

## Māpua and Districts Community Association meeting update – June 2024

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### Deliberations decide on Tasman's 10-Year Plan priorities

Tasman District Council has agreed in principle to the make-up of its 10-Year Plan for the 2024-34 period, with an expected rates revenue rise (excluding growth) of 11.1% for 2024/2025 and an average over 10 years of 5.0% emerging from deliberations held last week.

The outcomes and Council's decisions on these matters now enable staff to prepare the final Plan, supporting information and associated policies.

We received 1,060 submissions, including 12 late submissions, in relation to the draft consultation document through the consultation period in March and April 2024.

We wish to thank all submitters and residents for their input into the consultation process, which had provided a valuable basis for deliberations.

Your feedback has showed where the priorities lie in Tasman – this has enabled us to reach a fair balance between services and long term affordability.

Submissions received favored the preferred option in the four questions asked which were designed to achieve a balance of current and future needs.

The culmination of submissions, hearings and the subsequent deliberations has seen elected members land on a rates revenue rise of approximately 11.1 % for the first year, with 7.0% expected for Year Two of the LTP period.

The 11.1% figure was lower than the base figure of 11.5% indicated at the start of deliberations after new costs increases had been factored in. It has provided a measured end point compared to the forecast of 9.6% included in the Consultation Document.

Over the whole 10 years, the average annual rates revenue increase (excluding growth) is slightly higher than what the Council consulted on.

Affordability has been at the forefront of our minds throughout the process, as well as considering the needs of the future to ensure we did not create a bow wave of work required.

We recognise the importance of maintaining infrastructure, particularly for core infrastructure such as roads and our three waters networks.

The importance of community facilities and their essential role in community cohesion was a key theme across many submissions, and this was acknowledged in the allocation of funds in the 10-Year Plan.

The Council confirmed its share of funding for the Motueka pool, Waimea Community Facilities and a new community facility at Tapawera, while the Recreation facility upgrade for Murchison was brought forward from Year 8 to Year 5.

During deliberations, the Council also included funding to support a new regional inclusive playground at Saxton Fields.

Several other key issues required consideration in the decision-making process, such as whether to phase in significant increases in development contributions and the need to take account of the impact of climate change.

While all efforts have been made to accommodate the needs of the wider community – we acknowledge that some areas of funding will require supplementary or external sources to meet the required levels.

For example, the extent and coverage of transport maintenance depends on ongoing Waka Kotahi/NZTA funding, and many community facilities will be dependent on matching funding provided through community fundraising.

As with all councils, portions of this plan could still be affected by the Government's legislative changes especially those associated with Local Water Done Well and possible changes to NZTA funding.

The Council is scheduled to adopt the Plan, supporting information and associated policies on 27 June 2024.

## Tasman's Better Off funding reallocated

Tasman District Council has recently reallocated some of its unspent Better Off Funding (BOF) to increase water infrastructure investment and the development of our Water Services Delivery Plans.

With the change in Government and the introduction of the Local Water Done Well programme, Department of Internal Affairs – through Crown Infrastructure Partners – has been working alongside council to identify any opportunities to redirect unspent Better Off funding towards water-related investment.

Projects where either the whole project or components of a project have not been committed to were prioritised in this decision.

A total of \$713,200 will be redirected under this change.

\$200,000 will benefit water supply projects in Motueka, \$5000 for installation of CCTV at Collingwood’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, while the other \$508,200 will go towards establishing the water services delivery plan and establishment of a Council-controlled organisation (CCO) to implement the Local Water Done Well programme.

We are aiming to start on these new projects later this year.

Tasman received \$5.64 million in 2021 from DIA to benefit the wider community and iwi outcomes through tranche one of the Government’s Three Waters Better Off Support Package.

This has helped a number of worthwhile initiatives and improvements get off the ground within the region, and in many cases to completion.

Four Tasman BOF projects have been subject to the funding reallocation, although three of these have only had a partial amount of redirected.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Completion Date</b>	<b>BoF funding</b>	<b>Claimed from CIP to date</b>	<b>Still to be claimed from CIP</b>	<b>Amount Redirecting</b>
Catchment Enhancement Initiatives	30-Jun-24	\$200,000	\$19,800		\$180,200
Programme Management	30-Jun-27	\$500,000	\$87,833	\$167,167	\$250,000
Streets for People	30-Jun-24	\$333,000	\$100,000		\$233,000
Takaka Youth Bike / Skate Park	31-May-24	\$50,000	\$0.00		\$50,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$713,200</b>

## Overnight Closures for SH60 Ruby Bay Bypass roadworks

NZTA Waka Kotahi are extending their overnight closures on State Highway 60 Ruby Bay Bypass to complete the install of median barriers.

The overnight road closures will be in place until the end of July and will operate between 7pm to 5.30am from Sunday to Thursday. Temporary speed limits will be in place on some sections of SH60.

Work has been underway since February. Prior to installing safety barriers, roadworkers completed 3.6 kilometres of road widening, installed new drainage, completed 3.7 kilometres of new side barrier, and a new right-turn bay at Tasman View Road intersection.

On 19 May, roadworkers started installing median barriers – they've now completed approximately three kilometres of median barrier.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need more time to install the remaining barriers.

Temporary speed limits will be in place on some sections of SH60.

We know this is frustrating – we apologise for the inconvenience and the effect on your travel.

When overnight closures are in place, all vehicles need to detour via Mapua Drive and Aporo Road – this detour adds another 10 minutes to travel times.

SH60 will be open in both directions during the daytime with traffic management in place, including lane shifts and some intermittent stop/go to enable sealing work

## Planning for a Resilient Tasman

Tasman District Council has endorsed a Natural Hazards Plan Change work programme to ensure communities are resilient to natural hazards and adapt to the effects of climate change, including sea level rise.

A proactive risk reduction response is being taken by council to address the significant threat Tasman faces from natural hazards. This includes earthquakes and liquefaction; severe weather events that result in floods, slope instability, wildfire, coastal hazards; and rising sea levels.

The work programme will look at improvements that can be made to strengthen our existing natural hazards planning framework in the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP). This will ensure we avoid putting more people and new development in harm's way.

Recent experiences with the August 2022 rainfall event and cyclones Fehi and Gita (February 2018) serve as a wake-up call highlighting the very real dangers these hazards pose. How we manage and plan for the effects of natural hazards needs to be a shared effort to better utilise resources and build community resilience.

The current work programme is beginning with identifying issues and options for each natural

hazard.

This work builds on community engagement completed in 2019 on coastal hazards and sea level rise mapping. This was followed in 2021 with educational engagement on geological hazards and high-level options for coastal hazards management.

Further community engagement planned for later in 2024 has a twofold purpose. Raising awareness of the need to proactively mitigate the effects of natural hazards on communities and to seek community feedback on the issues and preferred options.

Central government's recent announcement to undertake an inquiry into developing a climate adaptation framework is welcomed by the Council. The adaptation framework will set out the Government's approach to sharing the costs of adapting to climate change. This framework will inform council's future community adaptation planning programme.

Read more about the Government's adaptation framework enquiry and our Natural Hazards work at the Plan Change hub on Shape Tasman: Environmental Policy Plan Changes | Shape Tasman

## Approval for Drafting of Land and Freshwater Plan Change 84

Tasman District Council's Strategy and Policy Committee has approved continued progress on drafting the Land and Freshwater Plan Change (LFPC) to the Tasman Resource Management Plan. This change aims to address priority land and freshwater management issues in the region, including introducing provisions to support the Water Conservation Order for Te Waikoropupū Springs.

The LFPC is significant in that it seeks to address waterbody health, water quality, water allocation and sediment issues across the region. A key intention of the engagement process is to increase awareness of the responsibility to safeguard and improve the health of our freshwater.

The Council also recognises that some outcomes the plan change will look to achieve may take time and any change needs to be practical and affordable to communities responsible for making that change. The plan change will focus on addressing areas of risk and filling gaps where existing management and national regulation is not meeting the needs for Tasman freshwater management.

In setting the priority issues for the LFPC we are mindful of the need for adaptability around the Government's review of the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management and other law changes that we are expecting.

Priority issues for LFPC 84 are:

- Support for Te Waikoropupū Springs Water Conservation Order.
- Updating the plan provisions for the Waimea Community Dam and management of nitrates in the Waimea Plains aquifers.
- Allocation concerns in some catchments, including the Deep Moutere Aquifers.

- Land disturbance and sediment management.
- Waterbody health and management, and
- Waterbody and community resilience to our changing climate.

While we are operating in a time of legislative uncertainty, there are issues that will not go away, and require action now. Increasing population, pressure on water and land use, including for food production, declining biodiversity and the effects of climate change support the timeliness of this work.

Work will continue to release a draft of the LFPC as soon as possible this year for public feedback. The draft will be informed by ongoing discussion with iwi, landowners and water users, stakeholders and interested parties.

The draft LFPC public engagement process will increase our understanding of how the approaches to managing land and water will affect different sectors of the community and highlight challenges in meeting all the needs for land and water use in the region.

Feedback from this process will help inform changes to the final plan change. A decision on public notification of the plan change will follow once the Council has considered feedback on the draft plan change. For more information check out the Environmental Policy Plan Change hub on Shape Tasman or email us on [freshwater.plan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:freshwater.plan@tasman.govt.nz)

## Good practice for outdoor burning

At this time of year, smoke from outdoor burning regularly causes problems and we often get complaints.

Calm, clear days with cooler temperatures do not allow the smoke from outdoor burns to rise and disperse, the smoke sits low to the ground under an inversion layer.

Extra care must be taken at these times because smoke can cause significant adverse health, nuisance and amenity effects on neighbours and in the local area.

Outdoor burning is banned year-round in Richmond and Motueka. Other areas and the outskirts of Richmond and Motueka are zoned 'fire sensitive' which bans outdoor burning from 1 June until 1 September.

Where outdoor burning is allowed, follow these good practices:

- Check the weather conditions, wind speed and direction and continue to check throughout the burn.
- Wind speeds of 10 – 25km/hr are ideal.
- Burn well-seasoned, dry vegetation only.
- Stack vegetation and untreated wood loosely to allow airflow in.
- In winter, only burn between 10.30 am and 4.00 pm. Do not add any more vegetation after 3.00 pm.
- Do not leave a fire to smoulder overnight – restart fires the next day.
- Get the fire burning hot as quickly as possible and keep it hot throughout the burn – lower temperatures mean more smouldering and smoke.

- Minimise the frequency and number of fires as much as possible.