

<b>Your Details</b>	
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Organisation:	Alford Endeavours Limited
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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?:	Actually you should seek to reduce the rates, along with reducing the service levels to a point which ratepayers require, not driven by the ambitions and wokeness of management. Services such as building consents should be self funding. Administration functions should be reducing in cost as they are automated.
If so, what should we do less of?:	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. Maximise the services which are user pays, like EA centre, access fees should cover staffing costs, if not then shut it down, why should ratepayers pay for facilities which are not being used. Parking enforcement, administration staff, senior management expenses
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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?:	Holding reserves while borrowing money is just an ego trip. While you are at it fire any of your engineers who are in the office more than two hours / day and who don't come to work with a thermos. If they stop in Methven for a coffee they are not doing their jobs, they should be on the road, that should be their passion, and commuting should be done in their own vehicles in their own time, You waste my money. Holding reserves while simultaneously increasing debt is just ego on the part of councillors.
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General comments:	Start spending the communities money as if you earned it and not as if you stole it. ADC management have misrepresented the actual situation on staff numbers and costs throughout the planning cycle. Councillors should be demanding a sinking lid on full time staff as most administrative functions functions go on line and are automated. Council services must be delivered in line with budget and budgets need to be tight. ADC are abusing ratepayers