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1. Drinking water meters- agree with the 3 year option. Seems like a logical first step in overall efficiency to access how much is being lost and where.

Would also like to see encouragement/incentive/education for on site water efficiency-rain water tanks/bladders -subsidy,

investigate and advice support greywater systems that can be use on site for water sustainability (low cost, approved options).

Education -climate change action now to reduce impact, strategies to reduce water loss, catch rain, use waste, mulching,shading..

2. Elderly housing- I view supporting the most vulnerable in the community as part of a caring and healthy society not necessarily based on economic bases. However with your figures it appears viable to increase the rent to cover maintenance. Have you checked with those most effected ie the elderly , that it is financially viable for them? I have no idea what their needs are. They may have high medical expenses, or transport costs. If so I agree with the self sustaining in 2 years option.

Housing the vulnerable elderly is not the only group vulnerable that have housing needs. Are you actively supporting cohousing, tiny living, and other options to support vulnerable? There is a growing class of working poor families and those struggling with mental health, addiction in need of healthy affordable homes.

3. Other comments

Animal welfare- stray, wild, and over population of uncared for cats. Don't leave this to other agencies. We all have a moral obligation in a caring society to care for the powerless. -issues large numbers of wild, stray,sick and uncared/not neutered cats. Actions possible- education programme preschools, schools, community, support changing culture to one of care-local rules for minimum care and quality of life, maximum number eg 2 neutered cats. Dogs very similar . we need a culture change where these animals are entitled to a quality of life beyond, a roof and food. They need a life with time, attention , activity and stimulation. We could make that change. District wide rules and expectation and education to care and quality for dogs. More areas for off leash exercise -eg along tracks one directions so they can freely sniff, run and be dogs. Stock are more than an economic resource, they are living things. They should have a quality of life also- calves born in rain and mud and left to suffer and die is not good enough. Cows living on mud, with sore feet is not a quality of life.

The plan has so little ie nothing about actions to reduce and prevent climate change. Everyone needs to take huge action now. The district plan appears to be only about accepting and acknowledging its going to happen. Is the council creating a good example to the district in environmental sustainability eg does the domain practice environmental sustainability- do they

use roundup, burn green waste, reduce water use, perennial gardens , examples of regenerative design, permaculture practices. The whole recycling thing is a smoke screen. So little can be recycled and it costs so much to do it. We all need to significantly reduce and yet the recycling bin is big and there is no bin for green waste! You have a picture of children enjoying running through water but so often we can not play with children or dogs in our rivers without risk of sickness or death.

How is the council supporting the most vulnerable in our community- Moari, Pasifika, immigrants, school leavers, those with mental health, addiction or other diseases of despair and soon refugees? Unemployment, poor working conditions, bullying and other unhealthy work environments. These people could be competing for the jobs just that will cause friction. How is the council supporting and planning to protect these people.

Actions:

cameras to reduce dumping rubbish down river tracks.

Composting holes for dog poo at the dog parks, for later tree planting.

More free dog walking areas

Regenerative gardening practices at domain and education for others

Cemetery to include natural burial options

Train locals for skilled labour positions

Action to reduce climate change not just acknowledge and adapt

Education /subsidy for wise water practices- rain water tanks, reuse grey water systems, regenerative agriculture

Collection of green waste for composting and resale.

Inclusive of innovative housing solutions eg co-housing, tiny housing...

Policies to protect those without a voice-animals, nature, vulnerable people for a quality of life.