

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:

No

I am able to attend:

I intend to attend: Virtually

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?:

Yes

### Your Details

Full Name: Andrae Gold

### Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters: Spread over 3 years - Our preferred option

Let us know why: We have had to manage a large water leak at our property that had been left unaddressed by the previous owner. This would have been picked up much sooner with a meter.

Elderly Persons Housing: Self-sustaining in 2 years - our preferred option

Let us know why: Having sufficient funding to ensure standards are met needs to occur and then review of council role in management of the properties as may be better placed with a social service more able to offer wrap around services for tenants.

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: I note the AA+ credit rating and debt management outlined in this planning document. Council appear to be taking a prudent and considered approach. I would still have preferred more borrowing rather than increasing rates as we would still be well within recommended covenants for Council lending. \$7 - \$8 a day to live in your own home is getting to be a very real burden for some. Rates increases tied to inflation is a start but it may also be time to consider a conversation at a national level about a proportion of income tax gathered in an area then being put towards local infrastructure costs rather than all of the burden coming from property owners. I support the continued investment in road safety, recreational facilities (including upgrades to community halls) and social services by council. Providing opportunities for people to volunteer, govern, be contracted or employed in robust local services and involved in worthwhile community projects is a win-win for everyone. This planning document was easy as a newcomer to the district to quickly understand the planned focus for the next 10 years. The strategic direction, acknowledgment of the partnerships required to achieve community outcomes shows alignment and understanding of the role council contributes to building a strong and resilient community. Finishing projects already underway and ensuring community is able to contribute to decision making are very real strengths of this council

and staff. It is also good to see the measures for success, results based accountability threaded in rather than data and numbers that don't necessarily reflect outcomes. It is great to see the continued investment in our parks and public spaces and development of policies ensuring they are smoke and alcohol free. It is important the any new sub-divisions have green spaces and infrastructure planned for as early as possible. I would really like to see the little park at Hillier Place upgraded to meet NZ Playground minimum fall standards, perhaps one of our service clubs or the MeNZ Shed could be encouraged to check out what would be required and work with Parks and Reserves staff to get safety improved.