

Your Details	
First Name:	Liz
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Organisation:	
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Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase? :	Yes
Why / Why not?:	Young families and older citizens who exist either on a benefit, pension or low wages are struggling to meet current rates.
If so, what should we do less of?:	Less large scale social events that connect only a few people, probably the same ones that go all the time and have unknown outcomes for reducing stress, improving standard of living, ensuring families have essentials of food, warmth, shelter, education. Less beautifying that has ongoing costs associated - keep our gardens simple, low maintenance, evergreen rather than mass planting of annuals etc. Think of sustainability rather than beautification. More discounts on recreational facilities in the district for OAP and young families, slightly increasing for those people whose income is in the higher bracket.
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Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?:	Yes
Why / why not?:	Could a proportion be used to keep some reserves in the future? Our roadings are vital to safety and accessibility (especially for rural people).
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General comments:	Continue support for those services that support the arts like Art Gallery, Libraries (both urban and rural), recreational wellbeing. These are a vital part of all communities in our district. Plan ahead to allow for inflation and cost of living rises for these facilities - it's about providing quality and to do that, there needs to be \$ commitment that allows for improvement.