



Long Term Plan 2018-28

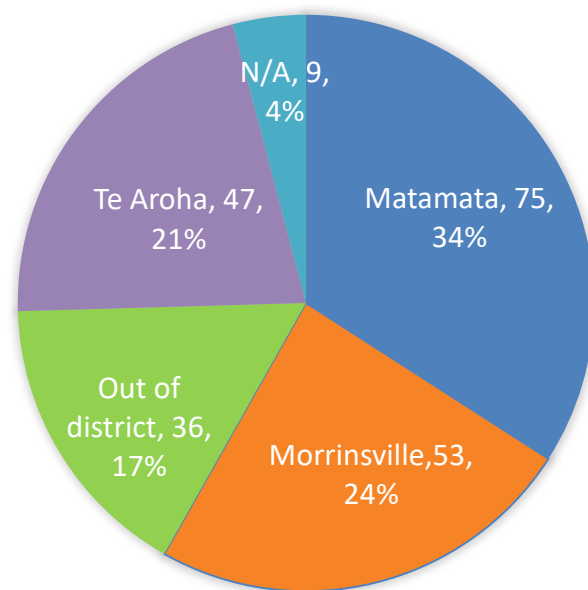
Submissions

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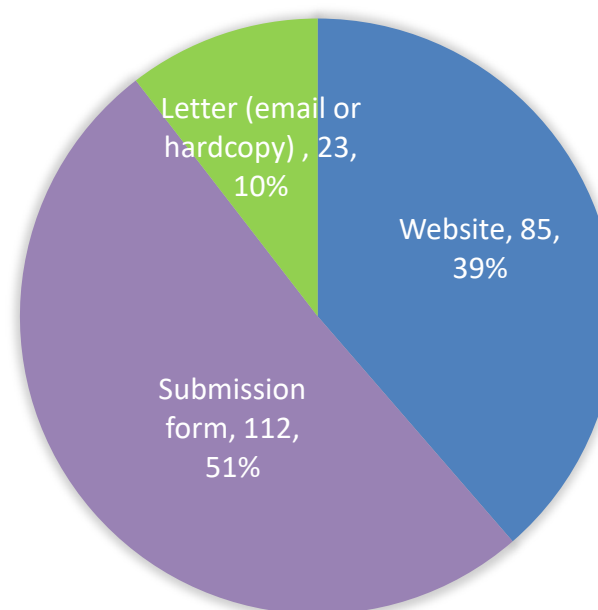
Long Term Plan 2018-2028 – Submitter Statistics

Total Submitters = 220 (197 Submissions)

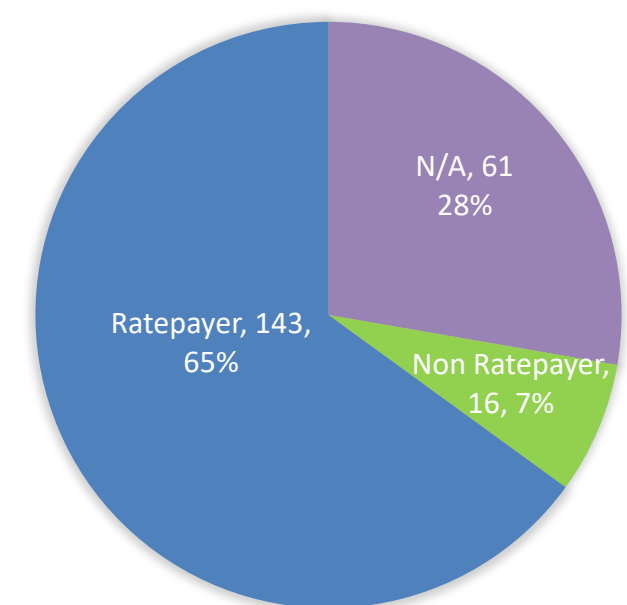
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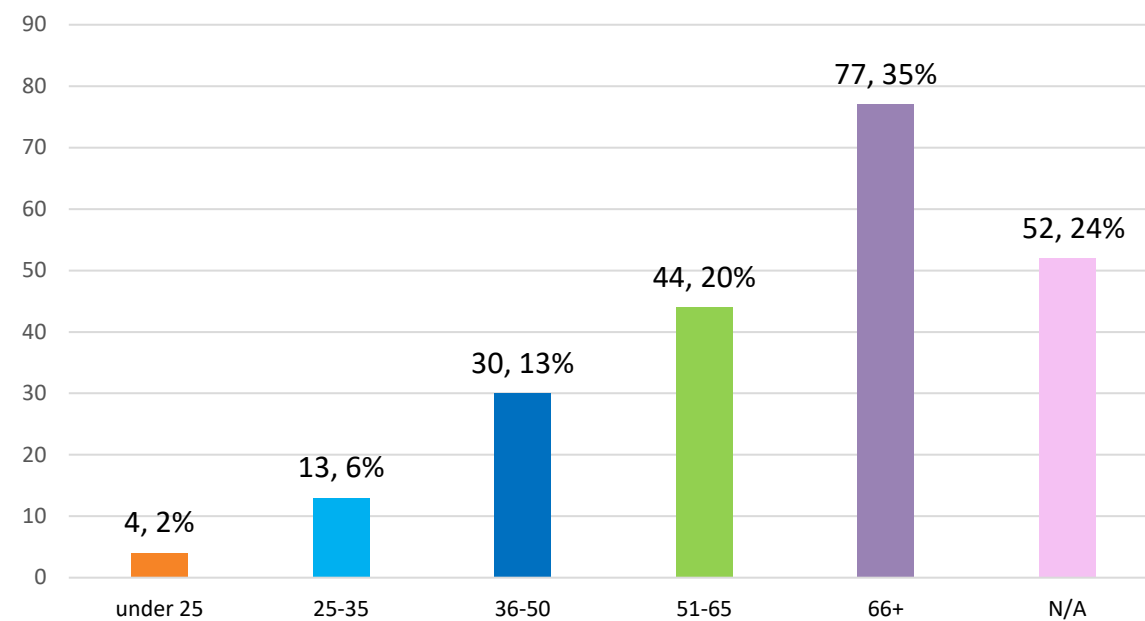
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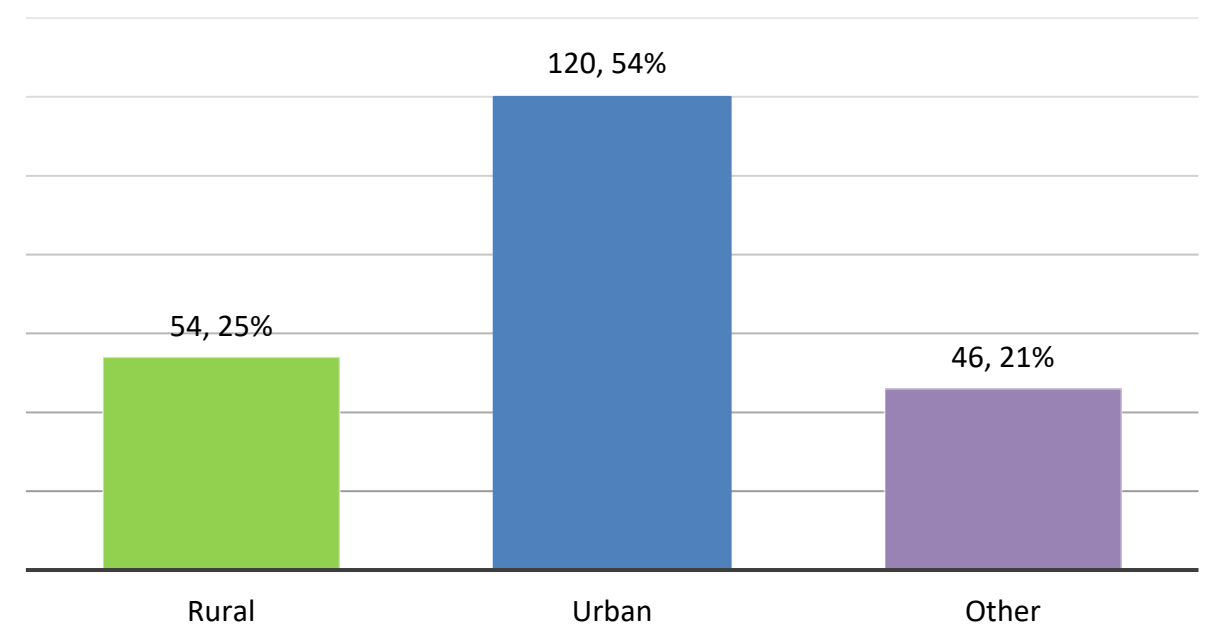
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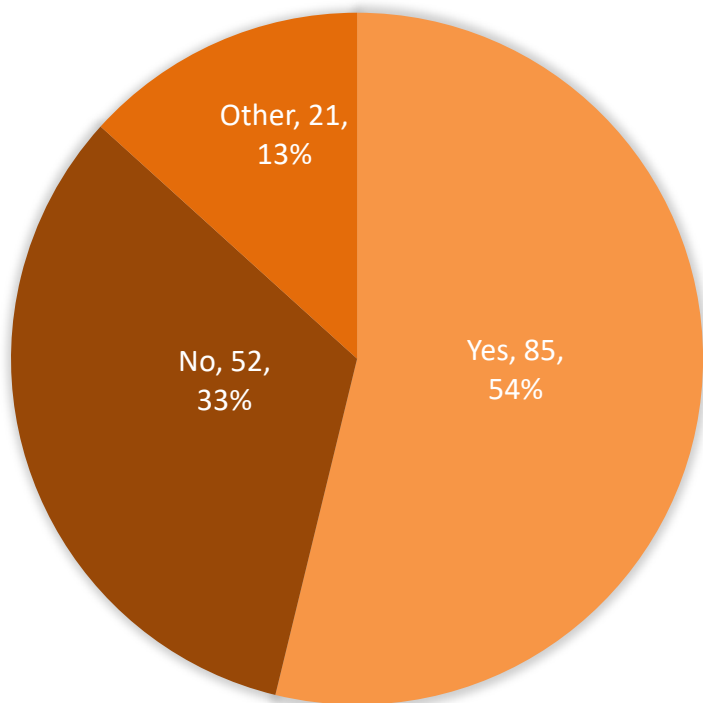
Submitters by urban / rural



Financials

Total Submitters = 158

Do you agree with our proposed limits on rates and debt, including our proposal to potentially exceed our 4% limit on rates increases for three years of the 10 year plan?



Overall comment

Rates increases and the proposal to potentially exceed our 4% limit in three years of the 10 year plan. We’ve set a limit on overall annual rate increases at 4%. That 4% includes forecast inflation (at an average of 2.13%), which is outside of our control. We believe that this 4% limit strikes a balance between affordability, while also meeting the demands of things like increasing environmental standards, a growing population, people’s expectations and the pressures that tourism puts on our infrastructure. We’ve also identified that we don’t want to stand still – we’d like to do more for our district. But, if we’re going to deliver all the improvements we’re proposing, we may exceed our 4% limit on rates for three of the 10 years. On average, rates increases would still be below 4% over the 10 years.

To avoid exceeding the 4% limit, we could smooth the rate increases over the 10 years, so that we plan to collect the same total amount in rates, but collect them later – effectively a buy now, pay later arrangement, that would enable the rate increases to remain within what we believe is an affordable level from year to year.

Alternatively we could reduce our overall expenditure to avoid exceeding the limit. For example we could reduce services; like mowing the parks less often, we could not make improvements or defer capital work to our facilities, and we could increase fees such as pool entry. No single example would keep the forecast rate increases below 4% in all 10 years of the Long Term Plan, but might change what year we exceed the limit, or mean we only exceed it in one or two years, instead of three.

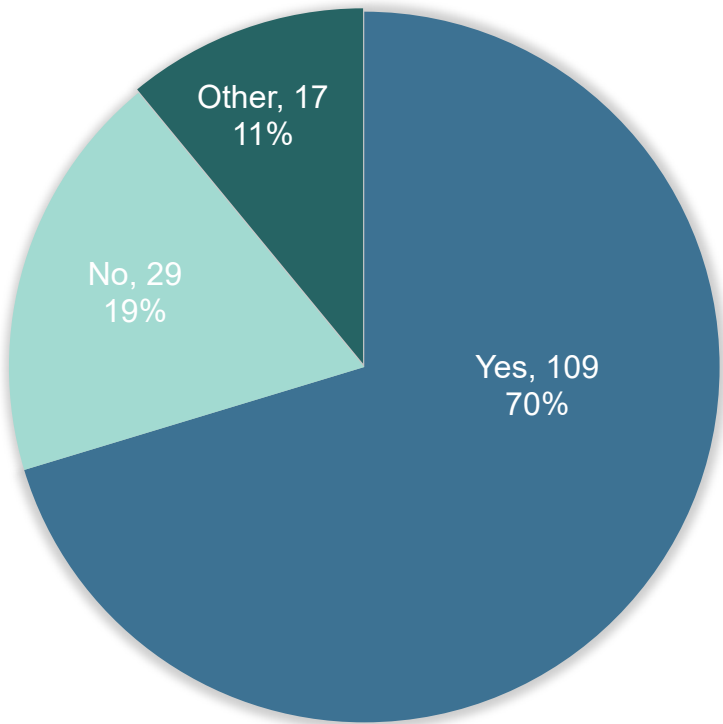
Reasons for yes		Reasons for no		Reasons for other	
Yes but be careful	4	No don't exceed the 4%/smooth rates*	15	Should not exceed 4%/smooth rates	4
Yes good compared to others	1	No too high/can't afford	4	Should increase debt	1
Yes but keep below 4%*	1	No keep it below 2%/inflation	2	Don't increase transfer station fees	1
Yes but nothing towards regional theatre	1	No keep it at 0%	2	Rural properties should pay less	1
Yes but increase debt	1	No sell assets/reduce expenses	2		
Yes but less for rural properties	1	No Morrinsville is left out	1		
		No Keep rates under 3%	1		
No specific comment	76	No specific comment	25	No specific comment	14

*Same reason given for both yes and no

Economic Opportunities

Total Submitters = 155

Do you agree with our plans to increase support for economic development in our community?



Overall comment

Employing an economic resource - We plan to employ someone to facilitate economic development in our district for at least the next three years. This person would be responsible for supporting economic growth in our district. This does not have an effect on rates or debt as it is funded through existing budgets.

Investing in regional development - We plan to invest an additional \$30,000 in a regional economic development agency to support a regional economic development strategy. Council could decide not to invest in a regional development agency which would have an impact on rates however it may also mean that we have to develop an economic development strategy on our own rather than Waikato wide which may in turn have a larger impact on rates in the long term.

Increasing funding to Morrinsville Chamber of Commerce by \$5,000, and Matamata Public Relations Association by \$15,000 to \$75,000 each. Council called for submissions in August/September 2017 from all groups who have previously received grants from Council through a Long Term Plan or Annual Plan. Council held a hearing and made decisions on these submissions in October 2017 which have been incorporated into the Long Term Plan budgets.

We have currently budgeted 1.75 million for the revitalisation of our three main towns in the first three years of the Plan. \$750,000 for Matamata in 19/20 and \$500,000 each for Morrinsville and Te Aroha in 20/21.

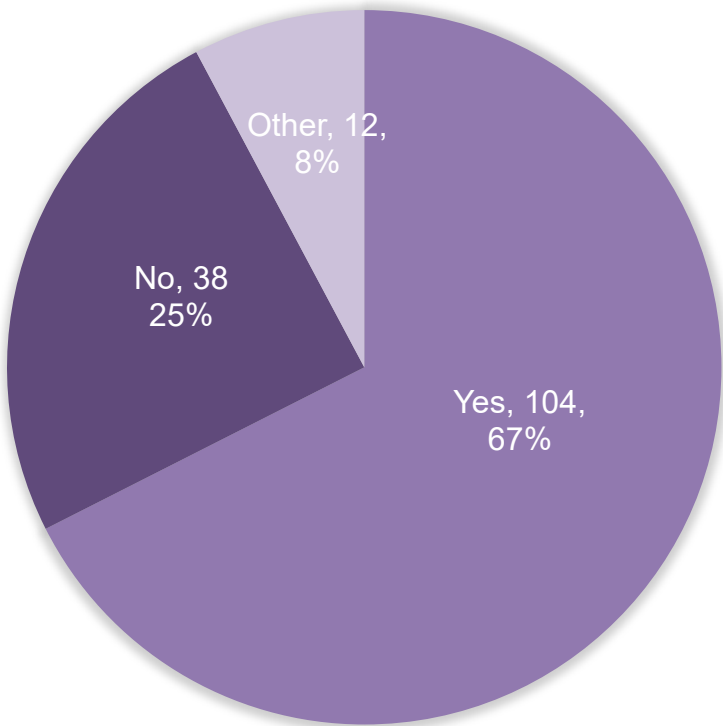
Reasons for yes		Reasons for no		Reasons for other	
Yes general supportive comment	9	No not needed/too expensive	5	Rural ratepayers pay too much	2
Yes but keep rates same as last year	2	No ED role needed*	5	Focus on core services	2
Yes but measure ED role/grants	2	No grants increases	2	Keep tourists here for longer	1
Yes but identify more business land/parking	2	No more for Morrinsville less for Matamata	2	Look at quality over quantity	1
Yes but need more in Te Aroha e.g. sky rail	2	No provide incentives for businesses	1	Don't demolish and rebuild assets	1
Yes but don't invest in cycleway	1	No focus on accommodation	1	No ED role needed*	1
No specific comment	91	No specific comment	13	No specific comment	9

*Same reason given for both no and other

Vibrant Cultural Values

Total Submitters = 154

Do you agree with our plans to increase support for youth and community groups and work closer with Iwi?



Overall comment

Funding for youth - We recognise the importance of hearing the views of younger people in our district to understand issues that impact them. We are proposing to provide \$10,000 each year of new funding to support the Matamata-Piako Volunteer Youth Ambassadors. Council is hoping to work in partnership with other agencies to obtain other funding for youth events.

Increases to grants - We support a wide range of groups in the community through grants to help achieve a variety of outcomes for the district. The funding recipients are listed in the Long Term Plan, including the contestable funds and the increases we are proposing to these budgets. Council called for submissions in August/September 2017 from all groups who have previously received grants from Council through a Long Term Plan or Annual Plan. Council held a hearing and made decisions on these submissions in October 2017 which have been incorporated into the Long Term Plan budgets.

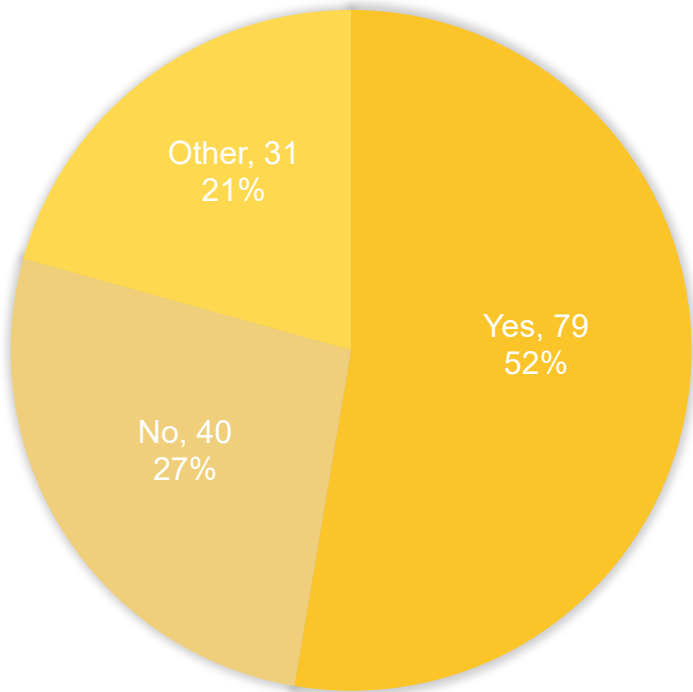
Working with Iwi - We are planning to work with individual Iwi to develop relationship agreements on how we will engage with each other. These will sit alongside Treaty of Waitangi Settlement agreements and other committees that Council administers or participates in. This will be funded through existing budgets and will have no impact on rates.

Reasons for yes		Reasons for no		Reasons for other	
Yes general supportive comment	10	No all New Zealanders need to be equal	3	Rural properties should pay less	3
Yes but increase for galleries and museums	2	No increase to grants/ need better measurement	3	Don't work closer with Iwi or youth	2
Yes but don't work closer with Iwi	2	No increase to youth	2	Funding for youth but not in this format	1
Yes but use seniors/volunteers to support	2	No increase for Iwi	2	Need a playground in Waharoa	1
Yes but measure grants/offer assistance	2	No only support certain groups or youth in this format	2	Funding for youth	1
No specific comment	86	No specific comment	26	No specific comment	4

Connected Infrastructure

Total Submitters = 150

Do you think we've made the right choices for the bypasses?



Overall comment

Matamata bypass - this would link Waharoa Road East and Tauranga Road and is anticipated to significantly reduce traffic (including heavy vehicles) through Matamata’s CBD. It is estimated to cost around \$30 million to build. We plan to fund feasibility studies and purchase land for the Matamata bypass in the next 10 years, with funding for the construction included in the Infrastructure Strategy, but not until 2031 (outside the timeframe of this Long Term Plan). Bypasses can have both positive and negative effects for small towns, the positive effects are largely around removing heavy traffic from main streets however the negative effects are largely around businesses potentially losing out on business of passersby who may ordinarily stop and have something to eat or do some shopping

Council has currently budgeted:

- \$150,000 to undertake a further need analysis and feasibility studies.
- \$1.85 million for the design and the extension of the designation.
- \$1.1 million for the net purchase of land.

Council could remove the bypass designation however this would potentially mean that we would remove the option of having a bypass at any stage in the future. Leaving the bypass designation in place means we can review the construction of the bypass if the Waikato Expressway from Hamilton to Piarere (expected to be completed in 2024) alleviates pressure on Matamata’s roads.

Morrinsville bypass - this would link Kuranui Road to the intersection between Roache Road and State Highway 26. It is estimated to cost in excess of \$40 million to build, which would need to be funded by Council through loans and paid for through rates. We plan to remove the designation and allocated funding for land purchase for the Morrinsville bypass purchase from the Long Term Plan and Development Contributions Policy. This would remove the possibility of a town bypass for Morrinsville in the future. Council could budget to extend the designation (\$4.5 million in total) within the next 10 years, and budget for construction within the next 30 years. Assuming the land purchase, feasibility study and design were completed by 2027, this would increase rates by 1% by 2028, and increase debt by \$4.5 million, but still within our debt limit. This however would not take into account the construction of the bypass, this would need to be budgeted for within the next 30 years.

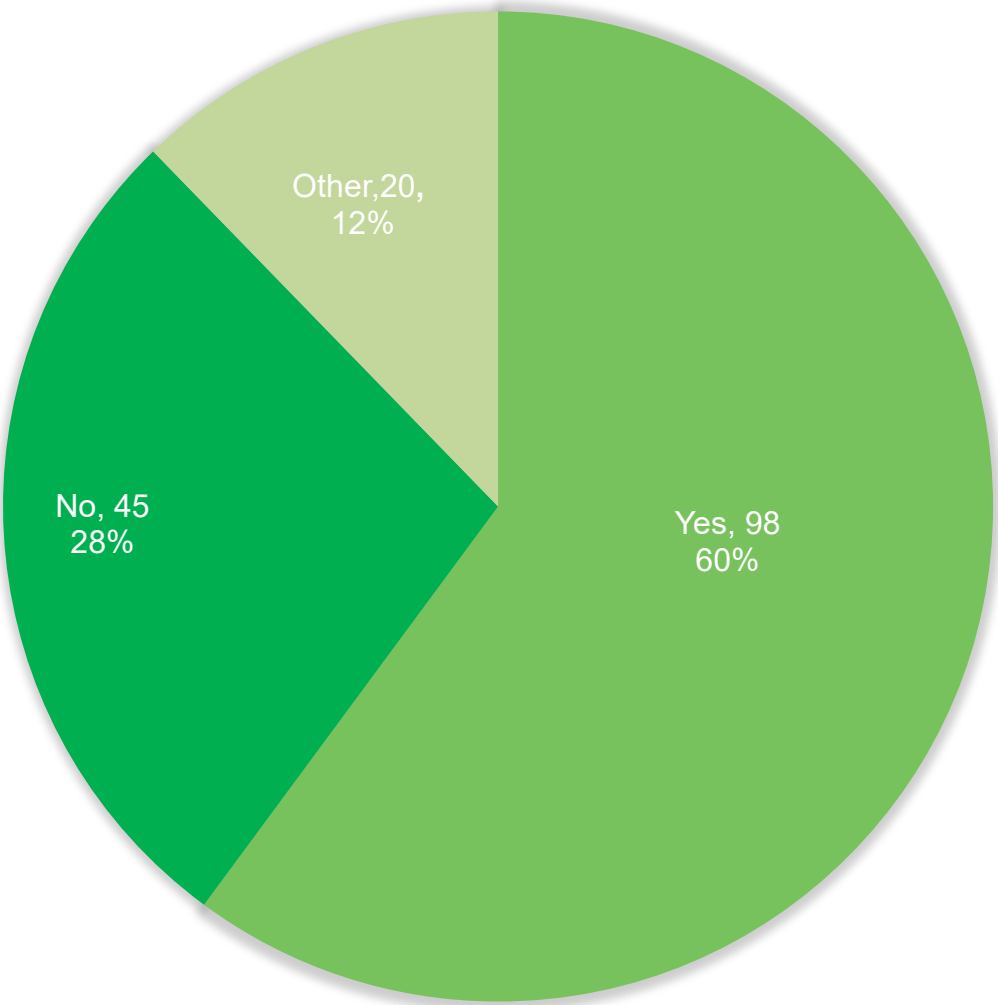
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Yes general supportive comment	7	No complete Matamata bypasses asap*	11	Rural properties should pay less	3
Yes complete Matamata bypass asap*	3	No wait for the expressway	3	Negative business impact**	3
Yes but also focus on Waihou traffic or Morrinsville Water or roundabout at Top Pub Morrinsville	3	No due to negative business impact**	2	Wait for expressway	3
Yes but need more parking/pedestrian crossings in Morrinsville	2	No petrol tax/Central Government to pay	2	Too expensive/too much for Matamata	3
Yes but should be paid for by Central Government or Matamata only	2	No don't build Matamata Bypass at all	3	Need Government contribution or use existing roads	2
Yes but also need public transport	1	No should focus on developing property or Morrinsville water or local roads or other core services	4	Should maintain Morrinsville designation***	1
		No maintain the Morrinsville designation***	1	Should focus on public toilets or public transport	2
No specific comment	61	No specific comment	14	No specific comment	14

*Same reason given for both yes and no **Same reason given for both no and other ***Same reason given for both no and other

Environmental Sustainability

Total Submitters = 163

Do you agree with our proposal to up our game in waste minimisation and increase our transfer station fees?



Reasons for yes	
Yes general supportive comment	12
Yes but please upgrade/tidy transfer stations	3
Yes but need to do more	3
Yes but be careful of increased dumping	2
Yes but need recycling options in towns	2
Yes but need e-waste or greenwaste pickups or more education	3
No specific comment	73
Reasons for no	
No it will increase dumping*	12
No don't increase transfer station fees**	5
No don't increase greenwaste fees	2
No supply wheelie bins instead of bags***	2
No because renters won't benefit or don't increase enviroschools or control packaging	3
No focus on soft recycling or green waste collection	2
No rural properties should pay less	1
No specific comment	18
Reasons for other	
Don't increase transfer station fees**	5
It will increase dumping*	4
Rural properties should pay less	3
Should have wheelie bins***	1
Need to upgrade/tidy transfer stations	1
Focus on water supply or rural drop off points or education/worm farms	2
Renters won't benefit	1
No specific comment	3

*Same reason given for both no and other

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Environmental Sustainability overall comment

Transfer station fees - We plan to increase the fees at the transfer stations to recover an additional \$100,000 from this service (currently subsidised by rates). Increasing the fees will help cover more of the costs of the facilities, and encourage people to reduce their waste. The service is currently being subsidised by the general rate and the increase to the fees proposed represent a fair increase to cover actual costs. There are concerns that increasing the fees for general waste could increase illegal dumping on roadsides, Council could consider putting in implementation strategies to deal with this if it occurs. Council could also consider reducing fees for green waste if desired to encourage people to dispose of green waste appropriately.

Rubbish bag changes - selling rubbish bags through retailers and at Council offices for \$2 per bag, instead of through targeted rates. Targeted rates will go down significantly (from \$153 to around \$30). This means if you only buy 52 rubbish bags (the same number you were previously allocated), you will be paying less overall for rubbish and recycling services.

In 2017 Council reviewed and consulted the community on the joint Eastern Waikato Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in conjunction with Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel District Councils which sets out clear targets to reduce waste to landfill. In response to this, during June-July last year Council carried out consultation called 'Love your district reduce your waste' which sought feedback on ten initiatives to reduce waste going to landfill. One of these initiatives was about changing to a rubbish bag system that gives people an incentive to reduce their waste. Of the 87 submissions we received, 34 supported this initiative, 33 did not support and 20 did not state a position. 39 submitters felt this change was very important/important, 12 considered it somewhat important or not so important and 36 did not specify. Council considered this feedback at its meeting on 11 October 2017 and decided to shift to the new rubbish bag system to provide an incentive to waste minimisation.

A small portion of rubbish costs is being added into general rates e.g. rubbish in CBDs and parks because everyone benefits and therefore should pay a small portion.

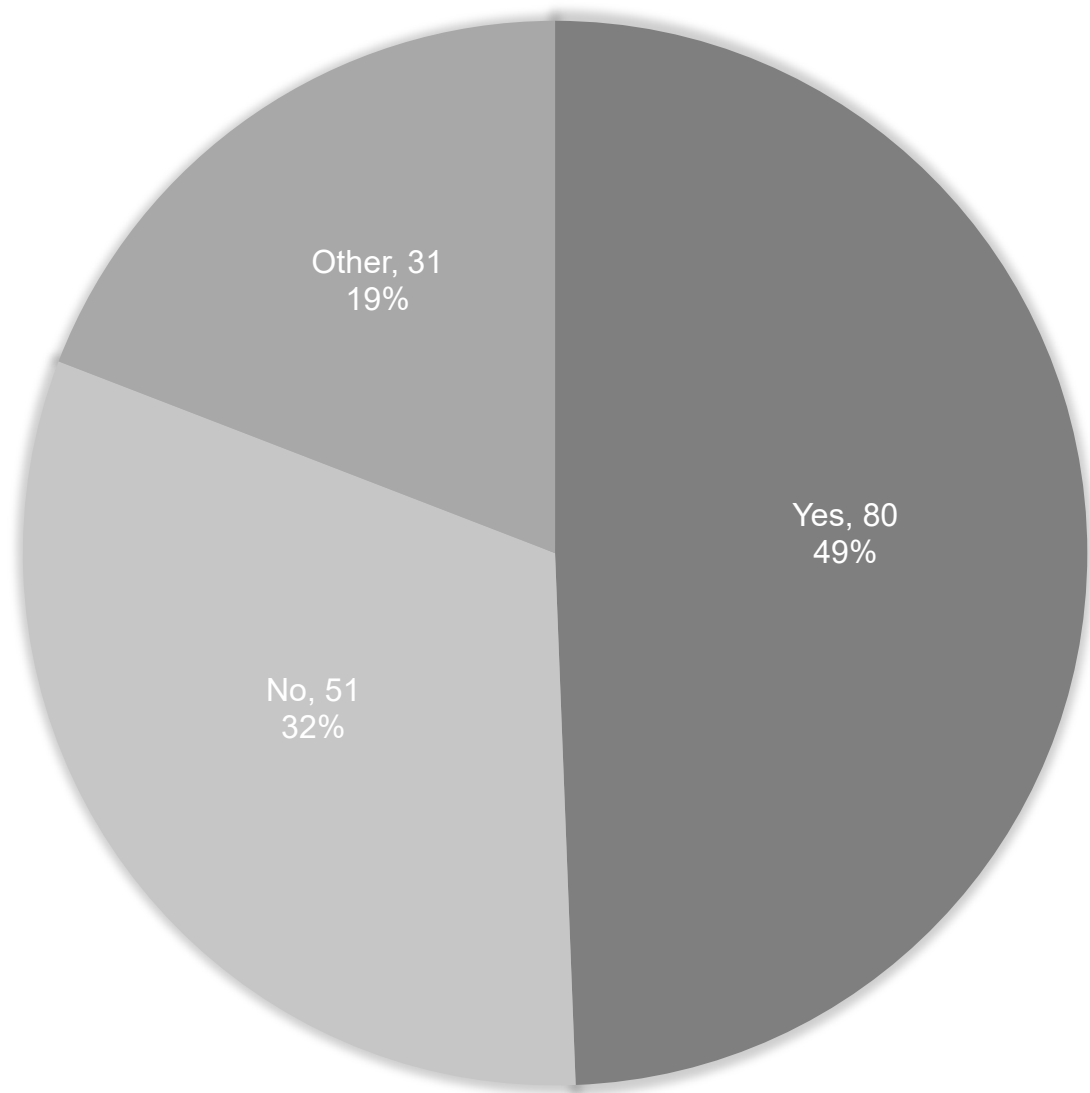
We plan to develop a business case for a joint waste minimisation position within the Eastern Waikato (Matamata-Piako, Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils). The focus of this role would be to develop and implement a waste minimisation programme and engaging the community on initiatives that have been successful in minimising waste.

We have budgeted \$1.8million to improve services at our three transfer stations, \$600,000 per facility, one per year for the first three years of the plan.

Healthy Communities

Total Submitters = 162

Do you think we've made the right choices to extend the cycleway, put funding in place for sports facilities in Matamata and focus on improving the little things in our district?



Reasons for yes	
Yes general supportive comment	10
Yes and beautify our towns	3
Yes and focus on walkways or cycleway side trails	2
Yes sports centre but not at Domain	1
Yes sports centre at Pohlen	1
Yes but cycleway only	1
Yes but prevent nightly burnouts at Pohlen	1
No specific comment	61
Reasons for no	
No don't spend on Headon*	6
No don't spend on new sports centre**	5
No don't spend on cycleway***	3
Not enough in Te Aroha or Morrinsville everything in Matamata****	4
No to everything/too expensive/ focus on core services	4
No to both sports centres	2
No against the \$450,000 corporate Property review	1
Focus on side trails not extension or Morrinsville toilets or walkways	3
No specific comment	23
Reasons for other	
Cycleway to Morrinsville needed	4
Don't extend cycleway***	3
Don't spend on Headon*	3
Don't spend on new sports centre**	3
Focus on side trails, don't do extension	4
Matamata gets everything****	3
Don't upgrade Waharoa toilets or CBDs	2
Need to focus on tramping tracks or roads or weeds or CBDs or creating all weather athletics track	5
No specific comment	4

*Same reason given for both no and other

***Same reason given for both no and other

**Same reason given for both no and other

****Same reason given for both no and other

Healthy Communities overall comment

Focusing on the little things – we have budgeted an additional \$320,000 to make improvements to the look and feel of a whole range of things in our communities.

Cycleway extension - The trail currently links Te Aroha to Paeroa, with an extension from Te Aroha to Matamata planned to open in 2019. We're proposing to develop side trails from the new trail to points of interest such as Wairere Falls and Waiorongomai. Once these sections have been completed we plan to extend the cycleway from Matamata through Hinuera and to Piarere, to link up with the Waikato River Trail and Te Awa Cycleway (which currently runs from Hamilton to Taupo).

We are proposing to:

- Provide funding of \$750,000 over three years from general rates to develop side trails to the existing trail.
- Provide part funding of \$1.5 million for the extension through to Piarere. This section would not be built unless external funding can be secured for the balance of the cost.

In Councils infrastructure Strategy funding has been planned for the extension of the cycleway to Morrinsville in 2030/31 with an estimated cost of \$3million and land currently owned by KiwiRail could potentially be used for parts of the trail.

Headon stadium - is Council's only indoor sports facility in Matamata. It has one court and was built in 1974. We are currently planning some major repair and renewal work for the stadium in 2018/19, But this does not include any major upgrade or expansion of the current facility. We have budgeted to proceed with the major renewals and maintenance works to Headon Stadium (up to \$1.5 million) in 2018/19.

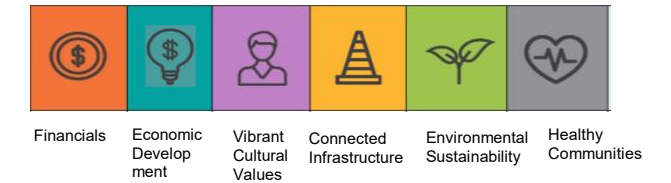
New sports stadium - The 2009 Community Leisure Provision Strategy identified that Matamata could potentially support an additional facility. However, we believe a comprehensive feasibility study should be completed first. The Regional Sports Facility Plan 2014 did not identify a sub-regional need for a new sports facility in Matamata but recommended that we optimise existing assets before we invest in new ones. We have budgeted a further \$2 million in 2019/20 to either expand Headon Stadium or contribute to building a new indoor facility in Matamata (depending on the results of the feasibility study).

Other projects we have budgeted for include:







- Continuing with extensions to our walkways, \$1.9million
- Expanding the Te Aroha Cemetery in 2018/19, \$550,000
- Reviewing our corporate property in 2018/19, \$450,000
- Adding splashpacks to our pool facilities in 2020/21, \$210,000
- Replacing the Waharoa public toilets in 2019/20, \$200,000
- Improving the Domain in 2020/21, \$500,000







Submissions







Hearing attendees – Wednesday 16 May















Sub #	Name/Organisation	Ward							Comments	
69	Steve Sunde	TA	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y,N	Healthy Communities Yes cycleway. No sports facilities in Matamata	
101	Hamilton and Waikato Tourism	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 1 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
185	Friends of Local Community Rapurapu Reserve Committee	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 3 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
65	Dorothy Wakeling	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 8 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document Funding request for The Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum	
168	Maxine and Stephen Viggers	MM	O	O	O	Y	O	N	Refer Page 9 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document Healthy Communities Do not support cycleway	







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128	Creative Waikato	OD	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values</p> <p>Creative Waikato strongly supports the support of Vibrant Cultural Values by MPDC. The move towards increased community grants, investment in youth and closer iwi relationships are smart strategic moves. We wish to partner with MPDC to get there. Please see below.</p> <p>General</p> <p>Refer Page 11 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document. Further to above. Please see files attached - an overview of the Waikato Arts Navigator .The Waikato Arts Navigator is a joint framework developed by Creative Waikato available to all Councils in the wider Waikato region. It goal is to build a collective vision for arts and creative outcomes in your community. We believe is STRONGLY supports MPDC's goals of Communities that are Connected, Included and Welcome. It aligns with your intentions to protect and promote arts and culture. In fact this is a meaningful framework that will help you to achieve exactly the aspirations MPDC has outlined. Creative Waikato would like to work with your staff to devise a simple arts action plan for the MPDC to align to regional goals of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Prosperity • Creative Experiences • Creative Wellbeing • Creative Excellence <p>This is a simple way to have an effective arts strategy utilizing existing knowledge of your communities' activities and working from strengths. Start with what you are already doing and build from there. Let's talk more. Creative Waikato has been working hard in the MPDC region for the last 6 years at no cost to MPDC, mainly thanks to funding from Trust Waikato. We support artists, build capability with arts groups, build audiences and advocate nationally for better arts investment in our communities. We request as part of this submission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The opportunity to work with your staff over the next 3 years to develop an arts plan that aligns with the Waikato arts Navigator 2) That MPDC allocate Creative Waikato \$4,000 per annum to support and build focus to grow the MPDC Creative Community. 	
5	Angelique and Victor Kooter	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Refer Page 19 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p> <p>Extra rubbish bins be installed in the Murray Oaks Reserve</p>	







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82	Sport Waikato	OD	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	<p>Refer Page 82 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p> <p>Further comment provided after receiving original submission: That Sport Waikato continue to be funded to support the delivery of quality experiences in sport and recreation in the Matamata-Piako District to grow participation, enhance capability development and to work smarter by leveraging partners. The value of this support is \$74,500 plus GST p.a. for three years.</p> <p>That Sport Waikato continue to be funded to lead the implementation of the Regional Sports Facilities Plan. The proportional contribution of this regional programme is \$9,020 plus GST p.a. with the total regional budget valued at \$100,000 plus GST p.a. across all local authorities, for three years.</p>	
118	Freedom lifestyle villages group	OD	Y	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/	n/a	<p>Refer Page 33 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p>	







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152	Ann Armstrong	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	<p>Finance However I don't agree that MPDC ratepayers should pay anything to Hamilton City Councils theatre idea. I'd rather support local theatre groups.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Would like to build connections with seniors supporting youths in sharing skills/knowledge/personal interaction.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability User pays is positive and encourages thinking on how we use resources.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Maybe include Morrinsville more for our young people. Fix road potholes between Ta/MV/MM and increase bus services so we can get to Matamata, Te Aroha and Morrinsville sports events. Its great Matamatas got the facility. Not great if the rest of the Community in MPDC area can't easily get there.</p> <p>General I'd like to see cleaner, brighter, happier safe public restrooms in Morrinsville. The Countdown carpark ones are degradingly narrow, always damp and smelly and not safe for changing babies or toileting toddlers. The disabled toilet is often inaccessible for today's mobility scooters and many wheelchairs. Also let's relocate them. Car and truck fumes are not great for people with allergic intolerances. If we can't afford to replace or renovate then remove them and put in more of those modern ones. There's two already outside the old dungeon block but hey, they're not open 24/7! There's a sign saying they only operate at night, why! Open them up 24/7, please so we at least have the choice. Tourists love our town, then yuck, toilet let down. Also for mobility scooters and bikes, can we have a locking post so we can chain our expensive bmx/bikes we use on cycleways. Bring your own chain and padlock but having a bar or something we can lock it to in a close to but not hindering the toilet areas.</p>	
1	Physicians and Scientists for global responsibility	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Refer Page 36 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p> <p>Fluoride, GM Organisms, Glyphosate-based herbicides</p>	
147	Hobbiton Hinuera Netball Team	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 53 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	







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163	David Gasquoine	MM	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	<p>Finance Tentatively support. I do have concerns regarding fact that the majority of the rates burden does fall on the high capital value rural rate payers & I could argue that as rural rate payers we benefit less from the capital improvements to the urban areas. This does not necessarily fit with a user pays model.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Yes general support, in particular I support the marketing & promotion of the 'Hauraki Rail Trail'</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Yes, long term a by-pass in Matamata is essential. I do not see/hear any mention of a public toilet facility upgrade in Matamata. Given the number of tourists that are traveling through Matamata to Hobbiton (yes I live on Buckland Road) are growing at an alarming rate I would have thought that the inadequacy of the Matamata facility is obvious. Easy solution is user pays.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Yes in general support. More thought/support needs to be given to how the region can encourage rural recycling. Near-by district councils namely Waipa provide a rural recycling service but I am not sure of the cost.</p> <p>Healthy Communities I definitely support the extension of the cycleway. External funding is key to getting a good outcome here. I am very concerned regarding the comments 'completing major renewals to Headon Stadium' Spending any money on Headon Stadium is a complete waste of rate-payers money. This facility is run down as a result of lack of maintenance & is no longer fit for purpose. Any funding ear-marked for any up-grade should be put towards a new indoor stadium that has significant support from the Matamata community & is being promoted by Matamata Futures with the support of a major donation, council needs to be careful they do not waste this opportunity.</p>	
172	Karate New Zealand - Danie Van der Linde	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Refer Page 55 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document Request for land</p>	
139	Karen Remetis	MM	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	<p>Economic Opportunities Please review performance of organistaions receiving funding</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values 1. Review performance of current project organisations. 2. Please put a playground in Waharoa</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure I don't know</p> <p>General Happy for you to raise rates for infrastructure, economic development, environment & community development. 1. Please review the community/nfp's you are funding for governance & performance. 2. Please put a playground in Waharoa. Not across SH27.</p>	







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175	Hauraki Rail Trail – Dianne Drummond	OD	Y	Y	Y	n/a	n/a	Y	Refer Page 57 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	







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176	Momentum Waikato Community Foundaion – Gemma Major	OD	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	<p>Finance Rates must enable the running of the region. We believe it's important to consider our future generations, and the impact of borrowing and interest will have to fund the everyday costs now, and for this reason, we support the increase.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Waikato Vital Signs indicated the top priorities for action included to grow the economy and reducing income inequality, and increase the number and range of jobs available. It also spoke to the need to work together to improve community connectedness and develop better education and development pathways for our youth. Because of these reasons, Momentum Waikato supports the increased economic development to be a business friendly Council, enabling future sustainable growth, and enable the community to grow.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Waikato Vital Signs indicated our top two community priorities for action were work together to improve community connectedness and develop better education and development pathways for our youth. In the Iwi Maaori Voices, the top priorities were to address leadership, identity and security for rangatahi to grow their potential to contribute to their communities. Increasing funding for youth, increasing grant for the wider groups, and working with Iwi on agreements are positive steps for a vibrant, cultural community. For these reasons, Momentum Waikato supports the increased support for youth and community groups. Momentum Waikato also supports the proposal to build strong partnership and relationships with Iwi.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Waikato Vital Signs indicated taking care of our natural environment was one of the top 8 community priorities for action. Through the proposed initiatives of improvements to recycling, and environmental education, Momentum Waikato supports the proposals.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Waikato Vital Signs indicated the community's priorities for action included improving transport option in and between our towns and cities and taking care of our natural environment. We have a responsibility as kaitiaki's, and through the promotion and development of public transport, walking, and cycling, we can reduce our carbon emissions, reducing the harm on our natural environment.</p> <p>General Refer Page 64 of Long Term Plan Submissions attachment document</p>	







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174	*LATE SUBMISSION* Federated Farmers	MM MV TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 66 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
141	Mary Hansen	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Healthy Communities</p> <p>I want to address the 'focus on the little things' part of your plan. There is a wide concern about the weeds on council land along the lower slopes of the mountain.</p> <p>You promote our lovely bush walks in Te Aroha but they are largely tracks through a wide variety of weeds that are stifling native species. The upper domain tracks particularly need <u>urgent</u> action on the eradication of privet, honeysuckle, jasmine, tradescantia, ivy and pampas grass. They are all seedling prolifically and getting bigger every year (and more expensive to deal with) particularly the privet and pampas grass. They are seriously affecting the regeneration of the native species (some privet was ringbarked a couple of years ago but it has made little difference to those trees).</p> <p>We want to be proud of our tourist attractions and draw people to them. They are far from beautiful bush walks at present.</p>	
188	Fonterra – Jennifer Nickel	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 76 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	







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173	Matamata Cricket Association	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 81 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
173 & 137	Matamata Football Association	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	O	Refer Page 95 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	







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133	Morrinsville Grey Power Association Inc.	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 100 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
148	Matamata Futures Inc. - Frank Healy	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	n/a		







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131	Life Unlimited Charitable Trust	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 101 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
193	Public Services Association	n/a	O	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Finance PSA Proposes that council adopt the living wage for all staff.	
149	Ingham's Enterprises and Waikato Bay of plenty Chicken Growers Association Inc.	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 106 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	

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85	Joseph Hunter	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	O	<p>Healthy Communities</p> <p>I am a professional athletics coach and sports scientist with over 20 years' experience. I have worked extensively with many young, talented athletes who have represented NZ internationally. My family live in Matamata. I strongly support the growth of facilities and projects that will encourage health and well-being for all ages in our community. However, this is particularly important for teenagers and young adults. My suggestion is to install an all-weather athletics track, possibly at Pohlen Park. Currently, the closest all-weather athletics track is 45 minutes away. For any serious athlete or coach, this is too far to travel 4 or more times per week, year round. The benefits of an all-weather athletics track in Matamata include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-round usage in all weathers • A first-grade facility for local athletics clubs thereby leading to increased number of participants in athletics • Participants of other sports will use it for conditioning • The general public will use it for keeping fit • Attraction of national and regional competitions (often held over three or more days) will bring large number of visitors, thereby benefitting Matamata businesses • A large facility for a relatively low cost (due to it mostly being outdoors) <p>Other sports could use the centre field for events</p> <p>I have travelled the world as an athletics coach and seen many athletics facilities. I would suggest the following stages for an athletics facility in Matamata:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1: Install a 6-lane, outdoor track (rather than an 8 or 9 lane track). 6-lane tracks are very common in Europe and are much less expensive. The track could be designed so an additional two or three lanes could be added later if needed. • Stage 2: Add a small stand for spectators, a photo finish room, and storerooms. • Stage 3: When funding permits, add an 8-lane 150m indoor straight track alongside the outdoor track. This 'set-up' is reasonably common in Europe, and would provide an indoor facility during winter, and also a warm-up area for when major championships are held at the outdoor track. • An alternative plan would be to start with stage 3 first. 	

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134	Waikato Regional Council	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 110 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
192	David Donovan	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	n/a	n/a	Connected Infrastructure The traffic is too congested now, yet in 10 years it will be just too heavy to put up with. As for costs there is no need for further feasibility studies and there is very little land to be purchased by council as I believe they have already purchased most of required land and have already spent money on feasibility studies previously so it would appear council is just stalling progression.	
4	Greg Rzesniowiecki	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 113 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document Trans Pacific Partnership	







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170	John Harris	TA	O	O	Y	O	Y	O	Refer Page 141 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
123	Kathleen Bentham	TA	Y	N	N	Y	Y	O	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values Work closer with Iwi yes. Be aware of cost when it comes to supporting community, a lot of money can get lost in admin.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Extend the cycle way because this is tourism. Be aware of cost of little things and if we can get by with sports facilities we have. They don't have to be flash, they should be user friendly.</p> <p>General Farmers are already contributing to rates disproportionately. This is compounded because calculated on valuation, the land they farm on is some of the most expensive farm land per hectare in NZ. Residential property has gone up in value, but is not the most expensive in NZ. You need to get it closer to per person and less per property, the most useful way seems to be by raising the UAGC, BUT please be sensible and reasonable and do some research. MPDC must stop charging UAGC per title on contiguous properties. There is a law that says it can't be charged. I have been given the reason that MPDC must run a business and look after its income stream just like any other business. But any other business we like to think does that within the law, and spends within the constraints of what it lawfully collects.</p> <p>I totally disagree with dropping the policy that allows people farming adjoining titles with slightly different names to be considered contiguous... adjoining blocks of the same farm are often like this to enable family succession, intergenerational farming, equity sharing.... all contributing to stability and growth within the community, sons and daughters retained or returning to and caring for the land. The opposite --- corporate owned land, foreign owned land, transience, migration to cities don't bring up images of the kind of community our council wants to promote. It's time you became more 'farmer friendly'.</p>	







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96	Ernie Bygrave	TA	N	O	O	Y	Y	N	<p>General</p> <p>Keep your vision in line with income/user pays, e.g. while they are subsidized (swimming pools/libraries/sports centers, user pay... Council are now providing good services at present, Gardens and essential services, roading/water systems/sewage/cleanliness. Plans for future grand infrastructure should go hand in hand with growth, with farms amalgamating, 'urban' only slow in growth, it will be years away for further infrastructure to be warranted.</p> <p>Councillor Jagers comments on having debt is irresponsible. Councillor Wilcock's comments and observations well received but as mentioned, we cannot look far into the future, we must live within our present means, keep rate increase below 4% and our net debt down. Employing economic development officer?? Council should first fast track consents etc. where has the TV power board shared of 10-11 Million gone? Expect inflation on all.</p>	
66	Waikato Means Business – Dallas Fisher	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Refer Page 153 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p> <p>Economic development opportunities.</p>	
136	John Boutell	TA	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure</p> <p>MM Bypass does need to proceed with urgency to relieve the major traffic pressure in the MM CBD. However I URGE Council to please do NOT remove the Morrinsville bypass designation or the allocated funding for land purchase. We should not forfeit the possibility for future bypass. That is just being plain short-sighted. The first alternative option (designation extension and 30 year build timeframe) is the best one.</p> <p>Stormwater Drainage Repairs and Improvements: Please reinstate funding to a similar level that it was at some 5-6 years ago. I have learned from passing dialogue with Council staff that the current Stormwater drainage budget is at a paltry 5-figure value whereas 5 years ago it was at a substantial 6-figure level. I was told that, at that time, it was going spare and unused, and it was 'redeployed' to address legitimate issues at one of the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. However, I believe that need has now passed, and so it's only reasonable that Stormwater funding should now be returned to at least a lesser-but-still-ballpark figure to what it originally was.</p>	







Funding requests







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3	War Memorial	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 167 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
117	Te Aroha Events Centre Charitable Trust – Jenny Stockley	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 204 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document Peter Jager can add info if required	







Specific Requests/Comments







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2	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Refer Page 162 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document</p> <p>Infrastructure development and strategic policy planning partnering for responsible freedom camping</p>	
8	Jason McQuin Tatua	MV	N	Y	Y	N	N		<p>Finance Please operate the council within the budget, interest rates are set to rise. Any investment on ratepayer's behalf should see a return to the coffers.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Take the councillors on a road trip and have a look at bypassed towns in nz. By the most part they are dead. Devaluing property where the proposed bypass cuts through for one, increasing noise pollution, burdening debt without return on the ratepayers. The idea is nonsensical. The MPDC should look into purchasing land for future residential development! Rentals are in short supply. New homes are not exactly plentiful. Why not build ten houses in Te aroha, ten in matamata and ten in Morrinsville? Keep 5 as rentals to service their mortgages and sell 5 to boost the coffers. Creating these model suburbs could be a blueprint for the future direction of our towns.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Needs to be transparency around the returns for sale of glass cutlet to the ratepayer! If the ratepayer is paying for its collection and then having a contractor profit for the sale of our recycling that is wrong. Any profits from the sale of cutlet should return to the taxpayer. If not the council should employ some people buy a truck and take the contract away.</p> <p>Healthy Communities User pays cycle way registration is necessary</p>	
9	Angus Robson	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>General As a local airfield user I who is not a member of the Matamata Aero club, I am paying, with modest use, up to 10 times the annual landing fees of an Aero club member (\$50 per year for unlimited landings). I do not wish to join the Aero club. The remedy sought is for MPDC to introduce an annual charge, payable directly to council, similar to the Aero club annual charge, for non-Aero club airfield users. Given the Aero club members pay \$50 per year is seems reasonable that the non-members should pay no more than \$70 annually.</p>	







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13	Isobel Worley	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	O	N	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure Keep cost to minimum, use existing roads where possible</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability People should be encouraged to use transfer station, and costs should be minimal.</p> <p>Healthy Communities 1. I think there will be an increase in 'Fly tipping' if costs to use transfer stations are increased. That will then cost much more to clear up. 2. Ref Mt Te Aroha - Tui Domain Track - Tree privet and other invasive weeds. There was a start 2 years ago to ring bark and poison privet. This needs to be followed up. Was there no Long Term Plan in place?? Lots of seedlings of course, but could be greatly improved with small investment. The area is a tourist attraction. 3. Why only one very early bus to Morrinsville per day? Needs a bus service to nearby places, including Hamilton.</p>	
15	Mr Clyde Desmond Williams	MV	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	<p>Finance To Greater Cost.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure A Petrol Tax to pay for it.</p> <p>Healthy Communities How many People Will use it?</p> <p>General You are increasing the UAGC, because of the rubbish bay & recycling reduction, seems strange, no saving. Should not Govt pay for road bypass, or petrol tax.</p>	







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19	Morrinsville College John Inger	MV	N	Y	Y	N	O	O	<p>Finance If it is decided that rates must increase by greater than 4% per annum, then consideration needs to be given to our schools and other Government-funded institutions who do not usually even get the CPI increase in funding each year, to make them a special case and not pass all of this rates increase on. Speaking from the point of view of our schools, we have been seriously under-funded for many years and our finances are in a critical situation, so that we have been running successive deficits. Obviously, this cannot continue.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Clearly our schools and our students can benefit from additional economic opportunity in our community, so we support this.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values The idea of providing funding for the Volunteer Youth Ambassadors and working more closely with iwi is a good one which is likely to impact on many of our students and make them feel more connected.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure If we understand the removal of the designation for the Morrinsville bypass to mean that there will be no bypass in the foreseeable future, then we do not support this, as currently the congestion in Morrinsville is not sustainable and at peak times Thames Street is gridlocked.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability While it is highly desirable to find ways to minimise waste in our community, the current affordability of the transfer station fees is resulting in most people being able to afford to travel to their local dump rather than dump their waste on the side of the road.</p> <p>Healthy Communities While it is clearly desirable to extend the cycleway, both to attract more visitors to our community and to enable healthy lifestyles for those within our community, we have heard no plan currently to extend this cycleway to Morrinsville. Councillors need to be very aware that there is a strong feeling in the Morrinsville community that Matamata residents take precedence over others within the MPDC area and enjoy better facilities.</p>	







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21	Dianne Mckinnon	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y,N	O	<p>Finance What can we each do to keep rates down? We can learn to be more ECONOMICAL</p> <p>Economic Opportunities CARING for Environment = ECONOMIC opportunity QUALITY over QUANTITY. Quality is FINITE</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Working TOGETHER is vital & share & show the GOOD things we do.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Encourage better PUBLIC transport i.e. TRAIN (Ham -> Auck) & Bus Connections to station</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Yes: Pay for own rubbish bags ASAP. People will think before dumping i.e. using Free ones every dump and doesn't recycle e.g. green waste.</p> <p>2.) Transfer Station Fees: Eliminate total free to drop in any Green Waste Garden/Kitchen. Establish composting facility for all this <u>Free</u> Recoup by Selling Compost - at <u>Reasonable</u> (noncommercial) Rate.</p> <p>3. Eliminate further/new WASTE MASTERS - reduce this extra Pollution at Sewage Ponds - compost it.</p> <p>4. Increase Funding to Enviroschools. EDUCATE on what Free Flying Plastic does - INVOLVE children in waste recycling. Show them how to say No to packaging & Discover BIN INN stores for ZERO packaging. Teach to LOOK AFTER WHAT WE HAVE i.e. LESS = MORE quality.</p> <p>5. Show them the PIAKO RIVER & its disgraceful condition. Teach Children & Adults of their importance. Keep POPULATION down - MORE = More Pollution.</p> <p>6. Reduce Earthworks to eliminate run off silt into rivers.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Encourage more walking to & from school/work WALK/Bike - lead by EXAMPLE - show us</p> <p>General Following my hastily written submission re Waste in our district, I feel the need to add to my discussion following further reading on this subject. Rob Fenwick, of Living Earth, reinforces my suggestions in his "Opinion" piece in the N.Z. Herald April 3rd this year. He is concerned about green/food waste in Auckland, and the need for a composting facility within council. The same applies everywhere in N.Z. Both Nelson and Queenstown have been addressing this obvious need for many years. People are basically lazy, but once trained they can cope with change. Provided sensible infrastructure is put in place. It is good to finally witness the shift in thinking re the use of plastic bags, and other packaging waste in supermarkets. Strong positive campaigns do bring results. There is a beginning of realisation within the community too, re the abolishing of free black rubbish bags. Those free bags so encourage laziness. I would like to suggest an open day at the nearest recycling plant, so we can better understand how the current recycling bins work. How the paper, cans, and plastics are separated, and what happens to each component once it is separated. Information is powerful. I mentioned in my first submission the use of the Waste Disposal units in homes. Has any research been done on the impact of these on our waste systems? Is there a comparison available from where these are banned? What a waste of natural resources, being shoved down them, and what extra pollution to ultimately be processed. Is there value in them?</p> <p>Thank you for considering these issues. I hope you are able to elevate the amount of money available to schools to teach our next generation, what most of have failed to grasp....most waste is reusable. ...And to avoid packaging waste; for example by taking your own containers to places like a Bin Inn store.</p>	







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24	Charles William Green	MM	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Connected Infrastructure The bypass is more important than a cycleway. General I reckon they should have put an Island on Rawhiti Road outside Pohlen Hospital, I used to work in the gardens at Pohlen and seen a lot of close calls at the moment. It is like a cross road.	
27	Howard Gillingham (Past Chairman of Taihoa School + Hall Committee Totatara Springs Honorary Trustee)	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	General Taihoa Hall (demise). There are 2 sections+? That could be sold? Council could then collect rate. Water supply in this small communal area is "gunk"?! Hence rainwater tanks, Water (town) could be joint up from waterline at Mangawhero Bridge - water from this point went on to the oxidation pond area (or used to)? So for just a short distance "Taihoa city" could be connected. (If? locals are happy?). Municipal Hot Water Bore in town. Is this paid for or still paying interest on borrowed money? Taihoa section could pay for this and/or any other improvements at swimming complex. Plus future rates from these sections. By pass + Mangawhero Bridge is a priority. It is mind boggling the extra amount of traffic on the Mangawhero Road, this is my Wife's comment.	
29	Alison Burton	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	O	n/a	Environmental Sustainability Up the game - Yes. Increase transfer station fees - No. How will increasing transfer station rates encourage people to reduce their waste? I suggest it will encourage people to dump their waste roadside or in bush to avoid paying dump fees. Although the cost of rubbish bags might decrease the rates, the council still envisage adding more rubbish costs in general rates. Note this is an unspecified amount of this time. Council need to consider an inorganic collection twice a year including computers etc. to prevent these items being dumped elsewhere especially if transfer station rates are going to increase.	
31	Frank Waterfield	MM	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Finance Am on a fixed pension General Am concerned about car parking. Provisions made for water & sewerage with the increasing subdivisions. I think the new council and library building is fantastic. Perhaps the council could provide me with a job so I won't have to worry about rates increase. I volunteer at CAB and think extra subsidy is needed!	







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32	K Cummins	OD	N	N	N	N	N	n/a	<p>Finance You have said we have over half a billion dollars of assets. You should not have to increase rates - <u>sell</u> some assets or don't give salary rises.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Not if it means employing another person - already there are too many "consultants" in the council</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Why should there more consultation with "lwi" - how about security cameras for safety.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Seems an excessive amount of money that could be spent elsewhere Already people are dumping green waste at end of Hamilton St. This will only increase and people will dump other waste.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Yes/No. Agree with more space with cemeteries</p> <p>General Overall I am very disappointed with the Council - our town looks disgusting - weeds around the pool, in drains, unmowed lawns- it's hard to feels proud of a town that looks neglected. I go to Aqua at the pools and it's disappointing to see all the weeds. The beginning of the track at Hamilton Street is becoming a rubbish dump - if we have to pay for bags then more non green rubbish is going to be dumped creating an eyesore and raised dump fees will only encourage dumping elsewhere. I also feel that Te Aroha seems to be a poor third wheel to the other towns - we need security cameras and more pride rather than a new "consultant".</p>	
33	Moiria Lynne	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	<p>Environmental Sustainability I feel that by far the best option for waste maintenance is wheelie bins The initial outlay (capital cost) could possibly be charged to the annual rates by spreading the cost over 2-3 consecutive years, and providing this cost was removed after the stated period of time, I'm sure most ratepayers would be prepared to consider it. The outcome of at least 52 per year for each rate payer removed would make a significant reduction in plastic bags being added to the waste. I.e. and the environment. I hope the option will be considered along with any others.</p>	
34	Ann Reichhardt	MM	Y	Y	N	Y	Y, N	Y	<p>Environmental Sustainability Yes and No. The refuse station in Matamata is disgusting! We live rurally and collect our recycling and take it in town to dispose of. The times when all bins are overloaded & there is rubbish/recycling everywhere! How come Walton get recycling bins supplied yet so many other rural areas are left with no bins or collection points??! It's just not fair and certainly doesn't encourage good rubbish disposal practices! We pay our fair share for our rates - what do we get??</p>	
36	Unknown	N/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>General Why do we have Heavy Traffic in Thames St Morrinsville?</p>	







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37	Chris Bennett	MM	Y	Y	n/a	O	Y,N		<p>Connected Infrastructure Have there been other feasibility in the past with regard to the Matamata bypass? If so why do we need to fund another one?</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability I agree we need to 'up our game' in waste minimisation but disagree about increasing funds. Whilst the majority of the suggestions in Environmental Sustainability proposal have validity I believe the position of increasing Transfer Station Fees in the hope of recovering costs for running these facilities is fundamentally flawed. My reasoning for this position is that nationally and internationally illegal rubbish dumping is on the rise. One of the reasons given for the increase in illegal dumping is the cost of disposing rubbish correctly. I quote from the Website https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/causes-effects-solutions-illegal-dumping.php</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoidance of disposal fees at waste management sites Cases of residents in various parts of the world disposing waste themselves are on the rise. This habit is associated with the avoidance of paying disposal fees at waste management sites. The people who engage in such acts are of the opinion that the prevailing waste collection fees are exorbitant. Therefore, instead of following the rightful channels for disposing waste or paying third party waste pick up services, they illegally dispose the waste in remote locations. 2. Setting lower disposal fees at waste management sites and higher fines for illegal dumping Environmental authorities together with the local governments need to set lower disposal fees to encourage people to use the lawfully stipulated waste disposal systems. At the same time, the relevant regulatory bodies against illegal dumping must set higher fines to discourage the habit. This can be done by re-defining the fines and punishments for illegal dumping as well as the licensing and charge rates acts for dumping services. For instance, it has been cited that in some areas it may be less costly to illegally dump and pay a fine than using the rightful waste disposal channels. By employing this strategy, societies can become less vulnerable to illegal dumping. End of quote. <p>I believe we need to look at ways to improve waste minimisation, education and making it easier to get rid of non-recyclable waste. Also I would class the change of selling rubbish bags through retailers, instead being funded by rates and being distributed to all households owned or rented, as a similar factor in providing a key for illegal rubbish dumping by those who choose not to purchase bags due to economic pressures within their household environment. Finally I would urge the Council to take note of what's happening, with regard to illegal dumping and the cleanup costs the ratepayers have to fund, in other areas of New Zealand.</p> <p>Healthy Communities The main street in Matamata (Broadway) has a number of old buildings with historical and interesting architectural facades. Many of these facades are in desperate need of a coat of paint and repair. Whilst I understand these buildings are the responsibly of the owners, it would be of value to the 'beautification' of the town for the council to take the lead in encouraging owners to put some effort in upgrading their premises</p>	







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42	Morrinsville Wheelers Cycling Club, Mark May	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	No	<p>General</p> <p>It would be good to widen the road between Morrinsville and Mangateparu and have cycle lanes painted on the road in town and places to lock your bike up in town. Some walking trails in Te Aroha could be opened up to be shared trails for walks and cycles, as well as Wairongomai Valley. This would bring more people to visit Te Aroha. A cycle ride around the Lower Level at Wairongomai would be as popular as the paeroa to waihi ride.</p>	







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43	Te Aroha Community Choir and Arts Te Aroha John and Janet Mullan	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Economic Opportunities Funding Te Aroha?</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values An arts Council or body similar to that in Thames-Coromandel D.C. 2 reps from each town to coordinate and assist grant applications/ strategies.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure No mention of public transport</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability *Bottle banks in town centres *Paper & bag banks in town centres - fee collection at dump random *Garden waste collection in a wheelie bin as in many other countries.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Te Aroha desperate need TOWN CENTRES - a vision is needed - only need to look overseas at what is happening that is working *Guardian Paper*</p> <p>General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Te Aroha Town Centre - Council powers to take over shops. Vibrant Town Centres - overseas are happening <u>now</u> as this problem is worldwide. 2. Street lighting / street berms (?)/ dumped cars on verges/unkept verges. 3. Rose garden / Domain generally very good. 4. Signage into town - Welcome to Te Aroha on all entries. 5. Te Aroha has NO Community Centre/Hall (Senior Citizens Hall is great but a big effort needed by a diminishing group. Excellent, well looked after but needs INVESTMENT. 6. CARS DUMPED, unkempt frontages on Main Street should be dealt with very quickly - No. 6 Shakespeare!!!!!!! 	







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44	R & J Wilton	TA	N	N	N	Y	N	N	<p>General</p> <p>We came back to Te Aroha after many years and found nothing had changed. In fact it's like a forgotten town!. More people come here to retire, but find there's not much here to encourage them to stay. Another retirement village and more reasonable housing would help. The Community Van and Red + Van are an asset!</p>	
45	Rhonda Fawcett	MM	O	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	<p>Finance</p> <p>I would prefer you not to exceed the 4% limit at all and look at more ways of reducing expenditure including less postage on rates bills & using more electronic bills.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>I love user pays rubbish bags idea.</p> <p>Healthy Communities</p> <p>Do you want to replace Waharoa toilets? Won't they just get trashed? Encourage people to use Matamata public toilets instead.</p> <p>General</p> <p>I would like to see more money spent on fencing Furness Reserve & providing a bin for dog waste. (Currently no rubbish bins at this park). If you are wanting a large fenced area for you dog to run & to train it to come on command, there is nowhere in Matamata currently like that. (There is in Auckland though) *A large fenced in dog park is my number one wish for our district.</p> <p>2nd wish is to have the protected trees list revised. We have a protected tree on our property which was not so bad when all around us was country & farms - 15 years ago but now it is all residential & a tree this size is a hazard. All our neighbours want it gone.</p>	







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49	O and A Cummins	TA	N	N	N	N	N	N	Finance Keep as low as possible all of time. Economic Opportunities Keep funding at current levels Vibrant Cultural Values Not enough scrutiny of some community groups Connected Infrastructure Seem to be paying (never ending) for consultants and such like Environmental Sustainability More dumping of rubbish would occur with increased charges. Healthy Communities Focus on side trails within district General Speaking as Te Aroha residents we are appalled at all the litter around the town, especially at Boyd Park netball car park, only 1 rubbish bin often overflowing especially when there are often 4-6 motor homes parked. Top of Hamilton street has become a dumping ground. Would question why council mows some berms while others grow wild & cover footpath! Constant rate increases cause financial problems for low incomes.	
50	Sue Butterworth	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	General 1. Make Thompsons Track into a ROAD 2. Make college promoted to keep kids local. Improve calibre of college.	
51	Denise Parker	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Connected Infrastructure A Matamata bypass is essential and would make it a more desirable tourist town by encouraging trucks to bypass Broadway. Environmental Sustainability Please renew our recycling station - it is in dire need of updating to make it more user friendly. General I'm not sure who is responsible for the intersection on Firth and Burwood and State Highway 27, but this is a very confusing intersection for newcomers/tourists - the signage and road markings are almost non-existent. I have witnessed many near missed on this intersection and I fell it is an 'accident waiting to happen'. I strongly advocate for better signage & stronger brighter road markings ASAP. Thanks	







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52	Sjoerd Bearda	MM	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Finance Smooth out rate rises to always less than 4% Vibrant Cultural Values But do not support the proposed 'regional theatre' for Hamilton Connected Infrastructure See how the completed expressway affects Matamata heavy traffic. Environmental Sustainability Increasing transfer station fees will increase 'flytipping' Healthy Communities But no extra buildings on the Matamata Domain, concentrate on Pohlen Park	
53	Chris Barber	TA	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	Finance But care on future increases required Economic Opportunities Sky rail from Te Aroha Domain to summit Vibrant Cultural Values Working closer with iwi - Why? What are iwi putting into the community Connected Infrastructure How will it affect local business General 2 X roundabouts required in Te Aroha. Cnr - Stanley Ave and Kenrick St. Corner Kenrick St and Whitaker Sts (clock tower corner).	
54	R M Witheford	MV	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	Healthy Communities Morrinsville needs a good community reserve/park for families perhaps with a small lake? We moved into the district last year & have spent time in Matamata & Te Aroha on weekends and to attend other entertainment & functions. To my mind Morrinsville is a poor relation to these towns. The main street & lack of parking is number 1. Parks & reserve in Morrinsville NOT a patch on what's in Te Aroha & Matamata. Perhaps the stockyards could be relocated & replaced by a park/gardens suitable for the public & travelers/tourists? A real asset would be a lake, which is not an expensive thing to maintain & would be something different from Matamata & Te Aroha.	







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55	James Bourke	OD	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Finance Be careful about rate increases work smarter, watch no. of people employed by Council, and make sure they are all needed. General Is the Morrinsville town water up to coping with a dry summer? Generally Morrinsville town is looking quite good. Thanks for the chance to have my say.	
57	M Koppenol	TA	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Finance No rates increase beyond 2%. Reduce dept. maintain current level of service. Economic Opportunities Keep funding at present level. New businesses need to be self-funding and to pay for changes to infrastructure. Connected Infrastructure Not an urgent need for bypasses. Local business also depends on through traffic for income. Environmental Sustainability Clean the Waihou River Healthy Communities Keep current level of service, don't extend and increase debt. Cycleway is not well used.	
61	Ian and Carole Gabb	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Connected Infrastructure Will this result in reduced traffic in Waihou? Environmental Sustainability The sooner the better. Ban plastic etc. Healthy Communities Too much going to Morrinsville and Matamata, don't forget Te Aroha General As residents of Waihou we are concerned at the high speed and noise of commercial and agricultural vehicles using ' First Ave North' as a link road 24 hours a day. Our house vibrates when they pass from exhaust noise and heavy loads. Also there are no signs re: the use of exhaust brakes. Speed and noise control through Waihou is nonexistent, posing a danger to residents and school children. Speed cameras - signage re: exhaust brakes and a roundabout!!! Thank you.	







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63	Christine Petrie	MV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	<p>Finance 4% should be the most. Focus on the basics. Wages are not increasing by 4%. How will ratepayers get the money?</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Provided rates increases are capped at 4%</p> <p>General Walkway in Holmwood Park needs to be all-weather. <u>Do not</u> support capital spend on sports facilities in Matamata. Work with other councils in the Waikato to get world class facilities that are shared. This Matamata facility is a nice to have that should not result in rates increasing over 4%. The reality is except for the most serious of sports folk an indoor facility in Matamata will only be used by folk living in Matamata. There are huge pressures on people's incomes & the council needs to focus primarily on 'must haves.' A sports stadium used by a small proportion of the population is not a 'must have'.</p>	
64	BJ and TR Vowles	OD	Y	Y	N	O	Y	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure We think the Matamata Bypass was surveyed years ago & that some land had been bought.</p>	
67	Rosalie Larsen	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>General I would like to know if this fancy, glossy brochure was necessary and what the cost was. It all ended up for free in the Piako Post. Just a shiny book of self-praise. Last time I submitted something I don't recall getting a reply. I would like to know what happened to the play area in Parkwood to cater for the 311 houses.</p>	







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68	Patricia Shannon	MV	N	Y	Y	O	N	O	<p>Finance Not to extend 4%, things will get done eventually. A lot of people are struggling financially.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Keep it at the same level financially as last year.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values To a point but don't increase it too much.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure What is the point of a Morrinsville Bypass and will it affect business on the main street?</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability While obviously waste minimisation is a good idea I think you are going to fast with it. It's a <u>big</u> jump from getting 52 rubbish bags to <u>nil</u> bags (unless you pay separately for them) Again those residents who are paying high rents will have to pay for bags they previously did not have to pay for. Landlords aren't going to reduce rent (or highly unlikely to) just because their 'rubbish' rates are going down!! Property values are increasing and then so does rates plus any additional costs (e.g. the 4%) which the tenant pays in their rents.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Good to have a cycleway for Te Aroha and Matamata but what about Morrinsville?</p>	
72	Christopher Rein	OD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values Volunteer groups might enjoy getting involved.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Is there no government contribution to road around the country?</p> <p>General If you want improvements you have to be prepared to pay for them. I hope that most folk realise that. It appears that a lot of thought has gone into the proposals, Thank you.</p>	







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76	Victor Stone-Davies	MM	O	Y	Y	N	N	Y	<p>Finance Please read attached comments for connected infrastructure and environmental sustainability</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure It is urgent that a bypass be completed for Matamata. Short term. Whether or not the Waikato Expressway alleviates pressure on the Matamata roads or not there are and will continue to be far too many large trucks driving through our town centre. Our roads cannot take it nor is it acceptable for the residents and visitors. You are asking for a large number of ratepayers to pay for something that may or may not happen and for many of us, certainly not in our lifetime. This bypass has been discussed for many a year now. If you wish for me to agree to increased rates for a bypass i would wish for a definite plan and completion date. Not a may or maybe not plan. Where is you plan to find or use and alternative route to the town centre for heavy vehicles. You state the maintenance cost for a bypass what about those for the existing ones.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability By increasing fees at this facility you will not encourage people to reduce their waste. Merely encourage them to dispose of it other ways. Leaving it on road sides etc. Parts of Auckland did exactly what you are proposing and resulting in having mountains of it in streets causing health problems as well as looking like a slum. Eventually having to pick it all up and take it to the transfer station their selves. Other councils removed instead of increasing rubbish bins in public areas. Visitors and others then throwing it on the road and public areas. Ourselves and many others having the experience of picking it up and disposing of it. DO we like many other countries want rubbish on our roadsides etc.</p> <p>Matamata is reasonable clean and tidy. Let us at the very least keep it that way. If this council is serious about reducing waste disposal then it needs to do so at the source. Replace plastic rubbish bags with paper ones or rubbish bins. Promote less plastic containers and packaging. By changing the way of supplying rubbish bags from that of doing so on our rates to self-purchase people will again encourage people to find other ways of disposal. Supermarket and other shops plastic bags and dispose of it in rubbish bins or just on the ground or at a waste transfer station. Even more plastic waste.</p> <p>A serious approach is not changing a method but reducing the need. I certainly do not wish to purchase plastic rubbish bags. We do not use them at shops so why would we wish to buy them. As a child I grew up with council rubbish bins, used paper packaging, glass and cardboard containers. Please plan to at least make this a town to look up to Set the way do not follow.</p>	







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77	Gary Connolly	MM	N	O	Y	O	O	N, O	<p>Finance Rate increase limit needs to be strictly kept debt limit is outrageously huge at 150%</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Not sure anything I read describes a plan for economic development. Come up with better proposals.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure A map would have been helpful. Something needs to be done to reduce high traffic through Matamata (firth st, tauranga road) These seem excessively costly council funded options.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability E waste strategy needed, easy cheap rubbish disposal means less rubbish loose in environment. Consider reduced disposal rates at refuse station for rate payers.</p> <p>Healthy Communities 450K for a review. Too Much! Does the CBD need revitalising, if it is not broken don't burden rate payers with fixing cost of business.</p>	
80	Chris and Margaret Plummer	MV	N	Y, O	Y	Y	Y	Y, O	<p>Finance We would support the alternative where the 4% is spread over the 10 years (buy now, pay later)</p> <p>Economic Opportunities However there is no mention of increased parking facilities that are critical now, more so with expected growth.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Town parking facilities crisis not factored in. Morrinsville has experienced huge growth in 3 years, and with it has come a huge need for more parking facilities close to town. Option 1 - Move the sales yards out of the town centre area to a fringe area of town and build multi-level carpark complex Or ground level parking spaces filling the site. Option 2 - Moves sales yards (as above) then move Countdown to the site building a bigger and better building, then the previous countdown site into a multistory car parking building, Obviously both these options would depend on sales/purchase agreements being successful to accommodate the options. There will be other options I am sure, however whatever is decided the critical shortage of parking requires URGENT!! Action.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Balance spending between Matamata and Morrinsville as both are big growth areas.</p>	







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83	Denise Williams	MM	N	n/a	Y	N	N	O	<p>Finance Would prefer smoothing the rates increases over time spreading the load for ratepayers.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Feel employing someone to facilitate economic development is a good move.. Do not see why we should have to work closer with iwi, we should all be treated as the same, we are all ratepayers and part of the community so why should there be any different treatment.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure We should wait and see the difference the Hamilton to Piarere expressway makes before looking at a bypass, why throw money at it when it may not happen. Also a bypass will take a lot of money out of Matamata CBD, we need to look at this very carefully before considering. Take the awful old pancake house away and converting this and The Green & the tatty sculpture emporium into parking which will take the pressure off parking in town for visitors and locals.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability We should be moving from plastic rubbish bags for environmental reasons, we should all be provided with a small green bin which could be collected fortnightly eliminating a huge amount of plastic. Also means that only one person is required on the truck and bags don't get torn by roaming animals. This appears to work very well in other districts and should be seriously considered.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Yes but we should not be throwing huge amounts of money to both Headon Stadium and building another. We should keep some facility - maybe changing rooms/toilets and a sheltered area only at Headon and making a first class stadium at The Domain which is central, has a lot of designated parking already, together with other sports facilities, close to the police station which is great when large numbers are around. Great to get the cycleway through the district.</p> <p>General Strongly disagree that we should contribute anything towards the Hamilton theatre development. MPDC wants to be user pays, this is the opposite, and only 8% of our district purchased tickets for Founders, these people should pay in their ticket price if they wish to go to shows there. Our household has been to many shows in Auckland and only one in Hamilton in 15 years and know many others in the same position. Other councils have rejected this proposal and so should we. We should be putting this money into finishing off our own new facility to be set up to enable us to have great shows and events here, if we cannot afford this why are we even considering this. Other neighbouring councils have done this and we need to as well.</p>	







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81	Clive Williams	MM	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	<p>Finance Councillors need to look at the bigger picture facing households 4+ % here - plus increases from Waikato Regional Rates, Increases in Property insurances (increased Earthquake and fire) proposed added Fuel taxes, Electricity increases and general cost of living increases. These are all adding up to many hundreds some cases (thousands) of dollars a year - and every year with no sight of it abating. Many households in the MPDC catchment are on fixed incomes and cannot find the extra year after year and this is affecting their quality of living. Go out a do a good size survey and see how all these increases (not just rates, do it over all cost of living) are affecting families. Stop the increases and live within your means just like your rate payers at having to do. Start act responsibly we are not an automatic ATM. 4% is far too high it should be tagged to no more the national cost of living index.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities If it can be done within the current budget without any rate increases.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values We are all ONE community and should be treated as ONE. No one group should get any special attention than any other. Yes support youth as long as it is all youth and not just a focus on Iwi</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure The proposed Matamata by pass will have a big economic impact on Matamata Businesses, have a look at what has happened in Te Puke (and their bypass is Tolled) with many small business closing and the council going to the lengths to appointing a marketer to try and get shoppers back. Also study Cambridge - the turn over especially from service stations has dropped dramatically. If you take a close look at NZ transports figures less than 18 % of vehicles that travel through Broadway are Heavy Service Vehicles 82% are passenger's vehicles. If only 10% of these light vehicles no longer stop and make a small purchase in Matamata it will impact on the economy by many of millions of dollars a year based on every dollars spent in a local community stays in that community and is spent at least 4 - 5 times before leaving. Before any by pass is proposed a full in depth study needs to be carried out on the true impact it would have on the local economy. The funding of any such by pass should be funded by the National Roads Board and not local rate payers as it is a national highway. Local rate payers would get no benefit apart from better traffic flow, but would get plenty of negatives with shops closing and jobs going - why would you pay to send your town backwards, we want it going forwards!</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Transfer station fees should increase for non-recyclable waste or those that are too lazy to sort it and recycle it. Those who go out of their way to recycle and reduce waste should be given a reduction in fees.</p> <p>Healthy Communities As a local rate payer you want to see rates spent to help the local community and not given to other regions to support their whimsical projects. The support of a new sports stadium is great as long as it is designed and built to accommodate as many different sports and groups as possible, and managed by an independent panel and not controlled by one sport or another.</p>	







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84	Ngaire Atmore Pattison	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure I agree with the choices for the bypasses. I definitely agree that the Morrinsville Bypass is not needed, I would also be happy for the Matamata Bypass to be dropped, however I see more value in it.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Strongly support any work towards waste minimisation.</p> <p>General On Transport investment in general I think considering the rate of road deaths and serious injuries happening the Matamata-Piako district the Council investment in road safety is abysmal. It is disappointing to see in the MPDC Transport Activity Management Plan that all levels of service regarding maintenance are being met but safety levels of service are not. This is about saving people's lives.</p> <p>I see little reference to Speed Management or a Safe System Approach in any of our transport plans or strategies. I would strongly support Council considering a new Road Safety strategy that is based in Vision Zero and has a financial investment commensurate to our road death rate. Without this I can see our Council will fall further and further behind, especially considering the signals coming from central Government with the draft Transport GPS 2018.</p>	
87	Kelsi Mckain	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Environmental Sustainability Two ways I believe we could manage recycling/waste management better:</p> <p>1) Look into kerbside rubbish bags that are biodegradable/made out of biodegradable recycled product.</p> <p>2) Have recycling bins throughout town next to the rubbish bins. We see these in almost every little town and city we go to and they seem to be effective. If people had a recycling option right next to the general rubbish bin then we'd see a lot less plastic going into the landfill.</p>	







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88	Kylie Van Ras	MV	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	<p>Finance As a citizen of Morrinsville it is very hard to see where any of the rate money is been funneled back into Morrinsville community. It seems to be channeled into Matamata. The rates are too high, especially for the rural community who appear to receive nothing for their rates. Our drains are all blocked and not sprayed properly (bristle grass is mostly coming from the drain region and convolvulus is destroying boundary fences). As was evident during the cyclonic season of 2017 the drains are woefully blocked and not running freely. Bear in mind there is also no rubbish or recycling collection in the rural regions but we still have to pay for it.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Again Morrinsville left out of any plans. They get a token gesture.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Yes definitely bypass Matamata that main town is a shambles of traffic. Morrinsville needs parking and pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Fantastic that you will change the rubbish bag pricing but not great that rural people pay for this for the townsfolk. Not exactly fair.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Please tidy up the one set of public toilets in Morrinsville as they are dreary, depressing and feel unhygienic.</p> <p>General Please stop sweeping Morrinsville under the mat and forgetting about it, it is a vibrant wonderful town that deserves better than it is receiving. I am stoked that the gully has finally been cleaned up but I am not sure if that is a council lead project or an individual project.</p>	







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89	Joanne Kingsford	MM	O	N	Y	N	N	Y	<p>Finance You have stated Council is in a good financial situation. I would not like to see the 4% limit on rates increased for three years over the 10 year plan but keep within that budget</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Matamata is already attracting a lot of interest and cannot see how increasing support will help our town, especially while the roads and bypass are not happening.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Yes but would be interesting just how this is done and to be able to actually see positive results at the end of each year!! How would this be done? It is all very well increasing grants but who follows up to see it all goes to the right place and people in need???</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Have I seen correct, this is not happening until 2031! We should not be paying for Feasibility studies but paying for the development plans as this is already feasible and much needed. The longer it is put off the more this project will cost. It does have to happen so why not start moving it now???</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Absolutely not. I do not think there will be a great reduction in waste by doing this. More likely I feel this will actually lead to illegal dumping of rubbish. It should not be all user pays. There should always be somewhere accessible for ratepayers to be able to dispose of rubbish easily at minimal cost.</p> <p>Healthy Communities It is disgraceful to see how Headon Stadium has been left to deteriorate as it has with obviously no maintenance plan in place for each year. Also the cycleways are a great addition to our area as so many other areas are getting.</p>	
90	Zara Sullivan	MV	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	<p>Finance I guess 4% is quite good when you consider what other councils are proposing - although the next RVs will be happening soon which will mean the rebates increase will actually be more than 4% which is not that great.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure We need some passing lanes between Hamilton and Morrinsville. I am sick of slow drivers and tractors especially during hay season. Yet again Morrinsville gets left behind and the focus is on Matamata</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Healthy Communities The Matamata indoor sports stadium is a big waste of money.</p> <p>General I feel Morrinsville has been left behind and the focus with the Long Term Plan is mainly on Matamata and Te Aroha which as a ratepayer I feel is totally unfair. I do not want to support the funding for a sports centre in a town I will never use. Morrinsville needs more focus as a growing town that is the closest to Hamilton City. If it wasn't so run down it would be a lot more appealing. We need more trees around and more parks in Morrinsville. Perhaps the farmland next to Toyota could be made into a park to give a great first impression to the town.</p>	







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91	Karen and Rodney Chandler	MV	N	O	Y	N	O	N	<p>Finance We are on Tank water so don't use water, we pay for our own rubbish and have a septic tank...all of which we pay for on top of our rates. More importantly we have a road that is dangerous and causes health problems with dust, which neither Matamata Piako or Regional council don't care about, neither party can't decide on who should fix and/or maintain...not sure what we actually pay rates for. We will be looking at what is supposed to be included in our rates</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Not at the expense of inadequate infrastructure.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Probably need to fix local roads first. Especially where there are big corporate farms</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability We pay for our own rubbish so I would hope that we wouldn't have to pay extra</p> <p>Healthy Communities Perhaps looking at what needs to be fixed for residence would be of more benefit first</p>	
92	Mark Hamer	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	O	n/a	<p>Connected Infrastructure More money should be spent on Morrisville's water supply so it is environmentally sustainable and pipe supply ensured</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Water supply's should be sustainable</p>	
98	Starfish Social Services Deborah Galloway	MM	n/a	n/a	O	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values Starfish agree that the \$10,000 should go to youth but not in this format. Our questions and wonderings include:</p> <p>Are the youth ambassadors an accurate representation of ALL youth in Matamata Piako (representing diversity, age, SES, gender) or just those who hold leadership roles at local high schools? (It is noted that in 2017 there were 3 reps 1 from each school). How are the YVA's selected?</p> <p>Starfish would like to see the YVA have more of a leadership role in their community, not just at a council level. In doing this Starfish can offer support to youth volunteer ambassadors to hold quarterly forums at the local schools, AEs and in local settings to meet with young people to ensure that the voices of ALL youth are fairly represented.</p>	
99	Deborah Galloway	MV	n/a	n/a	N	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values I believe that funding should go to youth, but I do not believe the VYA is a good way to do so as it only benefits a minority. Money would be better spent on youth development projects which encapsulate more and diverse youth to grow and develop skills.</p>	







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102	Margaret Hunter	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>General Te Aroha has a delightful I-Site run by very professional pleasant staff. However it is let down badly by the lack of sufficient toilet facilities. Imagine a busload of tourists arriving. More often than not, folk of senior ages. What is the first place they head for? Yes, a toilet, but at our I-Site there is only one so the queue forms. A very poor first impression of our town and first impressions do count.</p> <p>On the recent 'Day in the domain' I found myself in need of the toilet. So I joined the throng of rather grumpy people. Grumpy because unless they walked up the hill or a couple of streets away there was no other choice. The toilet itself had run out of toilet paper and the floor was soaking wet. For mums with little ones and older folk with limited mobility there was no choice but to use this toilet. I do understand that with the demand on that day, the one and only toilet could not be kept clean. The point being there should be several toilets of a decent standard, preferably both Men's and Women's.</p>	
103	Teresa Simons	MV	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	<p>Economic Opportunities Important to measure facilitators progress in supporting Economic growth, if growth goes backwards remove the new role.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Morrinsville doesn't warrant a bypass, fix intersection corner top pub and main road with roundabout</p> <p>Healthy Communities Put in walkway from polo grounds to holmwood park. Make it a cycle track too. Clean out river to make it kayakable. If the council cleaned out the river from the polo grounds to holmwood park you could make it canoe or kayakable. Promote this for the community and visitors. Link the walkways down the river, promote this as a cycle and walk track. To help fund this the PD workers could help clear tracks.</p>	
104	Peter Smith	MV	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	<p>Finance We have to live within our means. Council must learn to do the same.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities As long as money is spent wisely.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Yes to youth, No to lwi they get enough already</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Why spend money on feasibility if Waikato expressway eases high traffic movement</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability There is Rubbish dumped everywhere now. This will make it much worse.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Morrinsville is left out completely, why?</p> <p>General Public transport is a costly luxury. The bus from/to Hamilton has had 1 or 2 people whenever I see it. This needs to be re-addressed. Throwaway another \$22m. Won't fix it. Proportionate spending (per head per town) is favoring Matamata. Let's see some balance for Morrinsville too. We will watch with intent whether the council take one bit of notice of the response to this survey. - Surprise me!</p>	







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106	Very Concerned Ratepayer	n/a	Y	N	Y	O	N	N	<p>Economic Opportunities Why does Matamata get an extra \$15000???</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Agree that Morrinsville bypass is not needed but why do we have to pay for Matamata bypass!!!!</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Increase fees at transfer stations - Seriously!!?</p> <p>Healthy Communities All my rates money goes to bloody Matamata upgrades, Pathetic!!!</p> <p>General :(, Address on form is: Home for the sick and tired of all my ratepayer money going to Matamata all the bloody time!! I am sick and tired of reading how all the ratepayer dollars go to Matamata. It used to be funny but is now a real joke! Also who made the call to now make us pay for our rubbish bags!! This is in effect a pseudo rates increase. VERY ANGRY!!!</p>	
109	Chris Liddicoat	MM	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	<p>Connected Infrastructure We need it now not in 10 years, too much procrastination</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Increasing transfer station fees will only lead to more dumping of rubbish not a decrease in rubbish. Also, the rubbish bags! First I heard they would be \$2 from retailers, the last thing I read was they'll be around \$2, to me that means they'll Be more.</p> <p>Healthy Communities While the cycleways are a good idea the only people benefitting in Matamata will be the shop owners, not the people of Matamata, we don't even have a decent children's playground here, and if the stupid sports stadium goes ahead we will probably lose the playground at the domain.</p> <p>General In the 14 years I have lived here the state of the town in general has gotten worse, only the gardens in the main street are kept nice, the others are quite overrun with weeds, the grass in parts isn't mown often, rubbish bins often overflowing, It's embarrassing.</p>	







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110	Ashlie Agar	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Environmental Sustainability Paying for rubbish bags is a bad idea. It simply means people at the lower end of income scale, will dump rubbish in public spaces. I lived in a location when the council did something similar and although a good idea if you're on a decent wage, it lead to people who cannot afford the bags, to dump their rubbish wherever, whenever. What would you do? Buy a rubbish bag or staple foods? Buy a rubbish bag or sanitary items? Perhaps its buy a rubbish bag or toilet paper? Anyone's guess. Been in all those situations when I was on a student allowance.</p> <p>Buying rubbish bags is that kind of decision for many people in the community. And it's a no-brainer. You simply don't buy rubbish bags. It should be easy enough to find out how many people are on a benefit locally. Or not on a benefit but earning minimum wage? With kids to support? Or struggling financially due to mortgage and or debts? Add to that flatters. When your flatting you don't have to pay the rates so what benefit is there to those who cannot afford a mortgage. It will put the housing bills up for them. Just another thing to add to the shopping list. Ha, somehow I doubt the home owner will pass their savings on to their flatters. I strongly suggest that this should be considered before going ahead with the change. I agree we need to reduce the amount to landfills, but I don't agree with having to buy rubbish bags and that is from personal experience. Perhaps a wheelie bin for general refuse? Maybe you can afford the \$2 or \$3 per bag (I'm guessing at the price?) but anyone who cannot afford it will be reduced to either dumping or filling public rubbish bins, whatever they can do to get rid of the waste. So, ultimately, the change from rates-provided rubbish bags to user-pays rubbish bags, will just mean spending monies to remove illegally dumped rubbish.</p> <p>I will be sending this letter to Piako Post also.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Ashlie Agar</p>	
111	Helen Vallender	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Healthy Communities Replacing the toilets at Waharoa with two cubicles will be totally inadequate. I regularly travel through Waharoa on my way to Putaruru. There always seems to be a queue at the toilets at Waharoa. At present there are two cubicles for women (I think) - not sure what is available for the men. Also with the new cubicles people will wash their hands (maybe) while still in the cubicle increasing the wait time for those in the queue. Please consider increasing the number of toilets available. Thank you</p>	
112	Steve Wenzlick	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	O	<p>Environmental Sustainability Recycling facilities at Matamata Transfer Station are a mess - always overfilled</p> <p>Healthy Communities Not sure on Headon Stadium but I do have views on cycleways, I am not convinced of the necessity of a cycleway from Te Aroha to Matamata - the Te Aroha Gordon and Old Te Aroha roads are relatively quiet and good to cycle on. However if it is part of a region-wide system, then ok. I do support the side trails to Wairere Falls and maybe Hobbiton etc. If the Te Aroha - Matamata section is to go ahead, then please design and construct the trail so it has some interest to ride + wow factor. For example, mimic the style of the current Tower road walkway - bends, curves, inclines, good surface, Do not build a straight flat track beside Manawaru and Tower Roads. Also add regular tree clusters, sculptures, and old tractors/machinery and create view channels towards Kaimai range.</p>	







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114	Casey Dunseath	MM	N	Y	Y	Y	N	O	<p>Finance I would prefer the option of smoothing the rates increases. I definitely do not want to see any deferral of maintenance on capital work to facilities, as this creates issues long term where we then have to fully replace the asset or do extensive work to property because we haven't adequately maintained it.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities I definitely think economic development should be a priority within our community to support business growth, job opportunities and to promote our district within the tourism industry.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values I think increasing community grants funding is needed within our area so that more organisations can be supported and it is a way for us to give back to those in need within our community.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure I think it is a good idea to remove the designation for the Morrinsville bypass, and agree that the Matamata bypass is a higher priority. I agree with the decision to allocate the funding for feasibility studies and purchase of land, and waiting until 2031 to commence works is a wise idea to allow time to understand the impact of the Hamilton-Piarere bypass on traffic levels.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability I don't agree with allocating funding to upgrade the transfer stations as I think they are very functional and sufficient as they are. I would like to see the council consider their options for soft plastic recycling being able to be put into the black recycling bins. Soft plastic is prevalent in packaged foods and can currently be taken to New World Matamata to be recycled - so why can we not send this in our regular bins and it then be sorted at the transfer station? This would be a great start for waste minimisation! I am also concerned about the ability for retailers to be able to set their own price for rubbish bags, as they are likely to justify increases to the existing prices around the cost of storage and convenience.</p> <p>Healthy Communities I think we should focus on the side trails for the cycleway but not fund the extension to Piarere at this time. I think it is ridiculous to be spending money on repairing Headon Stadium which is in such a state of disrepair it is unusable by many sports groups. We should instead be demolishing the building, and pool the resources that were allocated for repairs with the budget for a new facility (including the funds so generously put aside by Bruce Magan), and build something amazing for our community that can be used now and for future generations. Headon Stadium is an eyesore, it is in the wrong location and the style of the existing building is limiting in terms of being able to be modernised.</p>	
115	Bob Shields	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 115 of Long Term Plan Submissions attachment document	







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116	Environmental Protection Agency	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 203 of Long Term Plan Submissions attachment document	
121	Wolfgang Faber	TA	N	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Finance There should be enough money through rates, considering that the council just gave away rates money in the order of \$199.000 to the events centre trust, and say that the rate payers can dish out per year \$244.000 to run that centre; while at the same time the council refuses to mow berms. Just stick to the basics and stop fancy works. Someone in that council lost all sense of reality.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Rather finally go and do what the council's domain management years ago said was necessary. Presently the Te Aroha domain is a disgrace to look at. Employ more gardeners and not development managers. Out there is another reality; like leaving loose gravel piled up in the middle of the (e.g.) Longfellow Street after so-called scheduled re-surfacing===a disgrace, negligence, danger and waste of resources.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Hello, again!</p> <p>Perhaps someone finds my thinking a bit odd, but please bring it to the attention of the councillors. I have heard that from next year on (July) there will be no more rubbish bags supplied (through rates) in MPDC. That's wrong, and will serve only one purpose----the dumping or burning of rubbish.</p> <p>We live in Shakespeare Street, Te Aroha, and lately the nuisance of someone burning rubbish after dark in Gallagher Street (?) has happened again. Not only counterproductive but dangerous (fire and toxic fumes). Please reconsider and bring back the rubbish bags, and do something about that nuisance.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>General The council's website is very unhelpful in explaining what are proposed policy changes, and what are just intentions put into the Long Term Plan, whereby the ratepayers are asked to give the Council free reign to fill the space with new policies as you go, and then pretend that the council had already asked and engaged the public. Not right! I reject the whole approach to this brave new world concept and presentation. It is most likely the product of specially hired PR-consultants. I Would like to know what that has cost us ratepayers.</p> <p>Further I object to this consultation process, where the public is left in the dark about next year's budget in terms of the Annual Plan! Where is that? Last year the Council did not run an Annual Plan consultation, saying that the envisaged changes then were insignificant.</p> <p>This year they are not insignificant--and no one of us ratepayers is told, when there might be more than 4% in rates increases, and for what 4% or more would be needed. Pie in the sky! Stick to the basics</p>	







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122	Mills Farms – Sophia Clark	MM	N	O	O	O	O	n/a	<p>Finance It means that farmers will be paying some 14 times more than a benchmark property in town - when urban property owners will arguably be receiving more benefit.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure I don't support the funding stream or effect on rural rates. We pay for these facilities and services and don't get full use of them</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability As rural farmers we Don't have council rubbish collection and also Don't have recycling. But Do other farmers pay for these?</p> <p>General MPDC preference for a too easy administer 'tax-based' rating system over fairness and equity is not acceptable.</p>	
125	Heritage New Zealand Lower Northern Area	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 212 of Long Term Plan Submissions attachment document	
129	Brian and Gaelyn Howison	MM	O	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	<p>Finance We think Council can manage within the 4% every year</p> <p>Healthy Communities Have extended cycleways been properly researched with ratepayers, as major cycleways built in other areas in recent years get very little use and have not been cost effective?</p> <p>General We are concerned that very little provision is made for amenities for older ratepayers, particularly as regards movie theatres, where we understand all recent business approaches have effectively been stymied by Council requiring huge imposts for parking where there appears to already be adequate marked parking both in front and at the rear of the proposed former theatre site. People are currently forced to go to the nearest current theatres in Cambridge.</p> <p>We would like an email response from Council to this point.</p>	







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130	Jan Shoemark	TA	O	Y	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Finance Not sure as don't understand finances.</p> <p>General railway reserve 'low fence to keep cars off the grass The reserve that borders state highway 26 is used as a dirt track for cars often tearing up the grass and making loud noises with their cars. Can the low pole be extended to stop the cars getting onto to the grass area</p> <p>I would like to ask is there any plans to build parks in Waitoa and waihou. Now that there is no local schools there is nothing for both young and old to go in these small communities. It's sad to see nothing being done in the smaller towns.</p>	
132	Peter Volker	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Environmental Sustainability Weed control management It is important for the clean nature of land and people that use of hazardous chemicals for weed control is severely limited. I ask that in the plan a clause is entered in which is required that once every year a written report is issued to the full Council, supported by a verbal presentation on the practices of weed control used in the bygone year and a plan on how it will be done in the year ahead. In this report the manager(s) of the weed control operations in the district are required to explain what has been – and will be done to minimise the release of toxic herbicides and pesticides on the land as well as the reasons to not do more. In connection herewith I note that glyphosate, the main ingredient in the most commonly used herbicide, can now be detected in almost all food products and open water courses. Glyphosate is classified as a probable carcinogen.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Cycle provisions That a feasibility study is commissioned for the construction of a cycle path between Te Aroha and Morrinsville. The report to address: Proposed route(s) and Cost estimate</p> <p>General That the limitations for use of the pedestrian and railway bridge in Te Aroha at times of high water levels in the Waihou river be removed. Structural- and foundation investigation required to make that decision may need to be done first; followed by remedial work if found necessary. This to be entered into the plan in the 2 years ahead.</p>	
135	Toimata Foundation	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 224 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	







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140	Howard Harrison	TA	O	Y	N	O	O	Y	<p>Finance Increase our debt. Renewal and development now is cheaper than in 10 years' time. If we succeed in making our district 'the place of choice' our Long Term Planning (50 years) needs serious attention now. Bypass roads cannot be put in the TOO HARD basket. Do not wait for the problem to strangle the town and then try and solve it. The cost of lost opportunities and the higher cost of dealing with the problem is not the way to manage a district.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities If you are old (70 or more) you plan for the next ten years. If you are a district and wish to sell the district to the world you need to plan for the next 50 years. The vision as indicated seems feeble and not at all inspiring. To make Economic opportunities a reality we need to reduce the number of beurocratic boxes that need to be ticked before anything can be done. Get rid of at least 60% of the beurecrats and the district will grow.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values No apartheid in New Zealand. Work <u>only</u> with New Zealanders</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Bypass problem in Morrinsville and Te Aroha have been sacrificed for Matamata. The problems in Morrinsville and Te Aroha will not go away. As Hamilton grows both Morrinsville & Te Aroha will present major traffic problems in the next 10 - 15 years. They must be addressed. Planning needs to be 50 years (long term) 25 years (medium term) and 10 years (short term) the next is emergency patch up.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Managing how and where people can develop land through our District Plan is typically socialistic strangulation of the economy. Jobs for beaurecrats. Increasing Transfer Station fees may lead to an increase in dumping that could cost the ratepayers more than it is worth. How do you plan to deal with this potential problem?</p>	







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142	Jennifer Harrison	TA	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values Treat all residents as Nzealanders no racial discrimination.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Your plan will create more problems than it will solve.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Te Aroha is a major tourist attraction, why no plans to improve?</p> <p>General It is disturbing that to learn that Local Government NZ is calling for the removal of the Maori ward petition rights. That means the rate paying community of the Matamata-Piako District Council (and many others) will lose their democratic right to vote on the issue Maori wards being unilaterally created.</p> <p>I request that this Council uphold the right of any rate paying residents, whatever racial group, to be democratically voted onto the Council. I request that this Council not legislate on any apartheid system whereby one racial group is awarded privileges over another.</p> <p>Our forefathers secured democracy for us, many paying with their lives so that all citizens would have control over their destiny. The women of New Zealand wear the proud badge of being the first in the world to have voting rights. The LGNZ in general and the Matamata-Piako District Council in particular is intending to dismiss the gains of all those brave and honorable men and women. The LGNZ is requesting central government legislation a major constitutional change from democracy to racialism and tribalism - all without the agreement of voters.</p> <p>I request that you guarantee there will be no race-based laws in our district. This is not South Africa.</p>	







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143	Gisela L-Faber	TA	N	N	N	O	N	N	<p>Finance Debt is high enough as is.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Cost benefit analysis? We pay, business keeps?</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Support the best, Future Te Aroha, Senior citizens, community van, and meals on wheels.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure For mobility through muscle, electricity, shared transport.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Control incoming packaging, production of waste, sorting, localize, build awareness.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Do facilitate safe cycling and walking throughout towns. Scootering in separate lanes!</p> <p>Big sports facilities make no sense: users drive to and from them! Sport can be fun, but does not equal good health - everyday physical and mental activity does! 'Build' cyclepaths where people 'move' now to town, to school, to recreation.</p> <p>General Funding contribution to Ham theatre for MV portion of the MPD only, they (MV) have proximity to participate/ attend. All others would only contribute to C02, Nox etc. Emissions! Peak oil has passed, personal car ownership will <u>decrease</u>. Public transport is needed. Community van will be increasingly used. Town and economic planning needs to be ahead of these trends - or tread very carefully!</p> <p>Economic pressure on ratepayers necessitates prudent concentration on <u>essentials</u>, water, environment, foot/cycle/scooter paths, roads and street lights and signage (maintenance) Parks and reserves, pools and playgrounds (improvements) libraries (cons and maint) Small halls (maintenance) for frequent get-togetherness. Democracy.</p>	







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144	K Semmens	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 229 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	







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145	Lynette Stanley	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Economic Opportunities If you get the right person, Identify more land for commercial business growth. General 1. More money needs to be spent on core infrastructure-rubbish bins, leaves. 2. I don't believe MTM can afford to maintain both Headon Stadium and a new facility. It is more imperative that we provide an up to standard sports facility in town. We also need to provide other facilities for youth in town, e.g. leisure pool at the sports centre, climbing wall in new stadium. Locals and visitors alike would use these. 3. An upgrade of Headon Stadium to a two court stadium is <u>not</u> feasible.	
150	Tourism Industry Aotearoa	OD	O	O	O	O	O	O	Refer Page 233 of Long Term Plan Submissions attachment document	
151	John Needham	MV	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Finance There will always be an increase cost to everything you intend to do, keep it below 4% Economic Opportunities Chamber of commerce and public relation assoc. should be funded by local businesses, rail trail cycleway, I'm not convinced this brings real value to our towns. Vibrant Cultural Values I'm fully aware of Iwi in our area, what are the 'other cultures' you speak of? You have informed we don't have relationship with our local Iwi I am convinced we do Connected Infrastructure Priority is to complete the Matamata Bypass Environmental Sustainability The Morrinsville refuse station is a shambles. Healthy Communities Headon stadium needs a lot of serious money spend on it, I believe the sports stadium should be built there. General The footpaths in Morrinsville are in a disgraceful mess, serious attention should be to improve this, the 'streetscape' in Morrinsville main street is also disgraceful, some of the paving is too low or high creating a tripping hazard, some are cracked or broken, the main street was water blasted some time back and does not appear to have improved the surface. The water blasting may have damaged the surface coating of the concrete. Concentrate on care services, stormwater especially in all three towns, get rid of the 3 raised non pedestrian crossing (speed humps) main street Morrinsville, Thames street, they are useless unnecessary unattractive feature for a smooth drive through town.	
155	Suzanne Yeager	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Environmental Sustainability There is no mention or reference to green recycling. Surely there should be plans in the next 10 years to recycle green waste with bins like Christchurch? This is an easy way to reduce solid waste by diverting compostable	







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156	Jessica Reisima	MV	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Finance I agree with the proposed limit on rates increases, but feel debt could be increased a bit more to fund improvements and smooth rates increases. Even debt at 110% of revenue is relatively conservative and still gives room to add additional debt in the event of unforeseen circumstances (natural disaster, infrastructure failure etc.). This also means the cost is more evenly spread over current ratepayers and future ratepayers who will also be benefitting from the improvements.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities I think more needs to be done in this area. Could we add an incentive for new/innovative businesses to come to our district, such as a \$5,000 donation (limit \$100,000 per year?). These businesses would then employ locals ideally, which would bring more residents to the area. I agree with revitalising the town centres, promoting the Hauraki Rail Trail and providing funding to support local community events.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values I strongly agree with the proposed increases in funding to youth groups and community groups. I also think hosting citizenship ceremonies is a fantastic idea and hope you will continue to do this.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure I agree that the need for a bypass in Matamata is higher than the need for the bypass in Morrinsville. I also think a new water supply for Morrinsville is important, as is making Morrinsville's water supply more resilient.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability I agree with making the system more of a 'user-pays' system. By reducing targeted rates and asking people to pay for rubbish bags, and by increasing transfer station fees, people are encouraged to reduce their waste to save money, resulting in a more environmentally friendly community.</p> <p>Healthy Communities I think developing the cycleways is a good idea, but we should focus on the side trails to encourage users to spend more time in our district, rather than extending the trail. Focusing on the little things is very important to me, so I'm fully supportive of increased funding in that area.</p> <p>General Are we able to get more rubbish bins put in at local parks? This would make it a lot easier for people to dispose of rubbish, doggie-doo etc. I think we are really lacking in this area. Great consultation document - very easy to read and you have some fantastic ideas!</p>	
160	Josiah Bennet	TA	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	<p>General you really need to upgrade the Te aroha skate park I think it would be a better improvement to the town and more people would visit since the action sport industries are growing bigger every day</p>	







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161	Michelle Tanner	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	<p>Finance I have no concerns about rates increases as long as the income generated serves our community wisely and sustainably with consideration for the environment.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability : I think would like to see something done about recycling e-waste and in the meantime that Council provide some guidance to the community about what they should do with all their old phones, TV's etc. etc.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Cycleways, yes definitely but spending money on Headon Stadium is madness. It is an ugly building that is not fit for purpose. Why on earth prop it up AND build a new stadium? My understanding is that, outside of MPDC funding, there is extensive funding available towards a new stadium that would be better located and fit-for-purpose. I do not support upgrading Headon but do support MPDC putting those allocated funds in to a new stadium.</p>	
165	Matamata Public Relations Association – Sue Whiting	MM	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	n/a	<p>General Matamata has always been a busy service town and since 2002 it has become a vibrant visitor destination. The I-SITE Visitor Centre continues to welcome 350,000 visitors a year. Naturally this creates a strain on CBD parking especially during the middle of the day.</p> <p>As visitors to Matamata add significant economic benefit to the town we want to encourage them to park in the CBD, take their Hobbiton tour from town and shop locally. However, our visitors need to be assured they can park in the CBD for the duration of their 3-hour Hobbiton tour. The PRA would like to suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changing specific areas that are currently designated as 60 and 30-minute parking to 3-hour parking. • That Council develop the areas which have previously been identified as parking possibilities- they are: • Additional angle parking in Waharoa Road East, – ideally making the parks a suitable size for campervans • Create parking spaces opposite the Civic Centre – where the temporary offices where located. <p>Broadway Pedestrian Crossing The PRA would like to request that due to increased heavy traffic flows on Broadway, that a signaled pedestrian crossing system is installed at the current pedestrian crossing (from Ronnie's to Tonezone) This will manage traffic and pedestrian flows though the town.</p>	







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166	Prema Yoga	TA	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	<p>General</p> <p>1.Hi would like to suggest a plan to add a rock climbing wall facility at the Silver Ferns facility in town as the youth need some more activities in our area and talking with them they have asked for some serious adventure facilities. Even we could have a ninja warrior course or something similar that challenges youth and their families in positive health indoor options when the long winter arrives. It could be good for tourism too!</p> <p>2. I suggest including a world class Hamman style facility in Te Aroha which is a huge steam sauna room built in a dome style which is found throughout Turkey the designs can be absolutely stunning and add it to our area as a must experience activity.</p> <p>3.I also suggest some more events like a cultural music festival and maybe even a yoga and music festival too and bring the spirit of community and some more interest to Te Aroha using our Silver Fern facility and the amazing Domain. Annual dinner and dance would be nice with a jazz concert too.</p>	
167	Mark Naude'	TA	Y	N	Y	O	O	O	<p>Refer Page 242 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document</p>	







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169	Ingrid Naude'	TA	O	O	O	O	Y	N	Refer Page 245 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	
171	Ngati Haua Iwi Trust Lisa Gardiner	MM	O	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Refer Page 247 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	

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177	Robyn Mayo	TA	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure At this stage the Matamata Bypass should take precedent.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Council led workshops on recycling would educate people on what and how to recycle efficiently Younger generations are learning this at school whereas the older generations are often void of this knowledge.</p> <p>General To whom it may concern..... I Robyn Mayo, long term resident of Te Aroha, lodge this submission in relation to the current 10yr plan being developed for Te Aroha and local environs by The Matamata Piako District Council. The primary points I wish to express concern about are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed level of rates increases in alignment with an increased reduction of service provision • The already evident and concerning impacts of the councils policy to halt berm mowing/management and I expect the intention of this policy to remain as a means of reducing council costs and provision of community upkeep • The possible and alarming suggestion of reducing management of community parks and common grounds <p>In relation to the existing berm non-management by Matamata Piako District Council I wish to bring to your attention the instantaneous and direct correlation of 'hovel status' of many local streets. I think it important to clarify that the neighbouring properties to the unkempt berms sighted throughout Te Aroha are in most instances tidily kept. The berms are not part of these properties and in many instances significantly large and on a difficult gradient It would be fair to say that as a council you are aware of the cost of mowing these berms hence the council decision to abandon this community responsibility.</p> <p>I have not spoken with all property neighbours of unkempt berms but on the occasion I have had contact with the neighbouring dwelling occupants they have voiced an inability to manage these berms physically, time wise or financially. And they despair at the impact of this situation for them within their home/community.</p> <p>This brings me to the concerning proposal of a reduction of mowing and/or grounds management of community parks and common grounds in Te Aroha.</p> <p>Te Aroha parks currently provide a community facility that avails itself to all residents and is well utilised by our community as a whole alongside the many tourists that our area draws and benefits from. To reduce the upkeep of our parks will quite obviously risk the triggering catalyst for a reduction in the culture of park use, possibly even dropping parts of them to the already established 'hovel' status of some areas of our community post the council berm maintenance change.</p> <p>It is a frequently noted starting point of communities desiring to improve utilisation and safety of park users, to establish restoration plans of the community park environs. Therefore I see it as an extraordinary and negligent proposal to reduce the basic maintenance of our parks and risk this outcome. It is also a well-known fact amongst community developers that the 'mission' of restoring and reclaiming parks for favourable and safe community use once an erosion of this status occurs is a task requiring much financial, community law enforcement and rebuilding of community relationship with said area.</p> <p>I would like my above submission lodged and acknowledged and to be kept informed of any Council developments relating to my expressed points of concern.</p>	







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179	William and Colleen Allen	MM	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Finance Prefer the 4% over 5 year option Environmental Sustainability Do we get a reduction as we have lost 52 rubbish bags per year Healthy Communities Include carpark area to stop car burnouts at Headon Stadium late at night. Speed hump or whatever required.	
181	Sue Callis	MM	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Healthy Communities Matamata Cemetery needs work - not up to standard, would like sunshades over playgrounds not under trees. Matamata bypass: now that the new labour government has changed direction on completing the Waikato Expressway we need to build the bypass within the next 10 years or sooner. We need the traffic reduced in our CBD. At times the roundabout at Firth and Broadway is difficult as many drivers push in, fail to indicate etc. Matamata - possible new indoor stadium, do not agree why not look at using the school stadium? Pleased to see Headon Stadium being renewed, Thank you.	
182	Tania Smith	MV	O	O	Y	N	N	N	Healthy Communities Definitely not Environmental Sustainability I think the way things are done at this Council are terrible. The rubbish bag 'survey' being one, the water problems are far from good, lack of accountability, lack of consultation with the 'ratepayers' - you are not a government and even the government has more accountability. My flooding problems are disgusting and even more disgusting is the council burying their heads in the sand. I have never dealt with a council that is so bad. You seem to forget who pays your wages!	
183	John Marks	MV	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Economic Opportunities To encourage use of cycleways put them in non-boring locations not beside main road. Vibrant Cultural Values What about some funding for Morrinsville Art Gallery (Wallace) Connected Infrastructure Matamata definitely needs a bypass funded by Matamata ward rates. Needs to be 100% user pays I have a wheelie bin but have still contributed for many years to rubbish removal that I never used. Healthy Communities What about footpath around Avenue Road and linking the 2 Morrinsville river walks General Mayor intent on creating her own memorials! Focus seems very much centered on Matamata. The mayor has already wasted millions on the new memorial hall and offices. The cycleway to Matamata has taken the most boring route possible, another waste of money and now council wants to spend millions more on Headon Stadium and indoor facility. How long before the council head office is relocated to Matamata. Morrinsville Memorial hall is a partial sign on a wall and Te Aroha does not even have that!! Where are our Morrinsville and Te Aroha Councillors when all this waste is going on? Asleep or hopeless?	







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184	Meryl Marks	MV	Y	N	N	N	N	N	<p>Economic Opportunities Don't agree with employing someone. Agree with 'what else are we doing' bullet points.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure No to bypass</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Will people go to transfer station?</p> <p>Healthy Communities I am in favour of cycleway being extended to points of interest, optimise what we have. Not in favour of Headon Stadium or revitalising CBD's, optimise existing facilities.</p> <p>I would love to see extensions to cycleways to Waiorongomai and Wairere Falls, would love a cycle path around Morrinsville, so we don't need to travel by car to get to other cyclepaths.</p> <p>More use of local halls and sports facilities, rather than building new expensive buildings. Not sure where Headon Stadium is could the high school benefit from a sports facility that the whole community could use? Add on to what they have.</p> <p>CBD - all look good. Streetscape has been done in all towns. Gradually Morrinsville's gardens are becoming more maintenance free.</p>	
186	*Late Submission* Ewan Corner	TA	N	N	Y	N	Y	O	<p>Finance Comparing Council debt to a household mortgage is a mischief in the extreme. Your graph completely distorts how destructive Council can be.</p> <p>1. House Mortgage geared against an appreciating asset.</p> <p>2. Council debt geared against revenue.</p> <p>3. Interest repayments on \$300.00 rather different than on 76 million. Notice your graph does not mention how much the rate payers pay in actual dollars in servicing our debt. To just say that 'having some debt makes sense' is another mischief. So is the other silly comment that debt 'makes sure that current and future generations pay their fair share' such trivial and glib comments diminish your integrity.</p> <p>4. Who does council borrow from and what rate, has council ever put pressure on the government to enable borrowing from the reserve bank.</p> <p>5. The council is a service operation and must guard against becoming an economic or business venture. As a ratepayer i do not want to be financing more CEOs salaries and consultant's fees; unnecessary debts; resource fees; travel expenses or any other perks outside a councils core responsibilities.</p> <p>6. In many ways, a Long Term Plan, 5 year plan or 10 years plan is a nonsense and the council knows it. It is changed from year to year, sometimes less. The future rate percentage is most likely to change and the council seems very reluctant to add, and explain, how the rate increases are compounding, distorting the real cost of a 3% increase, quoted now but to come into effect in 10 years' time.</p>	







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187	Fire And Emergency New Zealand	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 250 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	
190	Claire Walters	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	O	<p>Environmental Sustainability Higher Charges = more dumping. Green waste should be free. Option of bag size i.e. a smaller bag for smaller family or single occupant,</p> <p>Healthy Communities Is Morrinsville missing out? The focus appears on Matamata cycleway. I agree with extending the cycleway to Matamata from Te Aroha and the side trails to encourage users to spend more time in the district. Don't fund the extension to Piarere, definitely not. I am a cycleway user (electric bike) but travel by car to Cambridge to cycle those trails which i am happy to do. After all i am a resident of Morrinsville which has no cycleway link!</p> <p>General Morrinsville needs more funding to maintain parks and reserves, most are untidy with overgrown creeks and waterways. Weeds such as convolvulus appear out of control in some areas. Pavements need attention to uneven concrete slabs (a danger to walkers). Trees on kerbside need pruning. Morrinsville requires greater funding attention.</p>	
191	Jane Ferguson	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Environmental Sustainability Having recently become a rural resident landowners in the district find it difficult to dispose of household waste in a convenient and timely manner. I would like you to consider a variety of suggestions towards the problem.</p> <p>1. A drop off point in the township of Morrinsville on a Friday, being the local collection day where rural rate payers could drop off MPDC rubbish bags and green bottle recycle bin.</p> <p>2. A series of meetings in the three districts to educate what is recyclable, what is not and the best way to ready this for collection or delivery to the dump. This could be a hands on event with education being the main objective but in an engaging and interesting way. I have some ideas for this.</p> <p>3. To make available recycle options such as a worm farm at cost price to ratepayers. Your bulk buying power would see a good saving. These are expensive to buy at retail price and in my opinion are a cleaner way to dispose of waste rather than a compost bin. However these too could be brought in bulk and a voucher given to purchase etc.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to share some ideas to alleviate the tedious yet necessary task of disposing of our waste.</p>	







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194	Noel Harvey Webb	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 252 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	
195	Totara Springs Christian Centre	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 256 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information Document	







General Submissions







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6	Loren Osborne	MM	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
7	Daniel Scelly	MM	N	N	N	N	Y	N	<p>Finance Hang your heads in shame councillors!!! Should be ZERO increase, not exceed 4%. Listen to your community!!!</p> <p>Economic Opportunities NO funding increase to any organisation.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values NO increase in grants. Happy to see funding for youth as they are the future. No money to be spent with IWI.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Not the councils need to pay for bypass. Government will eventually build if required.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Needs to be 100% user pays I have a wheelie bin but have still contributed for many years to rubbish removal that I never used.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Why not accept the local businessman / futures idea to build a descent sports facility. No use spending more money on Heddon. It's like putting lipstick on a pig. No one is still going to use it!!! Again a waste of money by the council!!!! Do not spend any money on cycle way. Government will build if required.</p> <p>General Once again the council have no idea about what your ratepayers want!!! Guess we will vote you out at the end of your term. Zero increase!!!!</p>	
10	Rob Haddock	MV	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Healthy Communities I believe the cycle trails are an exceptional way to build long term healthy communities. They make cycle riding accessible, fun and safe for all. I would love to see a side trail developed from Te Aroha to Morrinsville. I think the corridor beside the existing rail line makes this quite possible.</p> <p>I think Morrinsville has the infrastructure to be a place people will come to as a 'side ride'. My wife Sandie came up with the idea that it could be named 'The Dairy Trail' with the factories Waitoa, Tatua, and Lockerbie being points of interest along with 'Herd of Cows' and 'The Mega Cow' in Morrinsville itself.</p> <p>I understand that this is not in the scheme yet and that the side trails to Wairere Falls and Wairongomai are. I do agree with these side trails being developed. Therefore, am not sure if the Morrinsville side trail idea has been considered. Regards, Rob</p>	







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11	Steve Southall	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Finance The balance is about right</p> <p>Economic Opportunities I am just returning to the Waikato after an extended absence overseas and in Auckland. When I tell my Auckland friends that my wife and I are moving to rural Waihou near Te Aroha I always have some explaining to do. Where is that? Why move there? What will you do? Clearly the eastern Waikato has a pretty low profile, and while some locals might like it, I think there is plenty of room for promotion and increased economic development. Thinking about our major towns, the following come to mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Te Aroha – hot pools, walking, cycling, mountain biking, Edwardian architecture, Kaimais proximity - Morrinsville – dairying, quirky cows, Jacinda, walking tracks - Matamata – horses & dairying, Hobbiton, Wairere Falls <p>Not a lot compared to say the Coromandel or the Bay of Plenty with their coast lines, but enough to form a base. I see the region's key opportunities for economic development being centered on environmental tourism and the outdoors, perhaps supplemented by history, dairying, art & culture. The cycle trail from Paeroa to Te Aroha has already proved itself, and its extension to Matamata and on (with a spur to Hobbiton) to Piarere is absolutely crucial. Having a continuous safe linkage from the Cambridge cycle trails through Matamata and Te Aroha to Paeroa will see a steady stream of outdoors-focused tourists looking for points of interest, activities, cafes/restaurants and accommodation. Outdoor activities based on tramping and mountain biking (Te Aroha and Te Miro trails) could be a particular focus. It may also be worthwhile to attract and promote one big event that puts one of our towns on the map (Paeroa's Battle of the Streets motorcycle race comes to mind as an example).</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Funding for youth and iwi is important, and ties in nicely with the increased economic opportunities that come from expanding environmental tourism.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Bypasses are a double-edged sword as they have the potential to deprive retailers on the main street of passing custom, however they remove heavy traffic and make the town centre a much more attractive place for people. My perception is that Matamata would benefit most from a bypass as it carries more traffic, and Morrinsville already has a small heavy traffic bypass in place.</p> <p>The cycle trail passing through Matamata also tips the balance in favour of removing heavy/through traffic from the town centre. I suspect shopkeepers and the town's population in general will appreciate Matamata becoming a much more pedestrian/cycle-friendly zone in the absence of heavy/dense traffic, perhaps introducing more LOTR attractions to further capitalise on nearby Hobbiton.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Waste minimisation is an important component of a general environmentally-friendly policy. I think MPDC has the ability to go further, in conjunction with the WRC, to promote cleaner rivers and general environmental sustainability. This ties in with the environmental tourism attractions and benefits already discussed.</p> <p>Healthy Communities I am absolutely in favour of extending the cycleway and providing linkages to nearby attractions. I don't yet have enough information to comment on other sporting facilities in the district.</p>	
12	Upland Park Jerseys Limited, Nicola Walford	MM	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	<p>Healthy Communities I don't think any more money should be spent on Headon Stadium</p>	
14	Terry Kitson	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
16	Rose Hodgetts	MV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	<p>Finance Homeowners are already stretched financially. Exceeding 4% is Unwanted & Unneeded.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values As tourism increases it would be great to see an increase of Maori culture celebrated.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Provided the Morrinsville bypass has no additional costs that aren't currently considered.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability But reduce bag prices or people will resort to illegal dumping if the dump isn't available to them. Mostly but the cost of Matamata for Te Aroha & Morrinsville seems unfair.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Some really great concepts for our area. However it cannot be called a rates limit if you plan to exceed it up to 3 time in the next 10 years. Be fair to rate payers and keep it with the limit that is in place. As for rubbish/transfer station fees increasing then allow the use of plain black sacks for weekly rubbish use or alternatively reduce the cost of the ones currently available.</p>	







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17	Robert Van De Koy	MM	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Connected Infrastructure Do the Matamata bypass as soon as it can be done	
18	Dave Smith	OD	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Finance I need MPDC to clearly explain why this increase is necessary as our rates are higher than many other local councils. I don't mind the increase as long as we can see the value for money. Overall I do not mind the increase as long as we see results and know where the money is being spent.	
20	Gary King	MV	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Finance As long as the increase in the three years is not too much above 4% Vibrant Cultural Values Youth ambassador's great idea! Good to see increase in grants. Connected Infrastructure The Matamata bypass is urgent! When I moved to Matamata 30yrs ago, the bypass was being promoted then!! I disagree of you are proposing to increase the charge for green waste. Environmental Sustainability I disagree of you are proposing to increase the charge for green waste. Healthy Communities I agree in fixing up Headon Stadium as well as having a bigger stadium too (the community will help in this!)	
22	Joeal Egan	MV	Y	Y	Y	O	N	Y	Environmental Sustainability And I don't like having to pay for rubbish bags (I use one bag a wk.). I only found out when other person mentioned it on a Facebook page. Would have like to be informed better and maybe other options we could use instead.	
23	Joyce Carey	TA	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Healthy Communities The cycle way is a great incentive not only for tourists but for everyone	
25	Klaus Lueck	MM	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y		
26	Mereana Austin	MM	Y	O	Y	N	Y	Y	Environmental Sustainability I really like the idea of selling rubbish bags instead of through targeted rates. Healthy Communities The renewals to Headon Stadium are well overdue and so it's very exciting.	
28	Bridgenorth Farms LTD Martyn Sing	MM	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N		
30	Colin West	MV	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Connected Infrastructure Matamata has to be earlier in 5 years	
35	Scott Henry	MV	N	N	N	O	O	N	Finance Unneeded. Cannot afford these increases Vibrant Cultural Values Unneeded. Money not well spent. Connected Infrastructure Possibly; but there is no rush. Wait for other to see if traffic lessens. Environmental Sustainability Pay as go is good. Rest we cannot afford. Healthy Communities Unneeded we cannot afford this. General The government is increasing petrol taxes which will have a knock - on effect to other cost of living. Inflation is rated as increasing 2+% per annum but the reality is food, electric, etc. have been increasing much more than this and salaries are <u>NOT</u> going up for most of us. We cannot afford more taxes presently if not completely unavoidable.	
38	Parakau Estate LTD, Ann Duncan	MM	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N, O	Environmental Sustainability Increasing fees for wasted disposal in any way will just result in an increase in rubbish and waste being disposed of in many places around the country side. Why are there no plans for simple, easier, quicker recycling and waste disposal for rural people who pay high rates for little or no return in services? We are tired of picking up rubbish along our road frontage and then having to pay to have it removed, we have decided that until Council decide to address this problem we will leave rubbish where it falls and will no longer recycle, just put all recyclable in with our rubbish/waste. Healthy Communities Need a lot more information on cycleway extension - Matamata - Piarere.	
39	Andrew Thomas	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		







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40	Thomas Duncan	MV	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Finance Reduce overall expenditure. Spend on sewage, water, roading, library Economic Opportunities Don't invest in cycleway other than get more use. Vibrant Cultural Values Youth grant Yes, Treaty settlement is law so yes, Community grants No Healthy Communities Don't invest in cycleways. Not enough users for cost. Cycleways get more than enough funding from government. Only limited people bike. Rates should benefit the residents mostly, if it builds up business good, but residents should get the most from their rates, roading, water, sewage, library, parks, and toilets. Sporting facilities should be paid for by the users of the sport.	
41	Heath Tapper	MM	O	Y	O	Y	N	O	Vibrant Cultural Values Just get youth and 'Iwi' working harder Connected Infrastructure Matamata Bypass - good idea. Morrinsville Bypass - not needed Environmental Sustainability Removing rubbish bags will create dumping problems. People won't buy \$2 bags. They will dump in rivers/roadside. I really think removing rubbish bags from rates & making them user pays is a bad idea. The MPDC roadsides are already very dirty. There is rubbish everywhere. Take a walk alongside a country road & you will see how bad it is. There are many people in MPDC who won't be able to buy rubbish bags for \$2. It might save ratepayers, but not renters. They won't prioritise \$2 rubbish bags for their limited income. Matamata Piako will be a mess. Healthy Communities Locals will not use the bike paths, so no health benefit to locals.	
46	WR and ME Grant	OD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
47	Leanne Heath (Rental property Te Aroha)	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
48	Unknown	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	n/a	n/a	Environmental Sustainability People will dump on roadsides <u>Already</u> too expensive.	
56	John Forlong	OD	N	Y	O	Y	Y	Y	Vibrant Cultural Values Maybe	
58	D.A Edwards –Te Aroha Jewelers	TA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
59	Jenna Robertson	OD	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
60	Mr. R L Davies	MM	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	n/a	Connected Infrastructure The long time factor means that Matamata township parking will be non existing until the bypasses are made in the next 15 years Healthy Communities Cycleway extension too expensive to add to rates cost	
62	Michael Batty	MM	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	Connected Infrastructure Don't know how will this new government respond to these directions? Healthy Communities Some I agree with, others not. 1. Against new cycleway. 2. Maintain level of service as current.	
70	Richard and Divina Syme	TA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Finance We do not support lifting above a 4% cap. Having a fixed cap should drive greater disciplines about choices and a drive to efficiency. Being able to life the cap above 4% is the easy option and does not drive a hard edge to financial management. Healthy Communities Agree with making sure towns look tidy and well presented, this brings in people to towns. General In general we support the Long Term Plan proposal.	
71	Xiongyue Sun and Xuan Zhang	MV	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	Connected Infrastructure Review if we need this after you get more information for the Matamata Bypass.	
73	Rob Power	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		







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74	Renata Stent-Leimer	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Connected Infrastructure Sooner the better	
75	G.J and E.R Harkness	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
78	Ernie and Ngarie Lepper	MM	N	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	connected Infrastructure BYPASS NOT NEEDED	
79	Noel and Gayle Beattie	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	N	Environmental Sustainability Reducing rates (for rubbish/recycling) by approx. \$123 per annum will provide a saving of \$19 per annum if a household buys and uses one rubbish bag per week. BUT I seriously doubt if all households will purchase the rubbish bags. As a consequence rubbish in any sort of bag will be disposed of in backstreets, backroads, outside the Transfer station gates - OR by personal experience, dumped outside the Community Op shop. As a daily van driver to Auckland I see presently rubbish bags strewn along back roads from here to Auckland, plus mattresses, sofas, bedding, furniture, Tv's etc. Increasing transfer stations fees won't help, need more inorganic/rubbish collections. Healthy Communities Need to replace Headon Stadium with a 2-court stadium. Cycleway not necessary	







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86	Michael Candy	MM	N	Y	N	N	Y	O	<p>Finance Expenditure should be managed to keep rates increases under 4%. The examples you have to manage to keep it under 4% are absolutely ridiculous. Increase pool fees or reducing mowing would be make a minor impact in the scheme of annual expenditure. Furthermore these services are already occurring so you should be looking at the additional expenditure causing the increase in rates and manage those.</p> <p>Your commentary sounds like scaremongering ratepayers into accepting the rates increases or else lose valuable services such as the pools and tidy parks. More carefully consideration of capital expenditure should be made (eg. Headon stadium which I'll get to later) to keep rates increases less than 4%.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities I support this plan provided it economic results for the region.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values I support the increase in support for community groups but not the youth ambassadors. People in the community should be motivated to contribute from a sense of community responsibility rather than financial incentive. Providing financial incentives further embeds the idea that any works done should be paid for which I believe is the wrong message to send.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Has the impact of the state highway 1 upgrade been taken into account? Once it is completed (bypassing Taupiri and Hamilton) will that route not be the preferred route for heavy vehicles travelling from Tauranga to Auckland and significantly reduce the amount of heavy vehicles travelling on SH27 through Matamata. If heavy vehicle traffic through Matamata is reduced because of this is a bypass still necessary? Further is heavy traffic is reduced having commuter traffic through matamata is a good thing as it promotes people to stop and spend money in matamata.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Cycleway - I agree. Making the cycle way more interesting (by connecting it to points of interest) and more accessible by linking it to the waikato river cycleway should increase its use by both tourists and locals.</p> <p>Matamata Indoor stadium. First you need to look at the bigger picture - what does Matamata need in a sporting facility? If you were starting from scratch what would you build? The current choices then are: Headon Stadium - cost = \$1.5m for a one court facility Headon Stadium - cost = \$3.5m for a one court facility New facility - cost = \$2.5mil for a two court facility. The fact that Headon stadium already exists is irrelevant. Currently it is not fit for purpose and in the near future would need extensive work to be able to continue to operate. Emotional attachment to retaining a building that is not fit for purpose should not form part of the decision.</p> <p>Putting this into perspective I strongly support the commitment to a new sports facility. Compared to the Headon stadium 1 court facility - for \$1m more you could have a new, expanded, fit for purpose stadium which would better suit Matamata's needs. Even considering expanding Headon to a 2 court facility is ridiculous. Why would you spend money on Headon to make it 2 court when you could spend less on a brand new 2 court facility It's time to look to Matamata's future and what the town needs. To encourage people to maintain involvement in sports the facilities need to be there to support it. It's time to make a stand and invest in our future and I believe that is a new, fit for purpose stadium.</p>	
93	Ian Davey	MM	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Connected Infrastructure Mangawhero road is a very busy road and there is a lot of heavy trucks.	
94	Melanie Washer and Nathan Herbert	MM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
95	Gillian Bygrave	TA	N	O	O	Y	Y	N	<p>Finance Keep rate increases below 4% Te aroha has a high percentage of superannuation's on fixed incomes. Do you deprive them of small luxuries while Council spend more of our money on infrastructure that will be a burden for the elderly to pay Te arohas population has grown little in my lifetime here, unlike Matamata and Morrinsville. We are on fixed incomes unlike salary earners, farmers, businesses that can claim GST and tax deductions. Encourage business enterprise and development to our district but use present resources. We enjoy our town's facilities, gardens and colour at present and urge you council to live within our rateable income. It is too easy to spend our money. Use your present recourses efficiently. Thank you.</p>	

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97	Matamata Indoor Bowls Association Theunis Miedema	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Healthy Communities On behalf of the Matamata Sub Ass Indoor Bowls we support the council's proposal of fixing the Headon Stadium for the benefit of future users. The floor of the stadium is one of best in the North Island for our sport. Many representative matches are played here due to this. The stadium also stores the sub ass gear which comprises 32 mats and 32 sets of bowls plus all other relevant gear, this takes up quite an area for storage which we can't afford to lose. When we use the stadium we can have up to 180 people playing at the same time.</p> <p>The group trying to build a new stadium keep talking about condensation but in our 20 plus years of using the stadium we have never experienced it. If a new stadium is ever to be built it should be in conjunction with the Headon stadium as it would then give you a second court next door and all the infrastructure which is already there i.e. parking which is a great asset and room to build if ever it came to pass without impeding on any other areas which are already used. In our way of thinking Pohlen park is the only place to put it. A stadium in any other area would create big parking problems and if it was ever put at the college as has been suggested I would be surprised if the public would ever get to use it as the school would have first option on it.</p> <p>Theunis Miedema</p>	
100	Martin Louw	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	O	<p>Environmental Sustainability Very pleased that you are focusing on this area. Lots of personal responsibility required from members of the district is required too but great to see the council leading the way</p> <p>Healthy Communities Yes, extending the cycleway is a great idea, I just don't think the right route has been chosen, As a keen cyclist myself I regularly cycle the Paeroa to Waihi section of the cycleway because it has so many interesting features but have never done the Thames to Te Aroha sections because they are simply featureless. I fear that the route down Manawaru Rd will suffer the same fate, its just flat and goes on and on forever especially when into a headwind. We want to attract visitors to our district and show off its most attractive features, not bore them to death!</p> <p>An alternate route along the Te Aroha-Gordon Rd would have been much more interesting, passing Wairongomai, the Aircraft memorial, the Wairere falls, the Opal Hot Pools and the Golf Course while giving a close up view of the wonderful Kaimai ranges the whole way. Even though longer and hillier, this would in my opinion have attracted more visitors and stimulated local businesses to start up along the route to cater for weary bikers. The Manawaru Rd route is only good for road bikers who want to get from A to B as fast as possible and they will probably use the road and not the cycleway. This is a missed opportunity I fear</p>	
105	Sport New Zealand Brent Sheldrake	OD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Refer Page 194 of Long Term Plan Submissions Additional Information document	
107	Baljinder Singh	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
108	Kathleen Chave	TA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Environmental Sustainability I strongly disagree with the plan to charge for rubbish bags. Rate-payers will receive a reduction in their rates, but what about renters? As a housing NZ tenant, with very high health and disability costs, this charge will place an extra financial burden on me.</p> <p>There is only so much recycling and composting we can do, so we have to use rubbish bags. The charges for bags and transfer station increased fees will make people throw their rubbish in public bins and other public places, such as roadsides.</p>	
113	Barbara and Joe Keys	MM	N	N	Y	N	N	N	<p>Finance Have the second option</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Do we need to employ someone for supporting economic growth? Business seems to be coming to M/M (district) without anyone</p>	
119	Tania and Bryan Scott	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	<p>Healthy Communities We believe that the funding allocated to Headon Stadium would be better spent at a new 2 court stadium for Matamata. We believe Headon Stadium is past it's due by date and it feels like we would be throwing money into an endless pit as major maintenance would be on going.</p> <p>We believe a new stadium would really benefit the whole community and maybe bring more national competitions here for a lot of different indoor sports. We feel it wouldn't need any function rooms as the civic centre has just been built for this purpose.</p>	
120	Karen and Michael Cooper	TA	O	O	O	O	O	O	<p>General As you see we have not answered yes or no to any of the above, questions, BUT we do strongly support the submission lodged by Waikato Federated Farmers.</p>	

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124	Paper Plus and Toy World Matamata – Graeme Guilford	OD	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	<p>Connected Infrastructure Have lots of traffic through our little town is an amazing problem most small towns would love to have.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Have to make sure extra costs aren't a deterrent</p> <p>Healthy Communities It's been a long time since this was first mooted, let's hope is gets underway asap</p>	
126	Susan Boubee	MV	O	N	N	N	N	Y	<p>Finance Rates - Keep increase at inflation increase. Debt - 120% Maximum</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Don't employ economic resource person. Council and Chamber of Commerce can do this work.</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values Skip free 'meal meetings' Skip youth ambassador increase.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Skip Morrinsville bypass</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Don't increase enviro-school funding</p>	
127	Richard Lansdaal	MV	Y	n/a	n/a	O	n/a	Y	<p>General I support federated farmers submission and also feel that costs should be spread more evenly over ratepayers and not based so heavily on capital value.</p>	
138	Rosemary Mickell	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

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146	Seager Mason	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Finance The deputy mayor claims that the council is in good shape financially, but towards the end of last year we were informed that the council was owing about twenty nine millions dollars. In the last week that loan amount had grown to thirty three million. Hardly in good shape I say.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Destroying our assets and rebuilding them with excessively high loan money is ridiculous. It is obvious to me that millions of dollars were wasted by using the same site. Please don't do the same with Headon Stadium. It belongs to Matamata, and not the Matamata Piako Council. Sadly i would have to question the Council's honesty. Does it intend to put it's name on every asset Matamata previously owned?</p> <p>Vibrant Cultural Values I am inclined to think that too much fuss is being made of the Iwi. Take a look at the graffiti in Waharoa. I am not a racist and indeed I have had a number of fine Maori friends but there are some who spoil it for everyone. Sad but true.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure Matamata Bypass is 20 years overdue. It's the main highway from the Mount to Auckland, and every minute it is being sidelined the price is going up. Oh sure, I know that the council claims that when the Cambridge expressway is completed our problems will be solved, but that is rubbish. Why would anyone want to drive 20klm further? And as for an even more expensive bypass for Morrinsville? They put themselves at the head of the list and they blew it, meantime that lack of bypass is destroying our beautiful town.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability I don't feel our town is being looked after very well. The maintenance carried out by the council leaves a lot to be desired. I would like to know the true story regarding the Community Centre, and why it was demolished. To blame it on danger during an earthquake was only a means to an end. You claimed that it was only 18% safe. In other words it was 82% unsafe. Surely the chief executive should have picked that up? Meanwhile the Headon Stadium gets virtually any maintenance at all despite you are collecting the rental for its use.</p> <p>Healthy Communities While not against the proposals I think you should be more frugal until you have reduced the amount already owing.</p> <p>General I am 87 years old and I have lived in Matamata since the day I was born. From the age of 19 I have been a ratepayer, and I truly love our town. My entire working life has been involved in the building industry. I became a Master Builder, but latterly I have become a Parkinson's patient, and for that reason I am not prepared to speak on my submissions, for I am very disabled. My apologies in this regard.</p> <p>In conclusion suggest that when your council plans any major changes to our town they keep us informed and also gain a vote of approval from every ratepayer in this community before taking action. I don't like our chances of getting that bypass in the near future. As for the availability of pedestrian crossing our roads are unsafe for elderly people of this town you just ignore the situation, despite a couple of serious accidents in the last few weeks. I suggest that you tell the highways folk in no uncertain terms of our requirements.</p>	
153	Clyde Whitechurch	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>General On your revenue and financing policy which I submit is flawed in that MPDC seems to have a preference for an easy to administer "tax-based" rating system which puts the burden unfairly on the rural farm owning community using an over-reliance on capital value general rates to fund these proposals.</p> <p>I support the Federated Farmers of New Zealand's submission which includes, inter alia, details suggesting that farmers will be paying some 14 times more than a benchmark property in town - when urban property owners will arguably be receiving more of the benefits from the new proposals.</p> <p>I think that the new proposals are admirable but feel personally frustrated that the burden for their funding will fall so much more heavily upon the rural farm owning community with the larger land holdings and the proposed funding link to our capital value general rates.</p>	
154	Elizabeth Keane	MM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Environmental Sustainability I think you shouldn't be using plastic rubbish bags, this is adding heaps of plastic to the weekly rubbish collection. You should supply small wheelie bins to each household for weekly collection. This should be paid for in the rates. Plastic rubbish bags are bad for the environment and they can get ripped apart by animals.</p>	

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157	John Stiles	MM	N	Y	Y	n/a	Y	n/a	<p>Finance Rates are already high enough and many people struggle to pay them let alone an up to 4% (or higher some years) yearly rate increase.</p> <p>Economic Opportunities Yes because we want steady economic growth in our community.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Totally. I fully support and practice waste minimalisation. A lot more could be done by residents. I also support very much a user pays policy particularly for rubbish bags.</p>	
158	Penelope Bousfield	MM	O	Y	Y	O	O	Y	<p>Finance Smoothing out the rates increases sounds like a good idea.</p> <p>Connected Infrastructure I think a Matamata bypass is long overdue. Having heavy trucks going through the middle of town, at the rate they do is crazy. I can understand waiting on the results of the Waikato Expressway, but what I want to know is - what is the route of the proposed bypass from Waharoa Road east to Tauranga Road. I've tried many times to find this online - but there seem to be no maps or plans? Can this be made public?</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability I'm fine with the rubbish bag charges and increasing recycling facilities. On the other hand, I worry that increasing transfer station fees may cause some people to dump rubbish in gullies etc. instead of taking it to the dump. I don't really know what Enviroschools do or achieve, so it's hard to say if they should get more money. Overall, with environmental matters and recycling in particular, the responsibility and the cost seems to always come back on the consumer.</p> <p>I would like to see something done about reducing waste at the source - encouraging manufacturers and retailers to avoid unnecessary packaging, not use plastic where something else could be used, and so on. There's not much local govt can do about some of this ... but maybe there are initiatives (such as banning single-use plastics) where Matamata could lead the way as a town? We have so many food outlets and are such a tourist drawcard, we could really do something important and newsworthy here.</p>	
159	Robert Stuart	MM	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	<p>Connected Infrastructure I think Matamata bypass should be included in this Long Term Plan to take the pressure off Broadway. If the main street through Matamata gets more congested, tourists and local shoppers will avoid Matamata. Broadway is so busy at the moment, what will it be like in another 15 or 20 years. What the centre of Matamata needs is more parking and less trucks passing through.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability If you increase fees at transfer stations to try to make residents re cycle more it will back fire and lead to more rubbish being dumped in rural areas, not good for tourism. This rubbish will have to be picked up by locals and taken to transfer stations which they will have to pay increased fees for, or cleaned up by the council, ultimately the ratepayers.</p> <p>Fees should not be increased at transfer stations, in fact it should be cheaper to encourage people to take their own rubbish and recycle more.</p> <p>Also it is not a good idea to rely on residents buying their own rubbish bags instead of the council supplying them.</p> <p>Healthy Communities I think the cycle way should be extended to Piarere and linked in with the Waikato River Trail before spending money on side trails. Why oh why propose spending \$1.5 million as a band aid on Headon Stadium when the building is almost 45 years old. Surely it would make more sense to allocate this money to a new purpose built two or three court indoor facility. There are always so many hidden costs when you try to upgrade an old facility.</p>	
162	John Gibson	MV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	<p>Vibrant Cultural Values Maintain current levels of funding for arts, cultural and historic facilities and where possible increase funding for galleries and museums.</p> <p>Healthy Communities Of the 3 options being considered for the Matamata Indoor Stadium, the third option to renew and upgrade the Headon Stadium seems the most logical one the Council should pursue. To have two indoor sports facilities seems an unnecessary extravagance. As a recent letter in the Morrinsville News the writer, an ex-Council member pointed out that recreational facilities should be a cost on each Ward that uses them, not the whole District. Rural Community Halls in Matamata Piako District all have their own method of funding, usually by way of a special rate, the maintenance and upgrade requirements for their own facilities as well as being required to contribute towards the cost of similar work undertaken by each Council Ward. This suggests a rather inconsiderate attitude towards ratepayers in the rural communities and in all fairness it should not be allowed to continue.</p>	

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164	Mel Moore	MV	O	O	O	O	O	O	General We support the federated farmer's submission. Federated farmers have identified a significant disparity between funding contributions made from rural and urban properties due to an over reliance on capital value general rates. Their analysis shows a rural property paying up to 14 times more than a benchmark property in town. We pay rates on 4 rural properties and strongly urge a rethink on what we think is a flawed funding approach, unfair and weighted in favor of urban dwellers, especially in the areas of economic opportunities, cultural values, connected infrastructure, environmental sustainability, focus on little things, cycleway extensions and Matamata sports stadium.	
178	Wayne and Ann Kelly (Landlords)	OD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Healthy Communities Only because the whole thing is so advanced now around the country.	
180	RN De Guzman and AM De Guzman	MM	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y		
189	B G Church	MM	Y	O	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Economic Opportunities We need concerted action to keep tourists in the district for longer periods. Connected Infrastructure Yes Morrinsville NO! Matamata needs to happen now! Environmental Sustainability Agree need to improve operation and management to Matamata Transfer Station Healthy Communities Agree side trails off cycleway no extension to Piarere. As a recent arrival to Matamata, I love living in the district. However, I understand the Matamata bypass for heavy trucks has been in planning for many years already and I believe it needs to be advanced significantly, we need it now not in the 20's! If we want to attract tourists to the district for longer periods we need to get the heavy trucks off Broadway. It is not pleasant to be driving in town when heavy trucks are thundering through. A strategy is needed to encourage tourists to spend more time in the district highlighting our centrality to key attractions such as Rotorua, Waitomo etc.	
197	*Late Submission* Garry Croakes	MV	O	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Finance Keep rates under 3% Economic Opportunities Make it easy to bring business to the area	