEY) • Minimise waste while maintaining currently levels of service (MAVOR) • I think the current level of service works well in the areas I personally deal with (LEE) • If they are day to day services they must be essential surely (GREENAWAY) • I think it's fine (JONES) • Concerned about the reduction of current levels of service and says that the drinking water/storm water expenditure is necessary. • Suggests that some expenditure could be parked (EA wall and pool expansion and CBD Baring Square redevelopment). But expects this won't be the majority view. Prefer to wear the rate rise and retain normal service levels. Get this stuff done. (HEAVEN) • Service is fine the way it is, why would anyone want a poorer service? Present services must have been thought out and necessary (SMITHERAM) • Says maintenance is important to keep up appearances and health & safety (KERSLAKE) • I think the council should be available as much as possible. So when you need info you can get it etc. (BELL) • Important to keep facilities open and Ashburton looking presentable when driving through (HODGE) • It's important that community and rubbish services are maintained as its already hard enough for folk to remain connected. (FRANZ) • Surely this would have been looked at intensely and costed out accordingly. Any decrease of the current levels I would assume would be more detrimental than beneficial (HUNT) • To keep our community up to a reasonable standard (WEBSTER) 	Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current level of service is just right to allow Council to meet community needs such as providing good quality infrastructure, fund basic public services, maintain its existing assets and comply with new regulations (MARILLA). The total sum collected is adequate to maintain levels of service (WOOD) 	
MCKENNA, Bronnie MURRAY, Peter URQUHART, Kevin	955 109 163	<p>Maintain services at EA Networks Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes that service levels should remain or increase as cutting services based on pandemic usage is illogical (MURRAY) Recommends better promotion to increase usage of facilities (MURRAY) Recommends direct users of services to pay higher contribution to cover costs (MURRAY) Submitter and family use EA Networks Centre pools and spa in the evenings due to hours of work. Reducing the hours will result in them being not able to use facility. Recommends having the pools open at least one later evening per week (MURRAY) Suggests that over the winter months EANC hours should remain the same so families or people who work during the day (rate payers) can access the pool for some exercise or leisure time. (MCKENNA) Rate payers should be able to use community services like the EA Complex once they've finished work, go later in the evening to relax when it's not full of learn to swim and students (URQUHART) 	<p>A business and marketing plan and utilisation study is being completed to assess and increase the utilisation of EANC.</p> <p>The reduction of hours in the gym and swimming pools, were chosen to reflect the times of low numbers of usage.</p> <p>Council has to provide a base level of staff in these areas, to ensure the safety of users. This is generally the same if there is 1 or 50 people using the pool or gym.</p> <p>Richard Wood</p>
CLARKE, Peter DE BOER, Marel EVEREST, Phillip GUISE, Marion HOLMES, Brent HOOPER, Maxine MURDOCK, Barbara PERKINS, Alistair TIMOTHY, Cory	22 28 38 60 70 71 108 118-119 160	<p>Concerns about impact for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We cannot afford to drop services because in the future we will have to catch up (CLARKE) It would fall to the next term to raise the rate to compensate for the decay of things saved on (DE BOER) Because things become overwhelming if left too long (GUISE) Says services should not decrease or they will need to be caught up in the future and will cost more (HOLMES) Says temporary reductions often lead to permanent reduction in service (EVEREST) Don't want the town to get behind in its look (MURDOCK) 	Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small increase now is better than a huge increase later (TIMOTHY) • Believes we may end up with same scenario as roading where we are playing catch up (HOOPER) • Services to public would suffer as a result of this. (PERKINS) • Reducing recreational services would not be good for long term health of community, especially due to Covid-19 interruptions of healthy habits • Cultural activities are important to some in the community (EVEREST) 	
BRIDGE, Lynnette HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL HANHAM, Teri MOORE, Jonathan TITO, Robert WALLACE, Lorna & Des WOODS, Chris	20-21 61-62 65 104 161 168 182	<p>Current service levels are lacking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says the current level of service is poor and staff accessibility and responsiveness is difficult (MOORE, J) • Because some of the services are lacking already (WALLACE) • Because you don't provide any services (WOODS) • Because service provided does not cover all community groups (TITO) • There is already a reduction and less than satisfactory supply of service from the council, whether it be answering the telephone or arranging for issues to be dealt with. The budgets that are formed should concentrate firstly on the service and maintenance needs of the community before any budget is allowed for new building wants (BRIDGE) • There are many service levels that do not adequately address ADC's obligation to consider cultural, environmental, economic and social aspects of the Mid Canterbury community. However, there are areas where millions of dollars are poured in annually, that could be redistributed. (HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL) • There's a lot of work needed to make our roads and pedestrian areas safer (HANHAM) 	Noted
MOORE, Christine PEILUA, Peter RENNIE, Roger	103 117 128	<p>Increase levels of service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says that hours at new library should be longer and volunteers could enable this. Is interested in participating as a volunteer at the library (MOORE, C) • Says the level of service should increase through employment of more professional management and more value from current budget (RENNIE) • Believes a reduction in service contradicts the council's vision and strategic direction. The Ashburton District Council should, instead, 	Noted

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		investigate ways to increase its public services particularly for its rural communities. The \$95K budgeted to carry out a utilisation study of EA Networks and sports fields in the current draft plan could be broadened to include recommendations for improving the council's services to its rural community. (PEILUA)	
EVEREST, Phillip TARBOTTON, Jane	38 159	<p>Council are already making reviews where possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests Council has made all cuts possible to retain existing services, emphasises need to keep existing services operating. Pleased to see non-essential capital projects deferred (EVEREST) • Believes Council is reviewing hours places are open and adjusting to the demand from the community (TARBOTTON) 	Noted
FOWLER, Ian GREENAWAY, John MAVOR, David NELL, Malcolm PEILUA, Peter PLUNKETT, Kirsty WALSH, Deanna WEBSTER, Peter WHITE, Antony	51 59 92 110 117 120 169 173 176	<p>Prefer to see other options investigated (to reduce rate burden)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says to keep trying to be efficient as any other business in a high inflationary period. (MAVOR) • Suggests we need to maintain our district by being smart about spending and grow when things are going good (NELL) • The Ashburton District have other options in its tool kit to ensure that high quality day-to-day services could be increased within current proposed rates increase. This could be in the form or reviewing the Councils debt ceiling. (PEILUA) • Suggests Council should improve productivity by streamlining processes, reducing bureaucracy. Acknowledging that some of the box ticking is to comply with central government regulation, but there must be more efficient ways of doing things in local policy to maintain output and quality. (WALSH) • Thinks it's more important to be aware of where the money is being spent and get good value for every dollar spent (FOWLER) • Says reducing levels of service won't make a difference (PLUNKETT) • Suggests to put less money to sports stadium and art centre and increase fees to users (WEBSTER) • Suggests Council could run more efficiently. OK with increasing the rates, so long as operations are run as efficiently as they can be, and the best staff employed to do the work. • Requests less flash and more basics (GREENAWAY) 	Noted
DALE, Nicholas	27	Areas noted to not reduce levels of service in	Noted

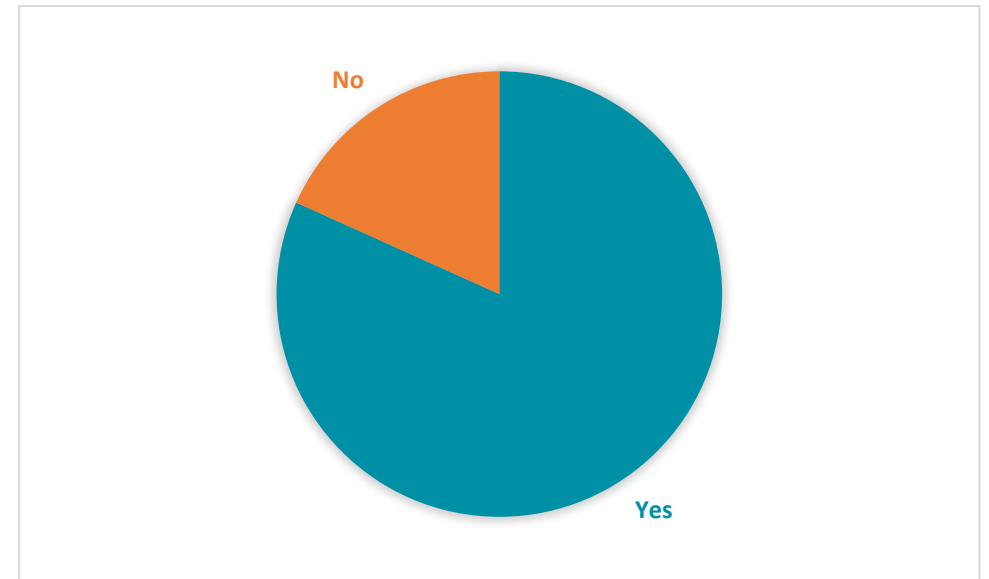
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***Topic Two: Using forestry reserves to
bring our major roading repairs
programme forward***

A summary of feedback on topic two

Based on the question “Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?”

Answer	Number of people
Yes	94
No	21
Total	115



Summary of support and non-support for topic two (using forestry reserves to pay for major roading repairs)

Based on the question “Should we use \$1.7M from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?”

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Summary of themes that support topic two (using forestry reserves to pay for major roading repairs)

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ANONYMOUS 2 BIRD, Matthew DONDERTMAN, Josh EDZES, Sara HODGE, Ian & Helen HYDES, Ian KEEFE, Rere MCKENNA, Bronnie MCLINTOCK, Sandra MURDOCH, Barbara POLLARD, Karen RITCHIE, Graham TITO, Robert	9-10 19 31 33 68-69 74-75 81 95 99 108 121 129 161	<p>Repair roads for safety reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes our roads are killing people and Council has wasted money meant for roads in other places (BIRD) • Because there are so many potholes throughout the district that are dangerous (EDZES) • People are dying on these roads whether it's the deceased fault or not the road in some way or form contributed (KEEFE) • Matter of keeping up and safety (MURDOCH) • Daughter was almost in an accident from an oncoming driver swerving to miss one (MCKENNA) • Huge safety aspect, potholes are dangerous (HODGE) • The potholes are dangerous and all the fuss which is made about health and safety and then something the District Council is control of is one of the worst hazards around. (MCLINTOCK) • rural roads around Ashburton are like a third world country with potholes and dangerous at night as well (RITCHIE) • Causes dangerous driving (ANONYMOUS 2) • Believes we need to bring roads back up to an adequate level so they are safe to drive on for the rural sector (DONDERTMAN) • Believes Council should only use the funds to repair roads that are a matter of life or death (POLLARD) • Since the sides were graded off the Methven end of Line Rd it is now dangerous. Please consider widening the tarseal. (HYDES) 	<p>Road repairs are needed on what is an aging network. Repairs are often made to try to hold until a more permanent repair or reconstruction is affordable. Every effort made to do it right the first time and this is achieved on the reconstructions but the holding repairs will often fail because they are a temporary fix in an old section of pavement.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
BIRD, Matthew CLEMENS, Val DIXON, Kaitlin EVEREST, Phillip FOWLES, Jane HODGE, Ian & Helen HURST, Jeff HYDES, Ian NEW, Athol	19 23 30 38 52 68-69 73 74-75 115	<p>Higher quality repairs are needed to reduce (repetitive) road repairs in future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter has had the same pot holes filled in weekly or biweekly around their area (PLUNKETT) • Wants to see road get fixed properly (BIRD) • Says if Council does it properly the first time and you wouldn't have to do road repairs (DIXON) • The repairs need to be done properly once (HODGE) 	<p>As above.</p>

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PLUNKETT, Kirsty REID, James SMITHERAM, Glen STEVENS, David and Claire YOUNG, Don	120 127 154 158 184	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'do it once - do it right' attitude is important if reserves are to be used (CLEMENS) • Would be great if the temporary patches (which seem to be just hot mix poured into a hole which chops out in the next rain or after a couple of heavy trucks travel over) could be repaired with some better material - that initially may cost a bit more - but over longer period result in less patch ups - not sure if this is possible but need investigating. (EVEREST) • It would be great to get more roads built right the first time and not having band aid repairs regularly (REID) • Pay the money and repair our roads properly the first time (YOUNG) • Dependant on whether you intend to do more patch up jobs or spend the money fixing the road properly. (FOWLES) • Believes if the roads will need less repairing that must save future costs. (HURST) • Suggests it would be good to see roads fixed once properly rather than all small patches (NEW) • Repairs to our sealed roads have been poor quality (HYDES) • Wants to see roads fixed properly instead of poor patch up jobs every few months. (HURST) • Suggests that some roading repairs could be done to a better standard rather than endlessly spending money on inferior patch ups which cost more in the long run. (SMITHERAM) • Repairs are not lasting and it seems we are paying each time there is a need to repair a repair. Questions if there is a clause in the contracts for the length of time the road surface should last? (STEVENS) 	
EASON, Ed FEDERATED FARMERS MAVOR, David NEW, Athol TITO, Robert	32 42-48 92 115 161	<p>Roads are vital to the district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads vital to district economy and the safety of residents. Please keep pressure on govt to receive fair share of RUC paid locally by us now (MAVOR) • Our roading is vital to safety and accessibility (especially for rural people). (DEPREE) • Roothing and water services are by far our most important assets, and are essential to life and trading as we know it. (EASON) • If we have safe and well maintain roads people would love to come visit our beautiful scenery (TITO) 	<p>This is the second year of the 2021-24 Land Transport Programme with the funding levels from Waka Kotahi approved for that period. An increase in funding for road maintenance and renewals will be sought for the 2024-27 LTP.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roading network is crucial for the agricultural sector and we therefore support bringing forward major repairs if the rating impact is manageable for rural ratepayers (who are the major contributor to the roading rate). (FEDERATED FARMERS) 	
ANDREWS, Allan ANONYMOUS 1 ANONYMOUS 2 ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ATKINSON, Guy BELL, Sam CLARKE, Peter CLEMENS, Val DALE, Nicholas DIXON, Kaitlin ENSOR, Paul GIRVAN, Robert and Jacqueline HOOPER, Maxine HUNT, Annette HYDES, Ian JACKSON, Verity JONES, Sarah KEEFFE, Rere KUMAR, Sandeep LALLU, Balwant LEE, Andrea MURRAY, Peter PARKES, Adrian RAE, Tracy SCOTT, Suzanne TIMOTHY, Cory VINCENT, Les WEBSTER, Peter	5-6 8 9-10 13-14 15 18 22 23 27 30 34 55-56 71 72 74-75 78-79 80 81 84 85 88 109 116 124 151 160 165 173	<p>Road condition is poor and needs to be addressed (particularly in rural)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says the roading around the district in places is terrible and needs to be repaired properly, not patched and substandard work. (ANONYMOUS 4) Says roading, particularly rural is substandard with years of neglect. Shingle roads unacceptable (ANONYMOUS 2) Because roads are bad (ANONYMOUS 1) Says the roads in some areas are in very poor condition but suggests the quality of repairs have not always been the best and need redoing relatively quickly (CLEMENS) Our rural roads are in a desperate need of repair and upgrade (HYDES) Roading in the district is to a low standard (ENSOR) There are a lot of roads / or sections of roads that are in need of attention. This should of benefit to most rate payers (HUNT) The roads are neglected and should have been addressed before the implementation of the new CBD / Museum (KEEFE) The roads need to be repaired, there is no point in waiting and putting it off (JACKSON, V) Suggests that the rural ratepayers (farmers) do not get a fair deal for the amount of rates they pay. Roads in the countryside are in general in a state of poor repair. Asks when the last time Council increased the sealed roads buy converting gravel to seal? Thank goodness the old County Councilors did such a good job of sealing roads years ago. (GARDINER) Says the condition of a lot of the roading in the district is poor and an injection of funds is needed (MURRAY) Says the roads are in terrible condition and need the money spent on them now (TIMOTHY) Because our roads are deteriorating to substandard (WEBSTER) Says the state of the roads and the style of maintenance and remediation work as substandard when compared with other districts. (VINCENT) 	<p>The majority of the roading network is 70 years old and is a chip seal flexible pavement. The sections of the network that have had the higher traffic volumes and heavy traffic are in need of repair or reconstruction. Reconstruction and heavy maintenance and reseals is carried out on the worse sections. Where this is not able to be carried out due to funding constraints temporary pothole patching and repairs are carried out to try to hold them until a more permanent repair is possible. The patching and temporary repairs are frustrating for Council, the maintenance contractor and road user but unfortunately are all that we are able to do without significant overspending.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p> <p>Council is concerned about the aging road network and lack of sufficient subsidised funding, and is responding by increasing the Unsubsidised Roothing budget to undertake more rehabilitation work.</p> <p>Neil McCann</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests the money has to come from somewhere and we would like the roads to be fit for purpose. (ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION) • Believes the roads are a mess and get used all the time (BELL) • Believes roading has deteriorated considerably, and there's a significant number of large sized potholes and vegetation at some corners and intersections. (ALLAN) • Notes that the road towards Mayfield from Geraldine is one of the worst roads for potholes (DIXON) • Questions why wait till the roads need to be repaired, should be general maintenance. (LALLU) • Suggest road repairs have slipped so far behind needing an injection of cash. (Doesn't support the reasoning of May flooding for a lack of investment) (GIRVAN) • Supports because if we don't we will always be patching. (HOOPER) • Believes the roads are terrible. Fix it once, fix it properly (JONES) • Considers that some of our roads are not in great condition for the amount of usage (LEE) • Suggests the state of the roads in our district are absolutely appalling. (DALE) • Believes the state of some of our roads are terrible, especially in some rural areas and this is more of a priority to me. (SCOTT) • Roding is so far behind therefore we need to get potholes repaired effectively as this will save money in the long term. Would then like to see rural roading (shingle roads) brought up to 21st century standards (TARBOTTON) • Supports because it needs to be done. (WALLACE) • Believes the roads are neglected and should have been addressed before the implementation of the new CBD / Museum (KEEFE) • Suggests roads are urgent specially in winter as it gets frosty and lack of marking on road, roads aren't very nice here in Ashburton as compared to Auckland or North Island (KUMAR) • Suggests the longer we let the roads deteriorate the more it will cost (CLARKE) • Suggests roading around the town is full of potholes (RAE) • Says services are below average and is evidenced by potholes around Methven (PARKES) 	

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HODGE, Ian & Helen MCKENNA, Bronnie PLUNKETT, Kirsty	68-69 95 120	<p>Vehicle damage occurring due to poor road condition (potholes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes have popped tyres (PLUNKETT) • Has had to replace two tyres over the years due to hitting massive deep potholes (MCKENNA) • The roads are slowly wrecking peoples cars/vehicles – expensive to maintain (HODGE) 	<p>There will be potholes on some of the network at any time. Repairs are carried out when identified by the cyclic repair team or by the customer request system. (eg Snap, Send, Solve) Mark Chamberlain</p>
ANONYMOUS 3 EASON, Ed EVEREST, Phillip FEDERATED FARMERS GREENAWAY, John HAWKES, Murray HEAVEN, Maryann HYDES, Ron KERSLAKE, Diane LEADLEY, L John MARILLA, Verissa MOORE, Christine MOORE, Jonathan NELL, Malcolm TARBOTTON, Jane WALLACE, Lorna & Des WATSON, David	11 32 38 42-48 59 66 67 76 83 87 91 103 104 110 159 168 171-172	<p>Supports the use of forestry reserve for accelerating roading repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applauds the Council for making this difficult decision to ease the financial burden faced by ratepayers during these challenging times. • The forestry was planted way back as an investment to be used by the council in the future. Well the future is here and the council should use this money as is required. (MOORE, J) • Makes sense (MOORE, C) • Believes Council should use nearly all forestry reserves over the next two years to reduce roading repairs in the future and give a better overall return than the bank (HYDES) • None of this roading repair work will be as cheap as it is right now, and if left, will only get more expensive. Our district must have good roads, so we can trade on the world stage, so any capital that can be found, would be well spent on roading. Besides, it's not as if it's going to be earning much left where it is. (EASON) • The state of our roads have been allowed to slip hence more money is required to bring them up to standard. A one off payment from the forestry fund may do the trick. (KERSLAKE) • Absolutely - this is what reserves are for - put money away for a 'rainy day' - well we had that May 21. The additional road repairs need to be done with urgency before long term deterioration occurs. (EVEREST). • Reserves exist for 'rainy day' scenarios and should be used when appropriate but without leaving enough in the 'pot' for unforeseen events. (WATSON) • MCFE supports the use of reserves to fund projects as this eliminates an immediate rating impact. It also ensures application of the intergenerational equity principle through depreciation being funded over a number of years. (FEDERATED FARMERS) 	<p>While these will be unsubsidised funds (i.e. not matched by Waka Kotahi) to complete the work in 2022/23 it will mean that less work is deferred for another year. Mark Chamberlain</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We note the Council's total reserve is \$65.6 million. We commend the Council on maintaining this reserve and are therefore comfortable with the use of \$1.7 million from the forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs. (FEDERATED FARMERS) Notes that this will still leave a credit of over 3 million in the Forestry accounts suggests this seems reasonable. (HEAVEN) Supports taking money from reserves to upgrade roading is supported on a one-off basis. (LEADLEY) Suggests that holding reserves while borrowing money is just an ego trip (HAWKES) Says a reserve's purpose is for when you have a shortfall. Spend the money wisely now and it will save going forward. (ANONYMOUS 3) Believes the trees will grow again (GREENAWAY) Believes forestry is a rainy day reserve (NELL) 	
EDZES, Sara ENSOR, Paul EVEREST, Phillip MCKENZIE, Craig WOOD, Edward	33 34 38 96 178-181	May 2021 flooding has made road repairs a priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says the District had 'that rainy day' in May 2021 (EVEREST) Reserves should be used after significant events, and roading in the district is to a low standard (ENSOR) Suggests an extra measure on road repairs after the recent floods. (EDZES) Roads are still suffering from last winter's rain events and this money is for the ratepayers (MCKENZIE) The repairs happened because of a freak of nature and the roads are uninsurable (WOOD) 	Repairs from the May and July rain events have largely been completed. Additional funding from Waka Kotahi was approved for the majority of the repairs. Mark Chamberlain
BEESTON, Bryan FOLLEY, David FRANZ, Brenda MCKENNA, Bronnie NELL, Malcolm	17 50 53 95 110	Requests for the extra funding to also include other roading/footpath work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned about seeing zero in draft budget with regards to footpaths. Requests that some of the major road repairs budget is spent on new footpaths to future-proof the town, promote walking as a healthy choice and reduce dangerous hazards for people. (BEESTON) Believes if Council use these reserves then focus should be on urban areas first (FOLLEY) Wants Council to continue to remove the deep street gutter drains that are a H&S risk to elder people (FOLLEY) Suggests footpaths need to be sprayed to remove the moss & lichen as when it gets wet in the winter it becomes very slippery, then use the balance to do road repairs. (FOLLEY) 	New footpaths are planned to be constructed as part of our Low Cost Low Risk funding and/or from the unsubsidised roading improvements budget. Replacement of the old deep kerb and channel is funded from our subsidised drainage renewals budget. No current forward programme for this work.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests that Council should focus not only on the potholes, but also the paint and signage at stop/give way signs. Says to also include bridges – are also are in need of investment (NELL) Supports the use of reserves only if it's contributed to the new road bridge to keep us connected to the rest of the country (FRANZ) 	<p>Spraying of lichen is carried out using a slow acting product where appropriate. Roadmarking and sign maintenance is funded from our subsidised network service maintenance budget.</p> <p>Bridge maintenance is funded from our subsidised structure maintenance budget. Recent inspection of the bridges has identified maintenance and renewals items that will be programmed.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
RENNIE, Roger ROBERTSON, David WRIGHT, Correy	128 130-133 183	<p>Doesn't believe Council should have forestry reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not believe Council should be in the business of having a forestry reserve and should instead provide needed services for ratepayers (RENNIE) Agrees with the Council using forestry reserves to repair/upgrade roads, as forestry is not a core function of Council. (ROBERTSON) Would prefer to see good infrastructure than forestry (WRIGHT) 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
DEPREE, Liz NELL, Malcolm PERKINS, Alistair	29 110 118-119	<p>Agrees but concerned about maintaining reserve balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agrees if only selling trees and not if also selling off reserved land for control over future use. (PERKINS) Questions if a proportion be used to keep some reserves in the future (DEPREE) Urges Council to ensure the plan is to replant and regrow the forestry reserve as it will rain again. (NELL) 	<p>The use of the forestry reserve is a one off. Longer term we need to obtain increased funding from Waka Kotahi to carry out the maintenance and renewals necessary for the total roading network.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

Summary of themes that do not support topic two (using forestry reserves to pay for major roading repairs)

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
FAVEL, Donna FELTON, Maria	41 49	Do not agree with the principle of using of reserves to fund roading repairs	Noted

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HALLENSTEIN, Ben SMITHERAM, Glen WALL, Nicola WEIR, Peter WHITE, Antony	64 154 167 174-175 176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes it's a one-time revenue stream. It won't go far enough and the time to grow a new crop of trees is too long. It's not enough to be effective. It's a good idea but it won't go far enough to be worth the loss of income (FELTON) • Does not agree that using capital reserves to spend on repairs is good use of funds considering that weather, wear and tear is likely ongoing and recurring. (HALLENSTEIN) • Doesn't agree with selling the family jewels for a short term gain then a long term loss. Better to borrow money to achieve requirements. Interest is way cheaper than the ever increasing cost to carry out requirements and inflation kills the value of the money borrowed over time (SMITHERAM) • Believes roading should be a core expense (WALL) • Believes proposal is outrageous. Council Forestry should never be asked to cross-subsidise rural roading. (WEIR) • Does not agree with long term reserve being used for short term maintenance (WHITE) • Suggests it is an exercise in futility to reinstate roads that are prone to be washed away and damaged given the increased frequency of severe events (FAVEL) • Believes using forestry reserve funds, which were set aside to reinstate forestry (a Climate Change benefit) to pay for roading (infrastructure for a Climate Change exacerbator) seems to smack of duplicity (FAVEL) 	
CRISPIN, Sarah HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL PARKES, Adrian WEIR, Peter WHITE, Antony	26 61-62 116 174-175 176	<p>Believes funding should be used elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes forestry reserves should be used to regenerate the district with more trees and parks (PARKES) • Requests that the funding go towards that second bridge to alleviate traffic and increase resilience to more flooding due to climate change. (CRISPIN) • Believes revenue and operating surplus from forestry should be recycled back into purchase of bare land in the foothills for and afforestation using fast growing exotic tree species to take advantage of revenue from sale of NZUs under the NZ emissions trading scheme, while providing offsets to Council's high emissions activities, working towards a Carbon -neutral 	Noted

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		<p>Council and provide recharging infrastructure for lower emissions transport fleets (Electric Vehicles) (WEIR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes the reserve should be used for longer term infrastructure items that will reduce future maintenance (WHITE) • Says forestry reserves should be used for replanting in the district, if not for forestry then for carbon sequestration. Strongly believe in a global approach to reducing carbon emissions and increasing carbon sequestration (HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL) 	
DE BOER, Marel POSTLETHWAITE, James WASZCZAK, Eliza	28 122 170	<p>Satisfied with roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes roads are acceptable and green spaces and bike facilities including places where children can practice biking and road rules in a safe way would be more appropriate. (DE BOER) • Does not believe the roads are in a bad state of repair. It's been a challenging year for roading repairs and most areas have been brought back to a good standard. People will always complain about the state of the roads, even if they were driving on pristine roads they would complain (POSTLETHWAITE) • Does not believe district roads are bad (WASZCZAK) 	Noted
CRESSEY, Mark GLEASON, Mark	25 57	<p>Believes it's not a good look</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes current and previous councils have dropped the ball on roads, to justify spending the reserves by blaming last year's floods on the poor quality of roads is a get out of jail free card (CRESSEY) • Believes using forestry money/resources to fund rural roading could be viewed as myopic and could be misconstrued by a hostile media (GLEASON) 	<p>The use of the forestry reserve is a one off for the second year of the subsidised 2021-24 Land Transport Programme funding. This is to enable a reduction in the deferred maintenance/renewals for one year. Longer term we need to obtain increased funding from Waka Kotahi to carry out the maintenance and renewals necessary for the total roading network.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

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Drinking Water

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ANONYMOUS 2 FEDERATED FARMERS GLEASON, Mark LEADLEY, L John LUXTON, Frank	9-10 42-48 57 87 90	<p>Government Three Waters Reform (and Taumata Arowai)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to oppose elements of the Three Waters proposal, which could mean that ADC subsidises other Authorities who have lacked the vision of ADC, resulting in poor maintenance and lack of upkeep (LEADLEY) Questions if Council should defer water upgrades in Methven with three waters upcoming (LUXTON) Shared Council's concerns regarding Three Waters and the creation of Taumata Arowai. Pleased the Council has joined Communities 4 Local Democracy – he hapori mō te Manapori (FEDERATED FARMERS) Some farm households are connected to council reticulated schemes so have a vested interest, whole others are not connected but contribute to the cost of council's urban water networks through general rates. Concern at what will happen with council operated but community owned schemes. Says many members (but not all) view the Three Waters reform with great disdain (GLEASON) Questions how the mayor earlier this year justified proposed rates increase on water infrastructure which will now be paid for through three waters legislation which this government will push through (ANONYMOUS 2). 	Noted
EASON, Ed	32	Encouraging to see degree of water network upgrades being carried out over recent years.	Noted
PARKES, Adrian	116	Based on the LTP consultation topic on water meters, believes that the majority of the district did not agree to water meters and that the rate payer has not been listened to. Says that growth in Methven funds all the centres in the district, instead of allocating it to improving drinking water	Universal metering has been used in smaller townships and is helping in the management of those schemes. It is being trialled at scale in Methven to assist in managing demand on the scheme and identification of public and private leakage.

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			<p>Methven is benefiting through the group funding of the drinking water activity for funding of the new membrane treatment plant and reservoir projects. These projects would have placed a significant burden on Methven ratepayers if funded solely by Methven community.</p> <p>Andrew Guthrie</p>
METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD	101	The Board expects to see the full completion of the Methven water upgrade within the next 12 months as the work commencement keeps being dragged backwards.	<p>This project, like many around the region and country, is being impacted by supply chain delays. At this point, the project is on track for completion by June 2023.</p> <p>Andrew Guthrie</p>
WEIR, Peter	174-175	Acknowledges Council recent lift in investment in drinking water infrastructure, but suggests we have historically under-spent on its 3 Waters, delivering drinking water to its small rural communities that fails to meet long standing drinking water standards.	Noted

Transportation

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ANDREWS, Allan FEDERATED FARMERS GLEASON, Mark	5-6	<p>Build the new bridge over the Ashburton River as soon as possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue with haste the new bridge over the Ashburton River (ANDREWS) Re-states their view that the bridge needs to be built as soon as possible as it is crucial for the economic and social well-being of Ashburton residents and visitors. (FEDERATED FARMERS) Notes that there are several issues regarding the proposed second bridge, particularly the speed of its progress (GLEASON) 	<p>The Detailed Business Case is in progress and this will give information on the funding required to complete the bridge.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
KEEFE, Rere LEADLEY, L John MCNABB, Craig WEBSTER, Peter WEIR, Peter	81 87 100 173 174-175	<p>Waka Kotahi Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests Council tries to get more road funding from NZTA (WEBSTER) Requests measures to hold large silage contractors responsible for road damage as submitter asserts they are high road users, pay no road user charges or registrations and exceed road weights. (KEEFE) Requests Council lobby central government to increase the RUCs take and hence rebate via GPS tracked RUCs (Smart RUCs). A targeted rate (general rural) heavy transport should be struck driven by Equivalent Axle loads per hectare (dairy would face a significant increase). Southland District has an economic model to shape a targeted rate. Questions if the government should help with the major roading repairs? (MCNABB) 	<p>We do need to obtain increased funding from Waka Kotahi to carry out the maintenance and renewals necessary for the total roading network.</p> <p>The heavy vehicle fleet does have the main impact on our roading network. The RUC paid by them is used to fund the subsidised Land Transport Programme.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

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ANDREWS, Allan ANGUS, Lauren GUISE, Marion HYDES, Ian KEEFE, Rere LOUSICH, Stephen MCNABB, Craig	5-6 7 60 74-75 81 89 100	<p>General transportation requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests reduction of speed limits on rural roads to suit the road (KEEFE) • Requests rumble lines approaching intersections to alert the driver (KEEFE) • Requests restrictions on trucks access certain roads to reduce the amount of roads that need repair (KEEFE) • Requests pedestrian crossings at West Street end of rail over bridge and between New World and Super cheap. (LOUSICH) • Consideration should be given to widening the tar seal at the Methven end of Line Road. Repairs to our sealed roads have been of poor quality (HYDES) • Requests a cycle track along Alford Forest Road as far as Digby's Bridge (GUISE) • Requests a cycle lane along Racecourse Road from the State Highway to Alford Forest Road to prevent a cyclist from an accident when keeping to the road edge especially near the Racecourse (GUISE) • Requests a safe right turn from the State Highway into the Layby just north of Racecourse Road (GUISE) • Requests streets with sudden dips, rough spots, uneven surfaces, broken road edges are addressed for cyclist safety benefits (GUISE) • Would like to see more active lobbying to get port and long-distance container traffic to rail and resist any moves to increase maximum loads on road transport. (LEADLEY) • Requests more compulsory stop signs at giveaway intersections and warning signs of upcoming stop signs. (ANDREWS) • Requests that the footpaths around Rakaia are increased. Missing foot paths make it difficult to walk around especially with prams and for elderly with mobility scooters (ANGUS) • Strongly suggests any work that is done on our roads by contractors should be checked by the appropriate council team to ensure top quality work and materials are being used to repair our roads (MCNABB) 	<p>Speed limit reductions will be part of the Speed Management Plan required as part of the new Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022 and the Speed Management Guide.</p> <p>Restriction of heavy vehicles on rural roads is only related to weight restricted bridges. Heavy vehicles associated with dairy and agriculture cover the majority of the rural network so restricting them on some roads would be problematic.</p> <p>Waka Kotahi are responsible for pedestrian crossings on West St (SH1) and SH77. Council can promote improvements to Waka Kotahi, and has repeatedly done so.</p> <p>There is a programme for seal widening various sections of the sealed network. Funding is from the subsidised Low Cost Low Risk category so seal widening competes with the other improvements such as intersection upgrades, new footpaths, cycle tracks, etc.</p> <p>The work carried out by contractors is checked. Any poor workmanship, materials, etc. and any identified failures have to be rectified at the contractor's expense.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

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NELL, Malcolm	110	Thanks to the team that is looking after our community assets. But is concerned we have some part of the roading system that is not standing up to today's traffic loads. Concerned that the \$1.7M will disappear if the work is not carried out to a higher standard.	<p>The additional funding is a one off to reduce the amount of deferred work. It is proposed to use it to complete rehabilitation on some of our worse sections of pavement so will be to a high standard and require minimal future maintenance.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
NELSON, Darryl	111	CBD looks good but concerns with angle parking	<p>Care is always needed at angle parking. If the time and care is taken by all road users there should be few problems in the low speed environment.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>
STEVENS, David and Claire	158	Questions spending money on stalled projects - e.g. the second bridge. Deciding when enough is enough and not flogging a dead horse. Says Council spends money to fix contractors mistakes.	<p>The Detailed Business Case for the second bridge will inform both Council and Waka Kotahi of the funding needs so a decision can be made.</p> <p>Rework by contractors is completed at their cost i.e. no additional cost to Council.</p> <p>Mark Chamberlain</p>

Waste reduction & recovery

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
ATKINSON, Guy	15	Commends kerb side collection but believes we should be able to recycle soft plastics	<p>Some soft plastics can be recycled however, as most soft plastics are not numbered, residents will find it difficult to identify which are No. 4, 2, and 5 plastics. Therefore, we do not accept soft plastics in our kerbside collection system.</p> <p>Alternatively, a Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme is now available in New Zealand. Collection points are at selected locations for Countdown, The Warehouse, New World, Pak'nSave stores and other locations. However, the scheme is not available in the Ashburton district at this.</p> <p>Hernando Marilla</p>

Community Governance & Decision-Making

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed in comments made by a Councillor in the Ashburton Public Meeting. Request that future public meetings are livestreamed. Request that submission closing times are standardised to Midnight Sunday or 6am on a Monday. 	<p>We currently are not resourced to live-stream public meetings not held at Council.</p> <p>We note the request to have a standardised time for submission closing times, however our deadlines are often determined on processing turn-around times for Council.</p>

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CLEMENS, Val	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates the time spent by Councillors in reading and listening to the submissions on a plan for Lake Camp and the Clearwater huts. When considering future spending, submitter asks that funds are made available to ensure a number of urgent actions are taken to lessen the likelihood of further water quality degradation in Lake Clearwater; and to deal with weeds to avoid future problems. 	<p>Toni Durham</p> <p>Noted</p>
BIRD, Matthew HAWKES, Murray YOUNG, Don	19 66 184	<p>Lack of trust/faith in Council (decision-making)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says his personal faith in Council over the last 10 years has been lost (BIRD) Believes that decisions are made in the office and not based on what the community wants (BIRD) Believes the community has been screaming for things for youth and family as that is our future but yet money gets wasted on lower priority work (BIRD) Says consultation is fine if the public input is enacted upon. Classic example is the second bridge. Council decided, then consulted the ratepayers, ignored their majority decision on the most sensible and practical site. Says post decision consultation is a token gesture and a box ticking farce (YOUNG) Says to start spending the communities money as if you earned it and not as if you stole it (HAWKES) 	<p>Elected members are required under the Local Government Act to consider the views of and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the matter. Council uses it's Community Engagement Policy to determine the level of community engagement for Council decisions.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>
FEDERATED FARMERS HANHAM, Teri KELLY, Grahame ROBERTSON, David	42-48 65 82 130-133	<p>Presentation of information for Annual Plan consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like it to be clearer whether varying property valuations do, or do not increase the overall amount of rate that the Council collects (KELLY) Recommends including a breakdown of the rural rate increase across the different rural areas of the district, such as 'Hinds rural' and 'Methven rural', as opposed to just the townships in rural areas). This would align with the approach to show the rate increases across urban areas and is commonly used by other councils in their presentation of rates information. Notes this is transparent and would help them better understand the impact on their members. (FEDERATED FARMERS) 	<p>As per the Consultation Document, the change in property values does not increase the amount of rates Council collects, rather it determines each property's contribution.</p> <p>We note the request to include rural rate areas for the district. The rural rates are not based on areas, they are based on property value. We show the rural townships as they are generally connected</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter believes it's hard to make informed comments without all of the information. Says this survey should have come with an abridged summary of the issues. Locals shouldn't be expected to read the full plan or comment without background (HANHAM) • Says the draft Annual Plan document lacks detail and makes it impossible to make a meaningful submission (ROBERTSON) 	<p>to more Council services including drinking water, wastewater and refuse collection.</p> <p>We note the comments re lack of information, it appears some may not have been aware of the Consultation Document or Draft Annual Plan online. We will review our engagement approach to consider ways to improve.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>

Economic Development & Property

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL	61-62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see Welcoming Communities Advisor role filled. • Requests greater opportunity for elected members to learn more about newcomers - around 20% of population, essential in workforce of primary industry and general wellbeing of district. 	<p>The Welcoming Communities Advisor Role has been filled with the new person starting 13 June.</p> <p>Simon Worthington</p>
MORGAN, Sally	105-107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's contract with ChChNZ of \$250k, a dedicated staff member and KPI's for the activity is a good investment. • Questions why the ED function had \$480k in its LTP year 1 budget, \$810K in its AP budget and \$993k at end of LTP period. • Asserts that the increase is unjustified because of no return on investment to Council or ratepayers. • Notes that Grow Mid Canterbury received \$250K from Council and value for money led to review of it in 2016. • Notes that Canterbury Chamber of Commerce received no funding from Council but has dedicated staff offering values to businesses in Mid Canterbury. 	<p>Council's budget is \$252k which includes the contract with Christchurch NZ for \$195,000 per year over a three-year term. The balance of of the budget covers the Methven iHub and overheads.</p> <p>ED has sourced other funding that has increased its Year 1 budget. Rate funding is leveraged to attract additional funding each year for the benefit of the district.</p> <p>There was a review of Grow Mid Canterbury in 2017 from an independent consultant which led to the funding being</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that the ED budget be reduced to \$250,000 with KPI's fully reported to Council and if the budget cannot be reduced then funds be used to commission an independent review of the function. 	<p>removed and ED being rehoused within Council.</p> <p>The Chamber of Commerce receives government funding to provide services to Ashburton District.</p> <p>A reduction in funds will lead to a reduction in the levels of service.</p> <p>Simon Worthington</p>
KUMAR, Sandeep	84	Believes Ashburton needs a passenger train to reduce traffic on road, road damage attract more people. Says that trains are very important for growth.	<p>This is not currently an activity on our work programme to investigate.</p> <p>Simon Worthington</p>
SMITHERAM, Glen	154	Rather than sell off existing assets such as the present Council building and the Library once the new building is completed, Council should look at retaining them for future upgrade and use.	<p>Comments noted. All options will be considered in regards to the future of these existing assets.</p> <p>Colin Windleborn</p>
WEIR, Peter	174-175	Suggests Council should work with neighbouring Selwyn District to restart the former Solid Energy \$68 million Canola (rape seed) oil to biodiesel plant at Rolleston to provide an alternative transport fuel to diesel refined from fossil fuel	<p>We will be in touch with Selwyn DC to discuss this concept.</p> <p>Simon Worthington</p>

Community Services

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HAKATERE MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL	61-62	Believes contestable funding for groups working with newcomers should be increased and requests that Council staff have more time to work collaboratively and share knowledge reciprocally with these groups.	<p>Noted, allocation and distribution of funding is a Council decision.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>

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MCLEOD, Clark	98	Sport and recreation in the community need greater consideration in this financial plan. Many community sports are at a critical point that needs guidance to facilitate the potential consolidation of existing sporting groups and facilities. A district lead longer-term strategy is required.	<p>Council are currently underway in developing a community Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy, which will provide guidance for future increase of participation in sport and recreation.</p> <p>Council is also developing a business and marketing plan for the EA Networks Centre and a utilisation study for the EA Networks Centre and district sports fields to look for opportunities to increase sports participation in the district.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD	101	It is noted under Community Services that \$195,000 is budgeted to upgrade the public conveniences at the Rakaia Gorge, presumably at the holiday park. Suggests there seems to be little need for such expenditure as the facilities are more than adequate suggested approx. 1/2% of total rate take.	<p>These public conveniences are used by the travelling public and in need of an upgrade.</p> <p>As the project is a capital project, it is not funded from operational budgets, so the impact on rates is low.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK CHARITABLE TRUST	112-114	Seeks partnership from Council to deliver Chinese Language Week 2022 from September 1 – October 5. Requests that a staff member from the community development team or library be appointed as a point of contact. Requests a video of support from the Mayor. Offers a financial contribution of \$2,000 to go towards language week events if submitter is heard.	<p>The comments are noted and staff will raise the matter with the appropriate community services teams to see if this can be accommodated.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
SPORT CANTERBURY	155	<p>Requests Council considers increasing the Sport Canterbury Annual grant to the same rate of inflation, as applied to other funded community organisations as listed on page 54 of the Draft Annual Plan (See page 61 of this document for funding requests).</p> <p>Requests same opportunity as other community agencies to present business plans and outcomes six-monthly and to be notified of these meetings.</p>	<p>Noted, Council can direct staff to increase the grant by inflation.</p> <p>Agree with submitters concerns with the timing of presenting to Council, this will be rectified in future.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>

Parks & Open Spaces

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ANDREWS, Allan LEADLEY, L John MURDOCH, Barbara STEVENS, David and Claire	5-6 87 108 158	<p>New entrance to the domain (Walnut Ave)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests domain entrance is not delayed (MURDOCH) for safety reasons (ANDREWS) • Believes the entrance to the domain should be paid for by Waka Kotahi and not Council (STEVENS) • Endeavour to create better access to the Domain from SH1 to justify the huge cost of Parks and Reserves budget and enable better utilisation of a wonderful venue. (LEADLEY) 	<p>Waka Kotahi have declined an approach for funding. The new Domain entrance project shall be revisited with the Council and community in the next Long Term Planning process in 2023.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
HALL, Kara WASZCZAK, Eliza	63 170	<p>Disability inclusive playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Says that raised edges around playground equipment around Ashburton are inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs. Submitter cannot get into the play equipment areas with their young children independently and has to watch from the side. Would like to be able to fully participate in children's play independently (HALL). • Requests all parks to have soft rubber flooring not bark. Says rubber flooring is great for disabled children and prevents children tripping on wood chips (WASZCZAK). 	<p>Note the comments, soft fall will be investigated, however it is generally more expensive with a lower lifespan.</p> <p>Accessibility issues are noted and staff shall add this aspect to pending playground audits and look to implement a practical solution.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
DE BOER, Marel	28	<p>Requests something similar to Timaru bike park. Believes Ashburton Domain and Argyle Park are one of the few nice green spaces in Ashburton. We need to expand for new generations to have a future liveability.</p>	<p>A good suggestion which is on the radar for consideration as part of the Reserve Management Planning process. This process shall occur in the coming two years.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
EDZES, Sara	33	<p>Requests more shared community features such as fruit trees</p>	<p>Staff will consider this request for future planting.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
LOUSICH, Stephen	89	<p>Requests long term-connect waterways in Domain in such a way that people can kayak through.</p>	<p>Request noted but currently not a feature as identified in the Domain Development</p>

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			<p>Plan which was publically consulted on, in 2020.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
MCDUGALL, Graham	93	<p>Requests that the Ng King Chinese Market Garden Settlement in Allenton encompass a shared community garden. Suggests it would be well supported and the proximity to the nearby Lochlea Lifestyle Resort could provide volunteer labour and expertise.</p>	<p>Staff will consider this request for the future, however we will be mindful of the historic importance of the site.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
RAKAIA RUGBY CLUB	125-126	<p>Requests funding and provisional loan support to install new toilets at the new Rakaia Recreation Centre in the Rakaia Domain (See Funding Requests Table on Page 61)</p>	<p>\$351,000 – \$451,000 funding is required for the provision of public toilets in the new facility.</p> <p>2022/23 Rakaia Gorge Toilets renewal project could be delayed and the \$195,000 used towards the project, if the Tourist Infrastructure Fund application is not successful.</p> <p>Shortfall loan funding of \$156,000 would be required.</p> <p>A loan of up to \$200,000, if there is a shortfall in funding, to enable building to begin in late 2022.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
WALKER, Laraine	166	<p>Requests that the planting of plants and flowers be reduced</p>	<p>Management do note there are places where less vibrant displays are preferable, and staff act upon this.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>
WASZCZAK, Eliza	170	<p>Believes things for young people need to be a priority. Requests upgrade to skate park, central parking, gates and entranceways to beach to prevent [people] burning stuff there.</p>	<p>Council officers agree with access control at the South Hakatere mouth access point. Other comments noted.</p> <p>Ian Soper</p>

Recreation Facilities

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
ASHBURTON CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	13-14	Notes that prior to consultation being completed the opening hours of the pool area at EA Networks were reduced. Questions if this results in reduced membership fees, as the pool is now available 10 hours less per week?	<p>Due to the dramatic drop in income, and pressure on staff availability, due to COVID, Council agreed to implement the change of hours earlier than 1 July 2022.</p> <p>The membership fees were not decreased, the fees were maintained and not increased in line with the 5.9% CPI which reflects the change of hours.</p> <p>Richard Wood</p>
DEPREE, Liz	29	Hopes to see continued support for services such as Art Gallery, Libraries (both urban and rural), recreational wellbeing. These are a vital part of all communities in our district.	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
DONDERTMAN, Josh	31	Due to the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions people need to have amenities to be able to use to socialize and interact and learn. Going forward we need more people to come to town to fill job vacancies so we need to offer a great place for them to live.	<p>Comments are noted and COVID- 19 lockdowns did restrict access to number of Council facilities. In the current orange setting these facilities are now fully open.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
JONES, Sarah	80	Requests more for kids to do, particularly where they can play undercover in winter.	<p>Comment noted. Undercover play structures for the winter can be expensive and generally limited to the number of people who can use them.</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>
WHITE, Antony	176	Says we have great facilities for a town this size, but we can always improve on what we currently have.	<p>Comment noted</p> <p>Steve Fabish</p>

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WASZCZAK, Eliza	170	Requests free swimming pool entry for under-fives if adult paying.	Under 5's are entitled to free swimming. We will push marketing on this so the community is more informed. Richard Wood

Regulatory Services

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
MCKAY, Richard	94	Submitter is very concerned at the number of short term rentals (Airbnb's) being set up at Lake Hood. Submitter's home is surrounded by 3 within 100m and 6 within 500m. Expectation for family to grow up in a peaceful environment and not somewhere people are running accommodation businesses. Expects the council to enforce business consent requirements as other councils throughout NZ are doing [with Airbnb's].	Council staff routinely monitor visitor accommodation activities for compliance, most commonly through websites and other advertising. Staff also investigate complaints received from the public. While some activities do not require consent, operators that do are advised to cease or obtain the relevant permissions. Ian Hyde
MOORE, Jonathan	104	With respect to a projected 100% increase in regulation services, submitter believes that Council has fallen behind in this area for more than 18 months and as this area has attention of IANZ the percentages in the draft Annual Plan seem misleading. Believes this department needs attention by Senior Management in all areas. Suggests Council has fallen behind in operating software systems with the rest of the country. Would like to see new processing system installed called Simpli Alpha One to help to reduce building consent applications/inspections and improve staff efficiencies, employee retention, attraction and happy customers.	The 100% figure is set by the Building Act 2004. Council aims to achieve that mark but cannot state any lower figure as a target. Both the Simpli and AlphaOne systems have been investigated in the past. There were no significant benefits that could be gained without a considerable cost to try and integrate those systems into the existing Council-wide software system Michael Wong
LALLU, Balwant	85	Says some bylaws should be changed and that people are just trying to make a living and its hard enough to get by nowadays. There is one set of rules for the big	Our bylaws are reviewed periodically and opened for public submissions. You are

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		businesses and another for the small. Some of your staff need to learn people skills. Says they get nothing for the rates we pay where we are.	welcome to provide feedback at that time on any aspects you disagree with. Jane Donaldson
LEADLEY, L John	87	Supports the longer access provided to drivers aged over 80 in parking spaces. First submitted on this over 15 years ago.	Noted

Finance & Budgets

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
HODGE, Ian & Helen LEADLEY, L John	68-69 87	Supports the proposed rate increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate increase is necessary to keep the district up to standard. Supports the proposed rate increase as advertised to continue successive council's approach of maintaining standards of infrastructure development within budgeting constraints, while planning for the future. 	Noted. Maintaining standards of infrastructure development will prevent a snowball effect of rates of the district. Erin Register
ANONYMOUS 2 FEDERATED FARMERS METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD POLLARD, Karen ROBERTSON, David WALLACE, Lorna & Des WOODS, Chris	9-10 42-48 101 121 130-133 168 182	Concerns with the proposed rate increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not want the rates to increase and would like to see Council be the district that cares about its people and makes clever decisions that shows the rest of New Zealand that it's a Council for its people in tough times. Says that it would attract nationwide publicity (POLLARD) Council should live within their means. The figures quoted for rates increases in many cases are well in excess of 9.4%- Chertsey is 13.8%. Does not understand why stock races are not included. Says increase in Chertsey is unacceptable and 9.4% should be a cap. Believes that Council is trying to increase rural rates to urban Ashburton levels. Asserts that while Council stats urban rates will have the greatest increase some figures show Ashburton at 12% and Chertsey on 13.8% (ANONYMOUS 2) A ridiculous rate increase on top of a huge jump in RV in Methven is disgusting (WOODS) 	Council has no control over inflation which has driven the rates increase; or the distribution of property revaluations across the district. 9.4% refers to the increase from 2021/2022 year to 2022/2023 year. The revaluation effective 1 July 2023 is the basis used to divide rates across the district. Urban areas received a greater increase in value than rural properties. Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Says that Council has not considered the ‘ability to pay’ for pensioners in this district (ROBERTSON) Says the compound increase over 21/22 and 22/23 will be 17.45% and with 23/24 included it becomes 25% which is not on, considering we don’t know how much three waters will cost (ROBERTSON) Recommends that Council keeps rates as low as possible by ensuring rates increases do not dramatically exceed inflation. Notes that 9.4% exceeds Council’s self-imposed rates limited of 7.88%. Notes that rural townships are facing increases of 13.3%-16.2% and this is unacceptable. Notes that all councils are facing inflationary pressures, yet many are absorbing these costs through deferring projects and accessing reserves. Notes that Ashburton Districts proposed average rates increase is at the higher end, from a random sample of other councils proposed rates (FEDERATED FARMERS) Believes the rating system on property is wrong as the number of people using the services varies from house to house so therefore the rated should be on the people not the property (WALLACE) Given that the first 3 years of the LTP indicated a rise of 28% in Methven rates. With the expected 15.4% increase and the 12 odd% from the first year, there is little hope that the next year 2023/2024 will show a rise of under 5%. Acknowledges the inflationary factors in this year’s draft are necessary to be added (METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD) 	<p>Rates Rebate Scheme for low income ratepayers.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>If councils absorb costs through deferring projects there will be a need to catch up in the future and this will increase costs as a result. Council must meet legislative requirements relating to infrastructure. There are activities already contributing to rates. ie reducing the rates requirement; & not increasing the reserve balance.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted Erin Register</p>
FEDERATED FARMERS METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD	42-48 101	<p>Revenue & Financing Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommends that Council considers introducing a remote rural differential for the general rate of 0.75 when reviewing the Revenue & Financing Policy later in the year. This would be in recognition of properties located a notable distance away from the Ashburton town centre. Christchurch City as an example enables rural properties to pay a lesser rate of 0.75, as they are less likely to access Council services (FEDERATED FARMERS) The Board is appreciative of the continued funding regimes for the Community Board, the Methven Reserve and the Methven iHub. It is 	<p>Comments noted Erin Register</p>

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		<p>hoped that the funding regime is confirmed with the next Rating & Revenue Policy review next year (METHVEN COMMUNITY BOARD)</p>	
<p>BRIDGE, Lynnette HURST, Jeff ROBERTSON, David</p>	<p>20-21 73 130-133</p>	<p>Comments and questions on reserve funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions the availability of funds in the forestry/reserves account. Questions if funding accounts have a surplus to needs, why has this not already been re-allocated to reduce the increase in rates to the community (BRIDGE). • Says reserve funds arise from under-expenditure on capital projects and OPEX, especially is raised through a specific rate. Says this happens when estimates for work are poorly calculated or have insufficient detail. If the latter than believes it's questionable that such work should be budgeted for and should not proceed/can be left for later (ROBERTSON) • Submitter asks if council invest in other ways to generate income like they have done with the forestry reserves to continue to build other income streams? E.g. put 0.1% of rates aside into income generating business that will grow with time and provide another source of income (HURST) 	<p>Clarification of purpose of reserves – Reserves are a component of equity representing a particular use which various parts of equity have been assigned.</p> <p>There are activities already contributing to rates. ie reducing the rates requirement; and not increasing the reserve balance.</p> <p>Current contributors: Commercial Property \$1.9m; Interest & Dividends \$2.2m; Forestry \$156k</p> <p>Any unspent capex budget is the subject of a carryover request the following year, which means the budget is available to complete the work.</p> <p>Investment to generate revenue include, Commercial Property purchasing land to develop the Business Estates; Subdivisions; Freeholding Glassgow leases.</p> <p>Forestry replanting forests to generate future revenue.</p> <p>Investment in ACL to generate dividend revenue.</p> <p>Erin Register</p>
<p>DEPREE, Liz</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Suggests Council needs to plan ahead to allow for inflation and cost of living rises for facilities - it's about providing quality and to do that, there needs to be financial commitment that allows for improvement.</p>	<p>LTP does plan for inflation, but current increase exceeded forecasts levels</p> <p>Erin Register</p>
<p>MCNABB, Craig</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>Says money should be spent very carefully going forward. No new spend 2022-23. Any slush funds reduced. Council need to ensure the population of Ashburton are actually cared for and heard by our elected members of council</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Erin Register</p>

Climate Resilience

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COOKE, Jeanette HURST, Jeff	24 73	<p>Flooding resilience</p> <p>Wants to see more work done to clear the Ashburton river so the town isn't flooded next time we have a major rainfall event (HURST)</p> <p>Questions what E-Can has done about the build-up of shingle in the river beds? (COOKE)</p>	<p>Council submitted in support of Environment Canterbury's proposal to increase river protection funding through their draft Annual Pan.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>
GLEASON, Mark	57	Advises close attention to quality of ground water and local rivers.	Noted
WEIR, Peter	174-175	Requests Council do much more to lower the community's dependence on fossil fuels and consequent Greenhouse Gas emissions across its district, not less.	<p>Council recently reviewed it's Climate Change Policy and gave officers the directive to develop a draft Resilience Plan looking at steps Council can take to respond and prepare for the effects from climate change.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>

Covid-19 Government Response

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RZESNIOWIECKI, Greg	134-150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends Council studies the submitter's petition and considers recommending to local MP's and the NZ Parliament that they accept the petition and enact the suggested amendment in the petition. Petition of Greg Rzesniowiecki: Amend Section 5 and add a new section 5A to the NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990 - New Zealand Parliament (www.parliament.nz) • Recommends that Council supports a commission of inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic and the NZ governments response to it. • Recommends that Council opposes NZ's participation in any WHO pandemic treaty. • Recommends that Council cease continuing any Covid-19 measures. 	<p>Council has made decisions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic based on the New Zealand governments advice and requirements. It will continue with this approach.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommends that Council considers promoting the submitters materials to its constituency. 	

Other feedback

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KELLY, Grahame KERSLAKE, Diane MARILLA, Verissa MOORE, Christine PERKINS, Alistair SMITHERAM, Glen	82 83 91 103 118-119 154	General positive feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulates and thanks Council for its service (KELLY) The Council is doing a good job, keep up the good work (KERSLAKE) We place utmost trust to Council knowing that they will always put the community at the center of each decision they take (MARILLA) We live in a great town, let's work to make it even better (MOORE) We are fortunate to live in New Zealand and protecting and caring for our infrastructure is of paramount importance (PERKINS) Submitter impressed to learn that only around half of council revenue comes via rates. Please keep it this way and don't sell the family jewels (SMITHERAM) 	Noted
BRIDGE, Lynnette	20-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Believes funding allocation is disproportionately allocated and huge budget overruns are made by the various council members. Believes council is inexperienced with accounting and that purchasing and large projects decisions are driven by council members wanting to have their name attached to a project. Considers that the Council should be making decisions to ensure maintenance is a priority over new projects. Commends the town centre but questions what cost was it physically and to the businesses [affected]. 	Noted
EASON, Ed	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that neighbouring council of Christchurch City will ask ADC to fund the new Christchurch Sports Stadium, whilst neighbouring councils (such as Christchurch) are not being asked to fund Ashburton's second bridge. 	The Ashburton District Council has not yet been asked to make a funding contribution to Christchurch's new stadium. If asked in the future, this Council will no doubt

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			<p>consider the matter in the context of all regional activities, facilities and funding arrangements between all the Councils in Canterbury.</p> <p>Hamish Riach</p>
ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY	35-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly supports a collaborative approach and looks forward to working together, with the May 2021 floods as an example. • Thanks Mayor Brown for leading the Mayoral Forum’s discussions on the Essential Freshwater reform programme and chairing the Forum’s Essential Freshwater Steering Group meetings in 2021. • Appreciates Council’s Chief Executive Leadership of the Canterbury Chief Executives Forum since 2021. • Acknowledges the Council’s participation in and support of the Ashburton Zone Committee and implementation of the action plan. • Thanks the Council for ongoing leadership and commitment to the CWMS and willingness to work collaboratively with other councils. • Looks forward to continued work on managing land use, reducing nitrate levels and support for landholders to meet requirements of authorities. • Supports the Councils resourcing of water-related infrastructure. • Acknowledges the excellent progress made at Lake Clearwater to improve wastewater management. • Emphasises the importance of accurate information about Council’s water abstraction for stock water. • Welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with staff to identify and implement efficiency gains. • Acknowledges involvement in the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions group. • Looks forward to working together to develop shared regional approaches to key biodiversity challenges for the region, including identification of SNA’s (Significant Natural Areas) • Strongly supports close working relationships between Council, Rūnaka and E-Can. 	Noted
FAVEL, Donna WOOD, Edward	41 178-181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions the benefit to the community from the government funding Council received” \$20 million new Civic Centre and \$13 million Relief Sewer (FAVEL) 	<p>Council’s debt funding was reduced by these grants.</p> <p>Toni Durham</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has failed to explain what is happening to the \$20M grant to the council for the civic centre (WOOD) 	
GIRVAN, Robert and Jacqueline	55-56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stating that Ashburton District rates are lower than other Council is irrelevant and an affront to ratepayers. 	Noted
REID, James	127	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disappointed in seeing many projects go to out-of-town contractors, would like to see more contracts go local even if the cost is slightly more. 	<p>ADC Procurement Policy requires that high expenditure of more than \$75K should be procured through Open Tender unless exceptions set out in the Policy apply. All local contractors are invited to participate during the open tender process. During the tender process, it is made clear in the tender document, particularly in the scoring of the non-price attributes that local experience or being local will be highly scored. This always gives local contractors an edge over contractors from outside the district.</p> <p>With the exception of the CBD and the ARS Project, all contracts have been awarded to local contractors.</p> <p>Hernando Marilla, Neil McCann</p>

Informal community feedback

Communication forum	Community member comments or questions
Public Meeting Online 07/04/22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community member concerned about the EA networks Centre closing earlier as it's a good place to socialise and exercise and reasonably priced. They think it is not a good idea. Community member asks what the ADC manning costs are for 2021 compared with 2022/23 and the increase/decrease in staffing cost? Also what is the planning expenditure on consultants/contractors for the forecast year compared with the current year? Believes this question has still not been answered. Community member asks why most of the most with building in the community is done by companies outside of Ashburton and are mainly Christchurch companies?

Communication forum	Community member comments or questions
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Community member asks about plans for kids' areas and parks. Says that Ashburton doesn't have much for kids to do. Asks if we will ever see an awesome playground etc., more for kids. Also believes Skate Park needs to be moved. 5. Community member notes the cost-of-living crisis and why then the Council is ignoring this in its planned rates increase and not offering at least a status quo for a year to do its bit to help the town recover? 6. Community member expresses that 7pm at night for a public meeting is a difficult time for young families/whānau to participate. 7. Community member wants to know the sorts of things the Council plans to do in the next ten years, as a summary. 8. Community member asks if the Council listens to feedback. Suggests that it doesn't. 9. Community member asks if the Methven membrane treatment plan will allow for growth in use and if it will eliminate chlorination of their water. Says that chlorination is not a regulated requirement, but it is required that you are able to chlorinate. Says they have a distaste for incorrect information from the Council. 10. Community member asks when the domain upgrade begin. Also, a pedestrian haven is very desperately needed taking pedestrians safely from Wills Street (or from Art Gallery/Museum) across to the overhead bridge. Is this planned? 11. Community member asks if previous years surpluses be used to cover this year's rates increases.
Public Meeting Ashburton 11/04/22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community member questioned if there was enough funding planned for the second bridge. 2. Community member questioned how far the \$1.7million funds from the forestry reserve would go [in roading repairs]? 3. Community member asked if Council holds contractors responsible for the work they do. 4. Community member expressed concern about [the state of] roading and the [civic centre] building. 5. Community member expressed concern as to whether the Council will be listening to submissions received. 6. Community member expressed concern at lack of new footpaths near new subdivisions such as Racecourse Road, footpaths don't link well. 7. Community member felt it was a retrograde step deferring the domain entrance at Walnut Ave. They were concerned that Council had not been transparent in its decision making regarding this and that it could restrict use of the Ashburton Domain. 8. Community member asked if Council has insurance for weather related events. 9. Community member asked if Council lobbies/advocates government to get the railway used more for shifting freight. 10. Community member said that money spent in the CBD was of good use. 11. Community member expressed concern at the sale of land to Waitomo Fuel. 12. Community member expressed support for a new carpark to accommodate campervans. 13. Community member asked if Council had factored in the cost of roading either side of the proposed second bridge and what the cost would be. 14. Community member [on a pension] expressed concern at being able to pay for the proposed rates increased. 15. Community member expressed they were sceptical that the budget for the second bridge would be enough. They also suspected there was a view that some people would rather see the bridge funds spent elsewhere. 16. Community member asked if drinking water upgrades have factored in upcoming new rules for mandated fluoridation. 17. Community member asked if staff car parking has been factored in to the planning for the new Civic Centre. 18. Community member expressed concern at increase costs of compliance coming from government. 19. Community member asked for an update on council's position in regards to the Three Waters reform.

Communication forum	Community member comments or questions
Public Meeting Methven 12/04/22	<p>20. Community member asked if Councillors could have more involvement into land use/resource consent decisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community member asked for clarification as to what the proposed 15% rates increase was mainly driven by. Community member asked what the rate of return would be by using the forestry reserve and why we couldn't spend more of that reserve. Community member asked what the new reservoirs would cost. Community member asked if we are getting good value for money in our capital expenditure work and if we are overlooking local contractors? Community member expressed that current pothole repairs are not good value for money. Says pothole repairs are not working and concerned that good money is being spent on repairs that don't work. Also concerned about lack of repair and maintenance on and around rural bridges. A community member expressed concern about the LTP showing a 29-30% rate increase [for Methven] over three years but notes in reality this might be closer to two years. Member asked that Council watches this overall rise closely. Community member asked if we have the infrastructure, such as wastewater capacity, in place for growth in Methven. Community member pleased to see a HEB truck in Methven, but would like to see it more Community member believes Council is spending the money on roads but is not getting the value.
Public Meeting Rakaia 13/04/22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community member concerned about wooden structure of new Civic Centre wrapped in plastic and being affected by [wood] sweat and rain. Community member hopeful that some budget will be leftover/allocated to new footpaths in Rakaia. Community member asked what the forestry reserve fund would be used for in normal circumstances. Community member questioned how many hectares of forestry Council has. Community member concerned at the possibility Council is not using local contractors. Community member expressed concern at the overall rate rise converging with the cost of living crisis. Suggests Council uses more of the forestry reserve to offset rates.

Funding requests

Non-contestable funding	Draft 2022/23 budget	2021/22 funding requested
Rakaia Rugby Club	\$0	\$351,000 – \$451,000 funding + a loan of up to \$200,000 if there is a shortfall in funding to enable building to begin in late 2022
Sport Canterbury	\$60,000	\$63,000