

Submission on behalf of the Methven Community Board

The Board is appreciative of the continued funding regimes for the Community Board, the Methven Reserve and the Methven iHub. It is hoped that the funding regime is confirmed with the next Rating & Revenue Policy review next year.

The Board supports the use of the Forestry reserve to fund additional major roading repairs.

The Board does not support any decrease in the existing services and certainly not with the essential services that Council offers. The Board does urge the council to ensure that there are rigorous contract performance audits for all contracts that council is involved with.

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.

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%. We acknowledge the inflationary factors in this years draft
are necessary to be added.

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. Having been there in the past 2 months there seems to be little need for such expenditure as the facilities are more than adequate we suggest. Approx 1/2% of total rate take.

Signed Kelvin Holmes (Deputy Chair)