

29 May 2015

South Wairarapa District Council  
PO Box 6  
Martinborough

To whom it may concern

**Ref: Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council 2015 LTP**

The Featherston Community Board would like to acknowledge the South Wairarapa District Council for the work done in and around Featherston. This relates to the initiative such as the planned cycle track from Cross Creek to Featherston, the proposed Featherston Town Square development, the renovations to the ANZAC Hall, and of late, the successful purchase of Hodder Farm for long term waste water disposal.

The Featherston Community Board wish to submit the following to the 2015 Long Term Plan:

We Support:

- The Featherston Town Square proposal and development and would like to see a good proportion of funding to this development provided by the South Wairarapa District Council
- The extension of the railway track identified in the Featherston Town Square and request that the South Wairarapa District Council fund this extension.
- All things cycle for Featherston and propose a district or region wide cycle strategy to be commissioned to help priorities future expenditure on cycle paths.
- The proposed cycle bridge and trail through Underhill Road, Featherston to Greytown being developed by the Greytown Trails Trust.
- Spending extra money on maintenance of Featherston footpaths and the two recommended new footpaths as highlighted in the separate footpath submission by the Featherston Community Board
- Funding of maintenance for trees and request support to the Featherston Beatification Group's new project to plant more trees.

In addition, the Featherston Community Board recognises that while some members of the Featherston community would like the wastewater project completed in an earlier timeframe; the Featherston Community Board is aware of the additional financial burden this would be placed on the ratepayers, and because of this burden, the majority of the Featherston Community Board supports the timeframe as proposed by the Council.

There will be no representation at the 2015 South Wairarapa District Councils hearings.

Yours sincerely



Lee Carter  
Chair  
Featherston Community Board

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Please find attached a report and supporting material regarding footpath repairs and the need for newly created footpaths for Featherston

The Featherston Community Board would like to put in the following submission for footpath repairs and newly created footpaths where required for Featherston for the 2015 LTP. In the following priority order:

**Repairs**

Repairs and or adjustments to assist with wheelchair access, first and foremost:

1. Wheelchair access to footpaths as highlighted in the report from Katie Beattie on May 11 summary and photos attached.
2. Wheelchair access on Harrison Street, east corner as described on page 11 of FRRR report summary and photos attached.
3. Additional repairs as highlighted by Katie Beattie, FRRR and Lee Carter in that order, see reports and photos attached.

**New Footpaths**

The Featherston Community Board request extra funding for the 2 following **NEW** footpaths, first and foremost:

1. There have been several public requests for the existing dirt/lime walkway to the station between Fox Street and Bell Street to be concreted to match the existing concrete walkway already erected off bell street directly to the platform of Featherston Station. The current dirt/lime track is not sufficient especially in winter when wet. This walkway is used regularly by commuters morning and evening and by visitors to Featherston using the walkway to get to and from the station. Please consider this walkway as part of the gateway to Featherston by people travelling to Featherston by train.
2. The following footpath could be funded as part of the Featherston Town Square development; this is considered top priority for families and mothers with prams and people in general using the Featherston playground. There is a need for a new footpath along the Featherston playground from Fox Street, along Birdwood Street to Tait Crescent (refer to page 12 of the FRRR footpath report). Mothers who are walking their children to Bell Street Day Care Centre coming from southern end of town are having to use the footpaths provided to get to Bell Street Day Care, this requires, crossing from one side of the road to the other 3 times from Lyon Street, across main road, then crossing over to the footpath on Birdwood Street, then crossing over to the footpath after Tait Crescent to be able to turn the corner into Bell street. People and mothers with prams have to walk on the grass (berm)

next to the playground which is sometimes wet and muddy, if they don't use the berm they walk on the road side. Mothers have been walking their prams on the road side of the playground, keeping a line-of-site with their children at the park. A footpath along the playground berm would be safer and more convenient for users of the playground including mothers, parents, and the existing neighbourhood. Please consider this path as a necessity to an area that is popular, and in regular use, and will be part of the Town Square development.

**Other new footpaths to consider:**

1. William Benton Street has NO footpaths on both parts of that whole street.
2. There is an unfinished footpath on Brandon Street (please refer to Lee Carters photos attached). This needs to be finished. There are also NO footpaths on Brandon Street on the Westside of the railway tracks.

There will be no representation at the 2015 SWDC hearings.

Yours sincerely



Lee Carter  
Chair  
Featherston Community Board

- **Katie Beattie**
- May 11

Hi everyone

I received more detail on footpaths needing repair from a local man, Leslie Austin see CC, who is in a wheelchair. Below are my suggestions following a site inspection and attached evidence:

1. Fitzherbert crossing at supermarket. The curb on the supermarket side is not flush with the road pavement and creates a hazard to wheelchair users.
2. Footpath on lower Fox St across from War Memorial. The footpath is cracked and bumpy (especially around tobies) and hazards to wheelchairs exist throughout its length.
3. Fitzherbert crossing at Fox St. The curbs on both sides are not flush with the road pavement, and the footpath ramp on the BJ Auto side appears too steep. Seems to be a hazard for wheelchairs.
4. Footpath at railroad crossing on Fox Street. The footpath is missing and/or cracked from north of Jim Johnson's house to the limestone walkway to the train station.
5. Corner in front of police houses Fox/Daniell. There is no wheelchair curb here.

A wheelchair user cannot get safely from the train station to the supermarket using the footpaths because of number 4 and 5.

Also I had a look at the feedback that Lee sent through from FRRRA. I think that repair work seems appropriate especially in places that have been identified as a tripping hazards. I appreciate that there is a limited budget.

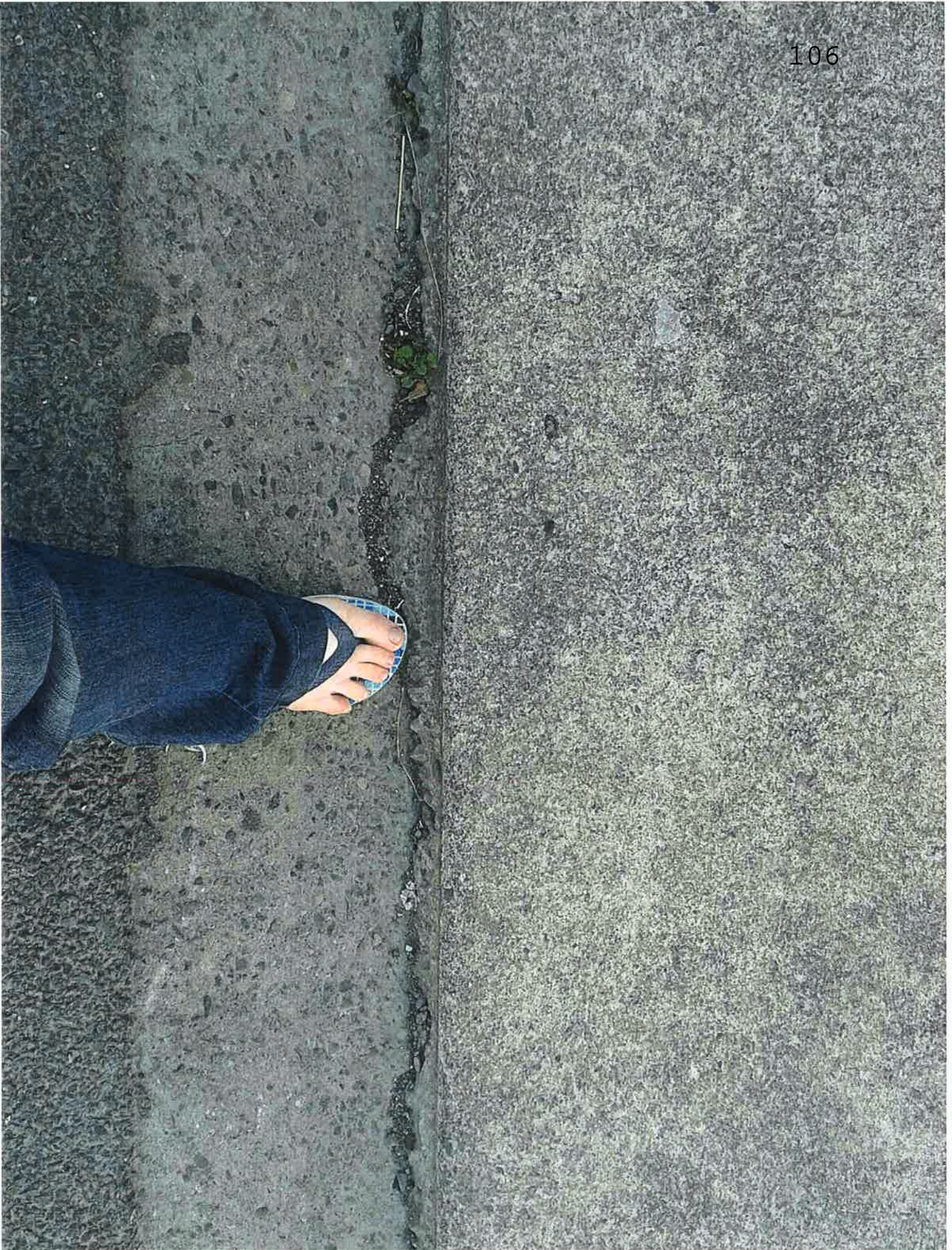
I hope you have all had a lovely weekend.

Katie

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TO: South Wairarapa District Council  
FROM: Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.  
Date: 30 April 2015  
Subject: Featherston Town – Footpath & Pedestrian Matters

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**BACKGROUND:**

1. On 23 April 2015 representatives of the Featherston Community Board ('FCB') met with representatives of the Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. ('FRRRA') and other community representatives to discuss the Council's 'Footpath Process' ('FP') document.
2. The FP's purpose is to facilitate '...safe access around the communities for all pedestrians whether young or elderly, agile or mobility impaired.' For that purpose, FRRRA has been asked to consider the various Footpath Faults illustrated in Appendix 1 (ibid) and to provide comments and suggestions.
3. Council currently recognises three South Wairarapa townships, the communities of Featherston, Martinborough, and Greytown. The current budget provision over a three year term is in the \$12,000-14,000 range for each township, prioritised on safety grounds (related to expected traffic.) For some identified hazards, power co.'s may be accountable.
4. 'New' footpaths (on unpaved routes) are also expected to be funded from the SWDC allocation, according to priority. Refer to para. 7 below.

**COMMENT:**

5. FRRRA has no supporting information on the likely cost of various fault repairs. However, concern has been expressed at the apparently limited funding available for the stated purpose. There is some recollection that rather than a total 'pot' of some \$36,000-42,000 for footpath repairs etc, the historical provision was of the order of \$70,000 in total.
6. The process for describing 'Hazards' as specified requires measurements/counts. FRRRA is not equipped to provide such specifics, hence the various site photographs and descriptions are respectfully submitted as potential hazard sites that should be examined by engineering staff for professional assessment. We have included a dangerous sunken drain (and nearby potholes) on the busy Fox St. entry, power pole base repairs; and the following new works.

## NEW WORKS:

7. FRRRA was informed at the 23 April meeting that previously unpaved routes in the towns are to be prioritised in the order of their proximity to the various 'town centres'.  
In our view, the public play area on Birdwood Street, in close proximity to the planned Featherston Town Square development, and the Medical Centre, is somewhat dangerous as the footpath stops at Tait Crescent. It is not clear how such new works are to be funded.
8. Reliable first-response sources have advised that parents with young children can be seen walking on the 'east side' of Birdwood Street roadway to or from Fox Street and Fitzherbert Street. (There is no crossing to the miniature railway, and in any case the pedestrian crossing on Fitzherbert Street is on the 'east side' of Birdwood Street.)
9. A photograph of the aforementioned Tait/Birdwood junction is included in the FRRRA listing. Brandon St. between the railway line and Moore St. is also a potential risk as motorists are unsighted over the railway crossing.

## CONCLUSION:

10. FRRRA appreciates the community consultation process followed by the Featherston Community Board on footpath related matters.
11. It is recommended:
  - a) That the several potential pedestrian hazard sites shown in the following FRRRA listing be evaluated and duly considered for repair;
  - b) That 'new work' be planned & financially provided for: (i) A safe walkway by the Birdwood Street play area; (ii) Safety barriers at the Brandon St. rail crossing;
  - c) That FCB/Council review the accuracy or appropriateness of the financial provision for footpath costs that has been cited for South Wairarapa communities.
12. A copy of this submission has been provided to the Lake Ferry Ratepayers & Residents Association.

***(Signed) Perry Cameron***

**Featherston Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.**



## FRRA - PEDESTRIAN HAZARD LISTING

Not all hazards listed may be SWDC's responsibility to cover repair costs.  
Such items should be repaired at third-party cost.

- ❖ FEATHERSTON SCHOOL- LYON STREET – TRIPPING HAZARD
- ❖ FEATHERSTON SCHOOL - LYON STREET II – TRIPPING HAZARD
- ❖ LYON STREET- POWER POLE BASE REPAIR
- ❖ REVAN STREET – PAVING COLLAPSE ON FENCELINE
- ❖ FOX STREET (APPROX. #24) – POWER POLE BASE REPAIR
- ❖ CHURCHILL CRES – SEVERAL CRACKS AND SCABBING  
*Neighbourhood Support Group has raised concerns following a fall by a resident caused by multiple cracks and scabbing.*
- ❖ FOX STREET - SUNKEN DRAIN OPPOSITE RSA/MESSINES
- ❖ HARRISON EAST & BIRDWOOD CNR – MOB/SCOOTER GRADIENT
- ❖ TAIT CRES & BIRDWOOD STREET – MISSING A WALKWAY

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FEATHERSTON SCHOOL - LYON STREET II – TRIPPING HAZARD



**LYON STREET- POWER POLE BASE REPAIR**









**CHURCHILL CRES – SEVERAL CRACKS AND SCABBING**

*Neighbourhood Support Group has raised concerns following a fall by a resident caused by multiple cracks and scabbing.*





HARRISON ST EAST CNR: LACKING MOBILITY SCOOTER EGRESS



TAIT CRES AND BIRWOOD ST CORNER TO FOX ST – MISSING PAVEMENT  
PROPOSED NEW WORK AT TOWN CENTRE



**Featherston Footpath Repairs and New Foot Paths – Lee Carter 29 May 2015**

Brandon Street, unfinished footpath

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Repairs to East side of Wakefield Street – Entrance of Bus Depo



Repairs to West side of Wakefield Street between Card Crescent and Fox Street

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Hole in the pavement



Repair with uneven surface



Repairs to footpath at shopping area on Fox street outside the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store, bookshop and hairdressers. Cracked and uneven surface – needs footpath resurface cover like across the street on East side of Wallace Street (e.g Plunket footpath).



Water meter soundings needs repair, footpath not repaired after inserting of water meter – West side of Wallace street by the hairdresser corner

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Hickson Street, footpath needs repair after water meter insertion – both sides of Hickson streets needs resurfacing on pavement



**From:** Lee Carter [mailto:jadetui@xtra.co.nz]

**Sent:** Thursday, 4 June 2015 9:49 a.m.

**To:** Suzanne Clark - Committee Secretary

**Subject:** Fw: SWDC LTP 2015-25 Consultation - Featherston Community Board Footpaths

Hi there Suzanne, could you please add this email to the Featherston Footpath document as a late entry. Many thanks:

Other new footpaths and repairs to seriously consider:

New Footpath:

Woodward Street East : no paths or gutters/drains so heavy rain floods the front of several house properties

Repairs

'scabbing' in Churchill Cres. Neighbourhood Support member and resident had a bad fall.

thanks Suzanne

**From:** sue galbraith [mailto:galbraith\_sue@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 June 2015 3:55 p.m.  
**To:** Suzanne Clark - Committee Secretary  
**Subject:** LTP submission

### **Submission “Looking to the Future” consultation document**

As there are no text fields in which to explain responses under most of the headings in the online submission form, I present my submission thus:

I am concerned about the increase in rates for urban ratepayers and would like to see this set at a more affordable level if possible.

Balancing “must haves” with “nice to haves” is subjective and I would caution against spending too much money on the latter at the expense of essential services and works, and by raising costs to ratepayers.

Spending priorities should include protecting water quality in our lakes and rivers; maintaining essential services, amenities and public works, and pensioner housing, ensuring that our main streets look attractive and appealing. I support moves to encourage cycling through a long term strategy.

We also need to better promote ALL three South Wairarapa towns (Featherston appears to be left off the tourist trail yet offers so much in terms of village shopping, historic museums, and nature) and encourage more community use of amenities that appear neglected, ie Dorset Square in Featherston which would be a great venue for community events, and the Lake Reserve, which should be an international visitor draw card. The refurbished Anzac Hall could also be promoted to Wellington businesses as an venue for workshops and seminars away from the pressures of the city.

Decisions to exit from pensioner housing should be deferred until the impacts of the Government’s community housing policies are known. The council has an obligation under its Significance and Engagement Policy to determine the significance of any issue requiring a decision, by making judgments according to the likely impact of that decision the social well-being of the district or region.

I would encourage the council to be innovative, taking on board best practice both here and abroad that may enable more efficient and effective management of resources (and ultimately provide a more efficient waste disposal option than discharging to land). This includes giving careful consideration to the Featherston Landscape Architect projects as long term solutions to water management and to better connect Featherston and Lake Wairarapa. Lake Wairarapa should be a jewel in South Wairarapa’s crown, but recreational opportunities around the lake are limited.

I do not wish to speak to my submission.  
I wish to receive the Stakeholder Update email

Sue Galbraith. Phone 06 308 8221

Submitted on Tuesday, 2 June 2015 - 4:26pm Submitted by anonymous user: [210.86.86.145]  
Submitted values are:

--Submitter Details--

Name of Submitter: Sue Fox  
Organisation: Featherston CycleLink

Rate Payer Type: Non rate payer

Age:

Ethnicity: n/a

Do you want to receive the "Stakeholder Update" email from SWDC?  
Yes

--Submission Hearings--

I/We would like to speak to our submission: Yes  
Speaking Preference: June 11th am

--Rates Affordability--

Do you support increased Fees and Charges (i.e. higher dog registration) as opposed to a general rates increase? : No  
Do you agree with the proposed overall average general rates increase for the next 10 years? : Disagree  
If not what general rates increase do you support? Other  
Other: In line with average ratepayer income increases

--Development Initiatives--

Do you support the following initiatives? Cycle trails

--Overall Level of Service (LoS)--

With regard to LoS, should we: Maintain the current LoS

--Sewerage--

In what timeframe should irrigation to land be completed? Other  
Other: When the economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits are judged to exceed the costs.

--Roading--

Should road maintenance service levels be: Maintained  
Seal extensions: 1km extension  
Where do you think seal extensions should be done? Longwood Road from Soldier Settlement Road North to Donald Street in pedestrian/cycle bridge over creek.

--Footpaths--

Do you support the establishment of rural footpaths (lime walkways) through rural rates? Yes

If yes, how should they be prioritised? Provision of links between Featherston town and Wairarapa Moana. Also link with the Rimutaka cycle trail. Provision to allow children to walk or cycle to school rather than going by car. These priorities should be incorporated in a cycling policy to assist SWDC decision making.

--Pensioner (Community) Housing--

Do you consider Pensioner Housing part of our core business: No

--Digital Services--

Which digital services do you think are a priority for the Wairarapa:

--Have Your Say--

Strategies and Policies: As a group CycleLink advocates for Council support for cycling on a number of grounds. The economic benefits of new cycle trails have been demonstrated, eg, by the Otago Rail Trail. South Wairarapa is currently behind most other districts in developing cycle trails and recognising the many benefits arising from them but we are pleased to see that a new strategy is being developed. We hope to be consulted on this. Cycling is good for physical and emotional wellbeing and can be enjoyed as a family activity or by individuals of all age groups. Time for your say, if you would like to comment or propose something different now is the time: We would like to see the signs for the Rimutaka Cycle Trail at the end of Western Lake Road (junction with SH2) changed to encourage cyclists to travel into the town centre where they can take advantage of local facilities.

Upload submission:

Upload additional information:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/576/submission/475>

From: Kimmy Perrin [  
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2015 4:43 p.m.  
To: Suzanne Clark - Committee Secretary  
Subject: Library budget

To whom it may concern,

I would like to write this letter in recognition of the library, it's staff, and book programmes for children. They provide an invaluable service to the community and especially to young children and mums. I have been attending the book babies program for the last year and a half. It has been a place of refuge were I can come and meet other mums and our children get the benefit of having story time with Janet. The last two christmas's my little girl has received a book from the library which has been super special and really made our family feel connected to the community and important. I would feel really discouraged if the library book budget was cut.

I recently went to the Carterton library to print off a paper and left feeling gloom as the staff there weren't nearly as friendly and welcoming as the marti library staff. I don't know what they are paid but probably not enough. They genuinely care about everyone who walks through that door and bend over backwards to help with anything they can.

Please reconsider cutting the funding for books which are a needed resource for so many in the community. As a rates payer I fully support my money going towards the library services and staff. Martinborough couldn't have better people running the library.

Sincerely  
Kimmy Rowland  
Sent from my iPhone

From: Elly Otty [  
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2015 10:16 p.m.  
To: Suzanne Clark - Committee Secretary  
Subject: Library funding

Hello

I am emailing to convey my feelings about the proposed cut to the library book buying budget.

Before I continue I would just like to list some of the ways in which our library serves our town. The librarians are fantastic ambassadors for Martinborough. On many occasions I have witnessed them welcoming visitors and new residents and always with the warmest of receptions. Many of the tourists who come to Martinborough come through the library and leave knowing that this is a friendly and helpful town.

The library also acts as a place for people to connect and meet new people. I'm thinking of things like the book babies sessions held there weekly that offer parents and their children the chance to socialise and meet new friends. Also the reading programs and after school activities on offer. Many school aged children spend time at the library after 3 o'clock as it is a safe and welcoming place to be. And in rainy weather the library can be a life saver for parents of young children!

I have also seen on many occasions how the librarians take the time and effort to look out for the more vulnerable people in our town. The value of having the opportunity to visit the library daily and to know that they will always receive a warm welcome when they arrive cannot be overstated.

So as I hope I have begun to illustrate (I could go on and on but I'm conscious of your time!) our library and our librarians are a huge asset to Martinborough offering a range of vital services that go beyond merely the lending of books.

However, in order to stay relevant and the library must be given a proper budget. Books in New Zealand are amazingly expensive compared to other parts of the world and for many people buying their own books is simply not an option. In this situation it is imperative that people have access to a well stocked library.

Additionally, if you have children who love reading, as I do, it would be impossible to keep up with their appetite for new books without a well stocked library. As it is we are finding it harder and harder to find new books for my daughter as she has read so many of the titles available in the library and this will only get more difficult if this proposed budget cut goes through.

Martinborough is growing and with the town hall project more people will be moving here and the library will need to keep up with this expansion and it should be funded accordingly.

As well as this issue when I was looking at job vacancies in South Wairarapa it also came to my attention that our librarians are not paid nearly enough, in fact they are not even paid as much as the librarians in Wellington or even Carterton! I was very shocked to discover this and I think it is a very poor way to reward their hard work and dedication.

Sadly, pay has a lot to do with whether a person feels valued in their role and I hate the idea that our wonderful librarians are not being properly remunerated for their hard work.



I would like to see our library with a proper book buying budget so that our librarians can have a catalogue that they can be proud of and so that they can stock the shelves properly and stay current and relevant and are not in the position of trying to scrimp and save all of the time.

I would also love to see a pay review happen to bring their pay at least in line with that of the Carterton library if not in line with Wellington.

And finally I would like future budget plans to recognise the amazing service the library offers and to reflect the huge asset the library is to our town.

For the record I have heard so many people list the library and librarians as one of the best services in town and as something that keeps them living here.

Thank you for your time in considering my submission.

Best wishes

Elly Otty

Submitted on Tuesday, 2 June 2015 - 2:51pm Submitted by anonymous user: [203.184.13.182]  
Submitted values are:

--Submitter Details--

Name of Submitter: Jayne Routhan

Rate Payer Type: Urban

Age: 45-54

Ethnicity:

Do you want to receive the "Stakeholder Update" email from SWDC?

No

--Submission Hearings--

I/We would like to speak to our submission: No

Speaking Preference:

--Rates Affordability--

Do you support increased Fees and Charges (i.e. higher dog registration) as opposed to a general rates increase? : No

Do you agree with the proposed overall average general rates increase for the next 10 years? : Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support? 0%

Other:

--Development Initiatives--

Do you support the following initiatives? Coastal Reserve Development

--Overall Level of Service (LoS)--

With regard to LoS, should we: Maintain the current LoS

--Sewerage--

In what timeframe should irrigation to land be completed? Other

Other: No new irrigation until sustainability studies have been done

--Roading--

Should road maintenance service levels be: Maintained

Seal extensions: No extension

Where do you think seal extensions should be done? People choose to live in the country, they should pay for their own roads.

--Footpaths--

Do you support the establishment of rural footpaths (lime

walkways) through rural rates? Yes  
If yes, how should they be prioritised?

--Pensioner (Community) Housing--

Do you consider Pensioner Housing part of our core business: Yes

--Digital Services--

Which digital services do you think are a priority for the  
Wairarapa:

--Have Your Say--

Strategies and Policies: I thought your questions were loaded and would be confusing for some people. eg I did not support either of your initiatives. People are suffering and dying in our community due to poverty, these people live in houses that pay rates, they don't care about anything except those things that are essential to live. Spending council rates on advancing business or making our communities look good for business people is offensive and immoral. Making poor destitute people pay for rubbish collection, extra water, excessive dog registration and other council services is also immoral. Using the excuse of trying to deter people from waste, or user pays shows a complete lack of understanding as to the serious situation thousands of disabled, welfare dependent people are living in after 30 years of neo-liberalism and austerity. It also does not acknowledge how marginalised and discriminated against poor people are when they can't even own a dog for protection if they are disabled abuse victim living with children in our dangerous communities. Time for your say, if you would like to comment or propose something different now is the time: My concerns about the Trans Pacific Partnership are attached and form part of my submission.  
Upload submission:  
Upload additional information:

[http://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/webform/Submission%20to%20the%20South%20Wairarapa%20District%20Council%20on%20the%20Long%20Term%20Plan\\_0.docx](http://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/webform/Submission%20to%20the%20South%20Wairarapa%20District%20Council%20on%20the%20Long%20Term%20Plan_0.docx)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/576/submission/474>

Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council on the Long Term Plan

I am most concerned about the Trans-Pacific Partnership our government are currently negotiating and the long term impact this will have on our community. I have followed this issue for many months now and my greatest concern is the transference of power to international corporations and courts at the expense of local communities. Below is an excellent explanation of how this trade agreement will affect our community and councils by Bill Rosenberg and I would like to include this information as part of my submission.

Neo-liberalism and free trade have been the biggest economic, cultural and social disasters of my generation. Our country is now a place of dissension, envy and hate – something our national anthem promises will not happen. We have massive debt and fewer and fewer state owned resources. Where once we lead the world in standards of living, now we are a testament to the damage neo-liberalism, a low wage economy, excessive lending by banks, high govt debt (\$89billion), low taxes to the super rich and austerity against the poorest and most vulnerable can do to society. Where once every New Zealander was asset rich and had decent jobs, now we owe around \$15,000 each for government debt – a government that continually tells us they are fiscally prudent.

It is up to our community at local level to stand up to this affront to our culture of fairness, justice, social responsibility, self-determination and democracy. Allowing global corporations to control what happens on our land and in our community is immoral, especially if it leads to unsustainable environmental practices. The latest news of \$millions being paid by the government to an extremely wealthy Saudi businessman because he was offended would happen under the TPP if it goes ahead.

Can you imagine how a disabled New Zealander who has no safe stable housing, no access to professional health care and isn't able to afford to eat lamb (which is what I was bought up on) feels when they hear about wealthy people getting big amounts of money and provided thousands of sheep. It shows to me that the leaders of this country think more highly of a man from a country who seriously violates human rights laws against women and others, than they do about disabled and poor women and children in New Zealand. I am extremely offended at this – do you think I would be offered \$11million to repair my hurt feelings. Our government are acting immorally and unethically as far as I am concerned and we need to do everything we can to stop them – to make them realise we have power.

I support the 12 point plan submitted by Greg Rzesniowiecki and the Its Our Future group and hope the South Wairarapa District Council will adopt it as part of the LTP.

Kia kaha to us all.

### **The impact of the TPPA on local government in New Zealand**

Bill Rosenberg, 12 April 2015

Prominent US economist Jeffrey Sachs, despite being a strong supporter of international trade and investment who says he “helped to bring about globalisation”, says about agreements such as the TPPA (and the US is simultaneously trying to negotiate a similar one with the European Union) that they “are mostly investor protection agreements, rather than trade agreements...: investor protection of property rights of investors, of prerogatives of investors, of intellectual property of investors, of the regulatory environment of investors, and so forth”<sup>1</sup>. In other words the TPPA further shifts the balance between democratic rights and protections for citizens towards increased power for investors.

He says “the kind of globalization that we have right now, which in some ways expands the pie, but does so at high costs to the poor, to many poor, to rising inequality, to more frequent financial crises, and to a growing environmental catastrophe. Nothing that I know of these two treaties would do anything but continue us along that course, perhaps accelerated. These are not 21st century treaties that start out with our goals; these are 20th century treaties continuing to build the flawed globalization that we have underway.”

The TPPA has been under negotiation between 12 Pacific rim countries including New Zealand, the US, Australia and Japan since 2008. It is misleading to describe it as a trade agreement because trade is a very small part of it, even though the Government quite deliberately focuses on access for dairy exports to US and Japanese markets. Not so long ago, I heard Trade Minister Tim Groser talking about this to an audience of sympathetic trade officials and business representatives. He said the Government had “front and centre in its agenda” the “internationalisation of the economy”, which was much broader than trade, including research and development, foreign investment, import-competing industries and much more – but publicly he would just call it trade because that’s what the public understand.

It is increasingly doubtful that New Zealand will get any significant or immediate gains from agricultural access because Japan is clearly not going to zero its tariffs and will impose limits even on what can be exported under the somewhat reduced tariffs it concedes, and Canada and the US are likely to be equally protective.

But more importantly, much, much more is at stake ‘behind the border’ in the words of its advocates. We understand that only 5 of its 29 chapters are about trade. The rest of it affects Pharmac’s effectiveness, the cost of medicines, public health, our ability to support new industries and local suppliers, the freedom of the internet, the ability of whistle blowers and journalists to expose corporate foul play, our environmental standards, our ability to control our financial system, our ability to respond to international financial crises and to manage the exchange rate and overseas investment. Some of its provisions, such as restricting what state-owned enterprises can do, are almost unprecedented in such agreements. It threatens to give corporations much greater influence over both local and central governments and to undermine the public interest role of publicly owned entities which have private competitors like Greater Wellington Council’s CentrePort and Greater Wellington Rail, Wellington City Council’s Positively Wellington Venues which manages its events and venues, and the jointly owned Wellington Water which provides water and drainage services.

With such deep domestic impacts, agreements like this should no longer be treated like the secret treaties of the reigning monarch but rather with the openness that citizens in a democratic society demand of all legislation. Because their implications are so deep and they are so difficult to change once ratified, these agreements should be treated more like a constitution, with all the serious public debate that would entail, rather than remain the prerogative of Cabinet.

This briefing covers six specific areas of particular concern to local government: investment, intellectual property, government procurement (purchasing), services, state owned enterprises and so-called transparency and regulatory coherence.

### **Investment**

A leak of the Investment Chapter of the TPPA shows the definition of investment will apply to a very broad range of corporate activities. These include Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contracts and concessions, property development rights, environmental and planning licences and permits, intellectual property, and local government bonds. The rules will include an end to preference for local investors, restrictions on investor performance requirements such as use of local materials, and protections against new regulations that significantly impact on value or profits.

You may be aware of the so-called Investor-State Dispute Settlement process. This gives investors the power to sue the government directly in private offshore arbitral tribunals, whose panels are usually specialist lawyers who adjudicate in one case and represent clients in another, leading to constant concerns about conflict of interest and other major procedural issues<sup>2</sup>. There has been an

exponential increase in the number of such cases, some of which are mounted with the aim of chilling regulatory decisions. A case by Philip Morris tobacco against the Australian government's anti-smoking plain packaging laws for cigarettes under similar provisions in a Hong Kong-Australia agreement is having precisely that effect on New Zealand's adoption of similar measures. The New Zealand government says it is waiting for that case (and another in the World Trade Organisation) to conclude before proceeding with the law change.

Cases cost millions of dollars just to defend, and awards against governments range from tens of millions to billions of dollars. Local, provincial or state government decisions have been the subject of successful claims. A case decided by an arbitral tribunal just in March this year found against Canada in favour of a US company, Bilcon<sup>3</sup>, which wanted to establish an open-pit mine in Nova Scotia that was strongly opposed by the local community because of the effect on local wildlife, commercial fishing and indigenous communities' traditional hunting areas. A panel of environmental experts set up under Canadian law found the project was too damaging to proceed. The majority of the arbitral tribunal (two lawyers) decided that "community core values" could not be an "overriding factor" and is now considering the level of "compensation" for Bilcon, which has claimed US\$300 million. The third member of the tribunal strongly disagreed, saying it was "a remarkable step backwards in environmental protection", and that "a chill will be imposed on environmental review panels which will be concerned not to give too much weight to socioeconomic considerations or other considerations of the human environment in case the result is a claim for damages". Note that this involved both the federal government (Canada) and provincial government (Nova Scotia). Canadian central government, having had a number of such findings against it as a result of subnational government actions, is now looking at ways to recover costs from provincial and local governments.

In other examples the US Metalclad corporation sued Mexico after a local government (of a Mexican state) refused to grant a permit for a toxic waste facility. Local citizens had petitioned their government to deny the permit, fearing it would pollute their water supply. Metalclad won more than US\$15 million. Ecuador terminated a contract with Occidental Petroleum after the US company violated the terms of a contract with the government. The company won US\$2.3 billion dollars even though Occidental admitted violating the contract. French multinational Veolia, which operates Auckland's passenger rail network under the name Transdev, and runs local government water services in Papakura, and refuse services through its Onyx subsidiary, recently brought a case against the government of Egypt for at least 82 million Euros, challenging a decision to raise the monthly minimum wage and make other labour reforms. One of the most common themes has been mining companies challenging environmental protections, while others have included challenges to governments trying to retrieve the situation after privatisations went wrong, health related cases such as the Philip Morris one above and challenges as to the treatment by government and courts of pharmaceutical patents and controls on toxic chemicals.

Several countries are now trying to back out of such provisions, the latest being Germany which was burnt by a challenge to its decision to stop nuclear power generation following the Fukushima disaster. Advice to the Australian government from its Productivity Commission, which found many risks and few benefits in such provisions led to successive governments of both colours refusing to accept them – though the Abbott Government is now saying it is willing to accept them if it gets enough of a trade-off. South Africa, after a mining company challenge to its policies advancing people disadvantaged under apartheid, and India are withdrawing from existing agreements and advice to the U.K. government has been similar to that from the Australian Productivity Commission.

So decisions a local government makes in its community's interests on environmental rules, planning decisions, procurement decisions or PPPs could be subject to such challenges and bring pressure from central government to cave in, to save the costs of an expensive defence, even if justified. They could also make recovery from a local government financial default more difficult.

### **Intellectual property**

This is one of the most crucial chapters of the proposed agreement, and a key one for the US because its huge corporations in Hollywood – think music, games, videos, movies – and the Pharmaceutical industry stand to gain hugely and are very insistent that the agreement cannot be signed without this. Their demands are extensive and complex, and the best known effects are raising the costs of medicines and requiring internet service providers like Yahoo, Actrix or Paradise to take stronger and potentially unfair actions to protect copyright. They are demanding the extension of copyright from 50 years to 70 years or longer, longer patents and putting difficulties in the way of much cheaper generic copies of pharmaceuticals once patents expire, raising the cost of medicines.

This will increase the costs of libraries and tertiary institutions such as universities, and reduce the services they can provide. There is a coalition of groups which are concerned about the effects of the TPPA on copyright laws called the Fair Deal coalition (<http://fairdeal.net.nz/>). It includes Internet New Zealand, innovative software companies such as TradeMe, Consumer New Zealand, and LIANZA, the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa. LIANZA<sup>4</sup> is concerned about longer copyright durations which will increase the costs of books and other materials, and restrict the right of libraries and others to digitise older material which is invaluable for making it widely accessible, particularly to researchers and for education. They are concerned to maintain current exceptions for fair use for educational and research purposes, and the right to make copies of parts of works for users. They oppose the likely increased protection given to “technological protection measures” (TPMs) like international zoning for videos and DVDs. This would stop librarians from overriding TPMs in order to make material available to their users, despite access being perfectly legal. LIANZA would also oppose a ban on parallel importing that the US was demanding at the outset of the negotiations. Intellectual property rights must be a careful balance between encouraging innovation on the one hand, and the huge public benefit from the widest possible use, reuse and production of innovations. The TPPA is clearly on the side of further limiting their use in the interests of the corporations which own patents, copyright and other protections, tipping these arrangements way out of balance. **Government procurement**

If the TPPA’s government procurement chapter is similar to other agreements the US is party to, it could:

- Stop local government giving an advantage to local suppliers. For example section 8 of Greater Wellington Council’s procurement policy states that if “two proposals are equal then Greater Wellington will choose a local supplier in preference to a more distant supplier”. Christchurch City Council has a policy of “Ensuring an active preference within a small financial cost for local firms for the supply of goods and services, based on whole of life costs.”<sup>5</sup>
  - Prevent local government giving more favourable treatment to small or not-for-profit firms.
  - Open to challenge local governments taking into account general environmental conditions above the legal minimum that suppliers must meet, and/or are not directly related to the goods or service, as Greater Wellington does under section 7.2 of its policy, “Supplier environmental practices”<sup>6</sup>.

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4. See <http://fairdeal.net.nz/author/lianza>

5. <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/policiesreportsstrategies/policies/groups/councilorganisation/procurementpolicy.aspx>

6. **7.2 Supplier environmental practices**

When evaluating the suitability of a supplier consideration will be given as to whether the supplier has:

- a formal, written environmental policy,
- an environmental management system,
- undertaken any noteworthy environmental initiatives,
- performed an environmental audit,
- produced an environmental report or a triple bottom line report,
- made demonstrable efforts to maximise resource efficiency (e.g. water, energy, etc.)

- Open to challenge local governments requiring suppliers to meet conditions above legal requirements such as paying a living wage, or having health and safety practices above minimum legal requirements.
- Prevent local governments boycotting suppliers or products from a rogue TPPA state like the boycotts of apartheid South Africa.

The Government has recently announced it is signing New Zealand up to a similar government procurement agreement under the WTO. Local government is largely excluded from the New Zealand commitments to that deal, but the pressure in the TPPA will be greater to make it inclusive of local government.

### **Services**

Overseas located or owned services suppliers such as in construction, retail, refuse disposal, facilities management, transport operators, private health or private education, will be subject to further protections. Rules prevent quantitative restrictions or bans on their activities (such as preventing big box retailers from getting approval in certain localities) and prevent preference for local suppliers. They have a bias towards light-handed regulation in areas like technical standards and licensing. The government can negotiate a list of existing regulations that can continue unchanged and subject areas that are carved out altogether, but there will be major problems if any are missed or they need to be tightened.

### **State owned enterprises**

This is a virtually new area for these agreements. It is squarely aimed at China despite China not being in the negotiations – a symbol of the global politics that makes the TPPA so important to the US politically. China with its large number of state corporations would find it completely unacceptable but TPPA countries such as Vietnam and Malaysia also have many state owned enterprises themselves. New Zealand could well be collateral damage, and find it hard to return privatised or commercialised organisations to central or local government ownership with a public interest objective. The provision requires competitive neutrality for state-controlled entities (including non-commercial public agencies) which compete with private interests. It means they would have to act commercially rather than with public interest objectives. It is not clear just how far the term “state owned enterprise” will reach: conceptually it could include public hospitals and schools, housing, swimming pools, public internet services and convention centres for example, wherever they compete with the private sector. It could mean they would not be allowed special access to public land, real or implied government guarantees, subsidies or cheaper finance through council-raised borrowing. Much of this is still very unclear, highly controversial and under intensive negotiation, including what exemptions countries might be allowed to have.

Applied to local government ownership of services and LATEs like Greater Wellington Council’s CentrePort and Greater Wellington Rail, Wellington City Council’s Positively Wellington Venues which manages its events and venues, and the jointly owned Wellington Water which provides water and drainage services, it would reduce the Councils’ ability to run them in the greater public interest. Councils which have contracted out such services may find they have limited options if outsourcing fails and they wish to return them to council control.

### **Transparency and Regulatory coherence**

Transparency sounds like motherhood and apple pie. It appears in numerous parts of the agreement and is complemented by a chapter on so-called “regulatory coherence”. Ideally corporations would like to have the same rules in every country so that, for example, a tube of toothpaste would be automatically be accepted in New Zealand if it was accepted in Vietnam. This would cover a myriad of regulations that ensure toothpaste is safe such as labelling, food, drug or cosmetic standards, safety and effectiveness regulations, ingredients regulations, testing requirements and approvals processes. If regulatory coherence in that sense was accepted it would mean that the lowest standards would win. The corporations appear to have conceded that that would be unacceptable – at least for now – but it remains the concept that motivates regulatory coherence. Instead, they want more control over the process of regulating. Transparency and regulatory coherence provisions mandate so-called ‘best practice’ approaches to regulation, based on risk assessment,



cost benefit analysis and evidence based decisions that favour light-handed regulation, and make the process of regulation increasingly onerous. There will be extensive obligations for reporting on regulatory decisions, responding to commercial submissions, reviews of decisions, and reviews of existing regulation. The information commercial interests obtain from these processes will provide rich evidence for further political pressure or investor-state disputes.

It says a lot about the TPPA that it is proposing a tsunami of transparency and 'good practice' requirements to help investors and overseas suppliers, but exempts the process of negotiating and agreeing the deal itself from any such processes. Trade Minister Tim Groser says, "Those people who are opposed to the agreement want access to the texts so they can blow it apart". This reveals a telling lack of confidence in the benefits of the proposed deal and the democratic process. Yet US corporations with a vested interest in the TPPA have privileged access to the text, and the proposed deal will give them permanent access to our regulatory processes enabling them to "blow apart" rules that are made by local and central government in the public interest.

There is a great deal for local government, local communities, all of us, to be concerned about.

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### Rates Affordability

Do you agree with the proposed overall average rates increase for the next 10 years, enabling the proposed expenditure outlined in this document?

- Agree  Disagree

If not what general rates increase do you support?

- 0 %  5 %  Other

### Sewerage

In what timeframe should irrigation to land be completed?

- 35 Years  25 Years  Other

### Roading

Should Road maintenance service levels be:

- Maintained  Reduced  Increased

### Seal Extensions

No extension

- 1km Extension  2km Extension

Where do you think seal extensions should be done?

Target Access to areas of Tourism Interest. ie Tramping start points, boating access, coastal access.

### Footpaths

Do you support the establishment of rural footpaths (lime walkways) through rural rates?

- Yes  No

If yes how should they be prioritised?

Wairarapa should be the walking destination of choice for Wellingtonians. Footpaths to access our Wonderful Hills.

### Pensioner (Community) Housing

Do you consider Pensioner Housing part of our core business?

- Yes  No

### Levels of Service (LoS)

Maintain the current LoS

Increase LoS

Reduce LoS

Do you support the following proposed INITIATIVES? (TICK AS MANY AS YOU LIKE):

Increased Fees and Charges as opposed to general rates increase

Coastal Reserve Development

Cycle trails

### Which digital services do you think are a priority to for the Wairarapa?

Urban Ultra-fast broadband

Improved rural broadband

Mobile black spots

Why?

Assist local businesses & help aid their growth and marketing potential.

### Strategies and Policies

If you have any views on these please comment below:

W AGREEMENT

If you would like to comment or propose something different now is your chance.

WE SHOULD BE THE 'GO TO' PLACE FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. WE SHOULD DEVELOP WALKING TRAILS & CYCLE TRAILS ALONG OUR HILL RANGES. DEVELOP KAYAKING & BOATING. THIS WILL BRING MONEY IN TO OUR CASE STAKEHOLDERS.

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First Name: PERRY CAMERON      Last Name: CAMERON  
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Please tick one box for each question.

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Roading

Should Road maintenance service levels be:

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Where do you think seal extensions should be done?

WEST ST, GARYTOWN

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Do you support the following proposed INITIATIVES?

(Tick as many as you like):

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 Cycle trails

Which DIGITAL SERVICES do you think are a priority to for the Wairarapa?

Urban Ultra-fast broadband     Improved rural broadband  
 Mobile black spots

Why?

Improved living/schooling & business

Strategies and Policies

If you have any views on these please comment below:

Cycle trails to include Fit/Crown Links (Hinderhill), and Fit Town links to Cross Creek, & Ruanahanga trail.

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① Engineering standards by contractors need improvement, to reduce repair & maintenance

② See Horeley Shand report on L/Cost Finances.

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- Mobile black spots

Why?

Mobile - safety

### Strategies and Policies

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South Wairarapa District Council  
PO Box 6  
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5741

Roading  
East Coast Rd. — Tora — White Rock.

Safety Issue. "VISIBILITY"

- A) BENCHING THE CORNERS
- B) Keep Vegetation off roadside.

Traffic volumes have increased dramatically in recent years.  
Bee keeping has added new, regular, truck / ute / trailer use.  
Recreational use: Boaties / Hunters / Surfmen to name a few.

Use of our roads is increasingly by people unfamiliar with our roads.  
Good visibility is the essential factor to minimise  
the number of collisions on these roads that are  
largely without cell phone coverage.

A) Bending the corners should be a priority issue  
given the current traffic volumes.

B) Spraying the vegetation growth on roadsides.  
Needs immediate attention.

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EXTENDED FAIRLY

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Cycle trails SO FAR YOU HAVE DONE BOTH

### Which digital services do you think are a priority to for the Wairarapa?

Urban Ultra-fast broadband

Improved rural broadband

Mobile black spots DOES NOT AFFECT ME

Why?

### Strategies and Policies

If you have any views on these please comment below:

TO MAKE OUR TOWNS CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE NOT NEGLECTED AS IN THE PAST 25 YEARS

If you would like to comment or propose something different now is your chance.

THE FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR ROADS OR FOOT PATHS SHOULD BE USED FOR SUCH AND NOTHING ELSE

(Continue on another sheet if reqd.)

SUBMISSION 10 YEAR PLAN

cr. R. Petelin

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To S.W.D.C.

ATT. COUNCILLORS

MY MAIN CONCERN IS RATES INCREASE AND DECLINE IN SERVICES  
I WILL PUT TO YOU ONE EXAMPLE.

LETS PUT FOOTPATHS FOR EXAMPLE IT WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE  
BEGINING OF FORMATION OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL BACK  
IN 1989 THAT 3 MAIN TOWNS FEATHERSTON-GREYTOWN AND MARTINBOROUGH  
WILL EACH RECIVE \$7000 FOR FOOTPATH REPAIR EVERY 3 YEARS  
AND \$35,000 FOR NEW FOOTPATHS EVERY 3 YEARS THAT WAS CHANGED  
TO \$10,000 EVERY YEAR IN 2004/5 ANNUAL PLAN.

IN LAST YEAR SUBMISSION 2014/15 I LEARNT THAT FOOTPATH  
REPAIR WAS REDUCED TO \$35,000 EVER 3 YEARS NO BODY  
COULD TELL ME WHE THE REDUCTION TOOK PLACE THE  
CURRENT DEPUTY MAYOR HAS BEEN ON THE COUNCIL SINCE  
BEFORE YEAR 2000 MAYBE SHE COULD TELL US WHE THE  
CHANGE TOOK PLACE

IN N.Z. JUDICIAL SYSTEM WOULD BE ARGUED THAT A PUBLICK  
BODY MUS BE SEEN TO BE AETING FAIRLY WHEN THEY REPRESENT  
THEIR SUBJECTS. LET SAY THAT IN 1989 2000M<sup>2</sup> MAYBE MORE  
FOR \$70,000 TODAY WE MAY GET 1000M<sup>2</sup> IE WE ARE LUKI  
YET TODAYS RATES ARE UP BY ABOUT 500% YET WE HAVENT  
GOT 1 CENT EXTRA FOR OUR FOOT PATHS.

THE RATES AT MY ADDRESS IN 1989 WERE \$716 TODAY YEAR  
20/4/15 ARE \$2651 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK COUNCIL TO BE  
FAIR WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY RATES, YOU HAVE  
CHOICE TO GIVE US SOMETHING IN RETURN

R Petelin



2 June 2015

South Wairarapa District Council
19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough 5711
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New Zealand

To Whom it may concern,

Submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan 2015

Introduction

Green Jersey Cycle Tours is based at 16 Kitchener Street Martinborough. We have enjoyed significant growth this past season and wish to acknowledge the SWDC for their enabling relationship with us and also wish to acknowledge the very positive response from local businesses and residents for what we are creating.

Overwhelmingly we receive positive feedback about the presence and behaviour of cyclists in Martinborough (and the South Wairarapa District generally). Cycling is a growth industry and along with other cycle hire operators in Martinborough, we are pleased to be able to offer a high quality, safe service to our cycling visitors.

Overall Martinborough provides an ideal environment for leisure cyclists visiting the regions vineyards and other attractions. We believe that wide roads, generally low traffic volumes, no through traffic (e.g. no SH2) and generally considerate motorists make Martinborough an ideal place to ride a push bike.

Generally Green Jersey Cycle Tours supports the Trails Wairarapa Trust and the Martinborough Community Board Submissions. We have some different views on priority trail development for cycling/shared pedestrian use.

There are in our opinion some low cost/high benefit improvements that could be made to improve safety in the township as the number of cyclists increase.

Improved road shoulder and off road paths where practical

Some experts predict the Rimutaka Cycle Trail will become the most popular great ride in New Zealand over the next few years. This will have spin offs for the entire region. To support the number of cyclists who will wish to cycle from town to town, Green Jersey Cycle Tours submits that where ever practical allowance for improved shoulder on the districts roads or off road alternative trails in Rural Zones are considered. In particular the Western Lake Road, Lake Ferry Road, Longbush Road, Ponatahi Road and Bidwells Cutting Road. On State Highways, the SWDC should influence NZTA to consider similar infrastructure improvements. These improvements are likely to be of smaller marginal additional cost when undertaken during regular maintenance/marketing activities.

Hinakura Road from Martins Road to Todd's road would benefit from a suitable off road shared path of at least 2 metres width or an increased road shoulder width suitable for cycling and walking. Currently the shoulder is narrow and drops into the swale ditch on both sides of the road. As previously noted a reduced speed limit would be beneficial to mitigate visibility risks created by a small hill just past the Golf Course heading east, and the blind right angle corners at the Oxford Street end and the Todd's Road/Hinakura Road intersections.

A off road shared path from Todd's Road from Oxford Street to Hinakura Road Corner, cyclists often fail to stay left when approach the blind corners here

We suggest that support from the council for lime paths in rural rated areas over the longer term would be appropriate, as these will have benefit for locals and visitors for walking and jogging in particular, that these should be considered shared paths for the use of cyclists, however we again note that the attraction for visitors to Martinborough cycling around the town and vineyards is very much due to the existing roading infrastructure largely being fit for purpose. Wide roads with low traffic volumes make for a good cycling environment. Wide grass verges provide good "escape" environments for cyclists

Speed reductions

We particularly submit the council lower speed limits as outlined below.

- Ponatahi Road: 70km/hr starting at the northern side of the Huangarua Bridge changing to 50km/hour where the current 70km/hr zone begins



- Cambridge Road 50Km/hour for its full length
- Huangarua/Puruatanga and Martins Road speed reduction to 50km/hour for the full length of these roads
- Hinakura Road Speed reduction to 70km/hour from the bend to the east of Martins Road intersection reducing to 50km/hour 150 metres before the intersection with Todds Road.
- Main entrance to Martinborough on Kitchener Street, reduce speed limit from Palliser Wines gate to Princess Street to 50km/hour and provide more substantial shoulder or off road path

### **Signage**

There is a great opportunity for improved “share the road with cyclists” signage, including some appropriate Martinborough centric messages. This could be a very positive aspect of marketing Martinborough and the other South Wairarapa towns as well as cycling.

Specifically more definitive signage on the Waihenga Bridge indicating that it is unsafe to try and pass cyclists in the face of oncoming traffic (or at all?) is required

### **Mountain bike trails**

South Wairarapa does not to our knowledge have a Mountain Bike Club. We do however receive many requests for advice on Mountain biking or off road trail riding in the region. We ask that consideration is given to identification of public access land suitable for Mountain biking or off road trails in the vicinity of the three Wairarapa towns, and that the Council include supporting such development in its longer term planning.

### **Other cycle path development**

We support increased development of lime paths connecting townships; in particular we commend the development of the trail between Cross Creek and Featherston, support for the development of connections between Underhill Road in Featherston and the Woodside Trail to.

The Greytown, the Greytown Trails Trust and Trails Wairarapa Trust deserve to be commended for their vision and energy.

Green Jersey Cycle Tours ask that development of trails is part of a cohesive strategy including clear prioritisation of routes to be actively developed. We support the Trails Wairarapa Trusts submission that there needs to be a Wairarapa wide cycle/walking trail development strategy agreed by the four councils administering the area.

### **In summary we submit**

- where ever practical allowance for improved shoulder on the districts roads
- or off road alternative trails in Rural Zones are considered, particularly connecting up the South Wairarapa towns, on the Western Lake Road and on the margins of Martinborough
- Lowering speed limits on Martinborough roads - Speed is the greatest concern for Green Jersey Cycle Tours, particularly at intersections.
- More cycle friendly “share the road signage” particularly on the Waihenga Bridge
- Support for the development of a cycle and walking trails Wairarapa wide strategy

We do not wish to make an oral submission.

Sincerely



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Submission to The South Wairarapa District Council's Long Term Plan

While I am in full support of the general submission on stormwater drainage in Greytown I wish to make a particular submission on the drainage problems in the area between Humphries Street, Wood Street and the Waiohine river.

There is quite a fall from west to east in this area so surface water runs towards the urban area of Greytown

The general topography shows many remnants of old river channels although over the years these have been much altered. For example when Wood St was sealed parts of the dips were filled and are less obvious. Behind the property at 56 Wood St there is a very large and deep dip which in very wet winters fills completely and acts as a reservoir which then overflows. The water race can't carry this volume of water so it comes across the property beside my section and then through my garden. This has obviously been a long term problem as in 1954 water race N0 4 was re-designed and a deep drain was dug following straight lines with many right angles. 84.45 metres of this drain edge the west and north boundaries of my property. In 1980, 1994 and 2004 water flowed through in torrents. With more subdivisions in this area and the obvious changes in weather patterns that may well bring sudden excessive rain fall, this particular system seems in need of upgrading.

I note that Council has modest amounts set aside for upgrades to storm water drainage through the District with \$215,000 for this financial year. I would like to know-

- 1 If the Moroa water race system through Greytown is considered to be the town's stormwater system does the Council ever inspect these?
- 2 Do all residents realise that the races are stormwater drains?
- 3 Should there be a programme to gradually pipe these?
- 4 If the maintenance of the storm water system is Council's responsibility should residents be considered responsible for keeping them clean?

I wish to speak to this submission

*Alison Werry*



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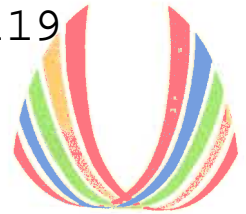
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There is a huge lack of balance here. SWDC financial plans are proceeding apace, increasing far in excess of the ability of residents and ratepayers to increase their incomes to pay for these plans.

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## Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc.

### Submission on the Long Term Plan 2015

**June 2015**

Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association (FRRA) was established in April 2014. The main purpose of the Association is to serve residents, taking action on issues of concern or interest in ways that improve the area and incorporate the values of Featherston ratepayers and/or residents.

We currently represent 157 members. So far as reasonably possible we have established that this submission represents the majority view of those members.

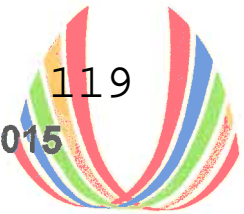
**Our submission has three components: the Council's check list 'Share Your View on the Future'; 'Other Initiatives FRRA Recommends'; and the (Sewage) referenced extract from our 3 September 2014 submission on Featherston Wastewater RC Application.**

**We would like an opportunity to speak to our submission on the morning of 11 June 2015**

**Perry Cameron  
Chair**

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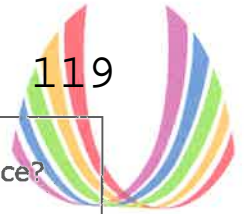
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Projects and Options in the LTP consultation document 2015

N RATEPAYERS & ASSOCIATION INC.

<p><b>Rates affordability</b></p>	<p><b>Sewerage</b></p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We disagree with the proposed average increase.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other -see general comments as attached 'Preferred Approach...' FRRRA members wish more work to be done to balance the books. In particular council should guard against high maintenance assets</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 years. Ongoing concerns over ... healthy functioning of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems ... in the Wairarapa Catchment...' are expressed in the FRRRA submission on the FWW RC application – extract attached. Now Land Discharge site is acquired, the conditions &amp; possible effects need to be assessed a.s.a.p.</p>
<p><b>Roading</b></p>	<p><b>Seal Extensions</b></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintained.</p> <p>It would be false economy to reduce road maintenance. However, a review should be carried out to ensure that:</p> <p>a) The amount paid for maintenance is no more than other Councils (see NZTA performance figures), and</p> <p>b) We do not maintain roads more frequently than other Councils.</p> <p>The standard of some repairs and new work (e.g. path alongside the railway line on Johnston Street) suggests that effective oversight is needed.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No extensions</p>
<p><b>Footpaths (rural)</b></p>	<p><b>Pensioner Housing</b></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>However, a review should be undertaken to establish the most cost effective methods for forming the footpaths. \$30,000 a kilometre is not acceptable. More should be done to find cost-effective contractors of higher engineering standards.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Existing Council owned premises must be maintained, up to intended 'healthy homes' standards. However, look wider than TrustHouse (Masterton) as the service provider if Council units are not retained.</p>
<p><b>Levels of service – see next</b></p>	<p><b>Digital services see next</b></p>



FEATHERSTON RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

<b>Levels of service</b>	<b>Digital services</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maintain	Not a local government core service? However, we accept and support WAIconnect, a joint project between the three Wairarapa District Councils. We have bid for new government funding for extending the broadband and mobile network across the Wairarapa.

**Initiatives**

<b>Gliding</b>	<b>Increased fees and charges</b>
It is noted that directly subsidising business development is not a core function of District Council, therefore Council would not appear to have a mandate to make a contribution on behalf of ratepayers.	These should not be increased so much that they inhibit economic growth. There are many examples in New Zealand where developers or businesses take their projects to other council areas with more accommodating attitudes. Processing resource consents is a core function of Council and should ideally be free to applicants. (Whereas development contributions are fair game.) Fees and charges should either remain in line with adjacent councils, or be slightly cheaper as an incentive to bring business to South Wairarapa.
<b>Coastal reserves</b>	<b>Cycle Strategy</b>
The project has been successfully completed. So, while this was a very worthwhile project, please cease spending \$75k a year and direct this money towards the cost of paying interest on the loans for the waste water treatment plants. Note: this does not mean planting needs to stop. Volunteer groups could get together to continue the work and request grant funding from such organisations as TrustHouse or ECCT, Ministry for the Environment or Department of Conservation or one of many other sources with funding for this purpose.	We hope to support the as yet unpublished cycle strategy. However more should be done to find more cost effective contractors because \$30,000 per kilometre alongside an existing road (excellent access and already graded and flat) appears too expensive.  A more immediate issue is that changes need to be made to the current signage to the Remutaka Cycle Trail, to avoid cyclists being diverted away from the Featherston as a whole and its Town Centre.



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**Other Initiatives FRRRA Recommends:**

- Discussions with NZTA and MoT to slow down traffic through Featherston (note also the point regarding the GWRC and the Remutaka Cycle Trail). Hopefully no impact on the LTP forecast as the cost would be shared/ minimal out of reserves.
- Improved high-lighting of the original war memorial as an integrated feature of the Town's history. (Professional artistic assistance should be available.)

**General comments on preferred approach to setting budgets and spending**

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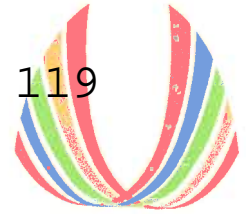
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EXTRACT FROM FRRA SUBMISSION RE  
FEATHERSTON WASTEWATER RC APPLICATION

3 September 2014

FEATHERSTON WAR 120254



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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

**State of the receiving environment**

Lake Wairarapa, the Ruamahanga River, Tauherinikau River, and coastal lakes (including Lake Onoke), coastal marine area, groundwater system and wetlands - are all influenced by the cumulative contribution of nutrients and other contaminants that are discharged into the catchment. That includes the MWWTP and FWWTP discharges as well as a number of other point and non-point source discharges.

The healthy functioning of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems linked to the water bodies in the Wairarapa catchment must be protected as a priority. This is necessary to achieve sustainable management as defined on Section 5 of the RMA. We are concerned that the cumulative contribution of contaminants from within the catchment, in combination with other anthropogenic modifications to the hydrology of the lower catchment, has caused and is continuing to cause significant adverse effects on the health of ecosystems in the lower catchment and in particular Lake Onoke and the immediate coastal environment. This is to the point where life-supporting capacity in this area has not been safeguarded.

**Our comments on the application**

We strongly support the Applicant's proposal to reduce the discharge of contaminants to the streams and therefore the water bodies in the lower catchment. In particular, we support the progressive (but urgent) removal of the direct discharge of treated wastewater to the streams and lake.

*However, we must question the timing of the Application, not because of potential territorial government changes, but rather on the township's need for urban redevelopment. Victoria University Graduate School of Architecture & Design is expected to complete, October 2014, a study on 'Featherston's Future'. Work to date includes recognition that the town plays a critical role in a 'self-regulating waterbody', **needing wetland connectivity to improve local practices and public utilities necessary for long term waste-water, storm-water, and ground-water management.***

*During the wet season, it is clear that levels of ground water are too much for the existing systems. **Comprehensive solutions are required. Reverting to household waste management has apparently been suggested: if that is the case, such proposals should also be 'on the table' during the RC hearing.***

We consider that a period of over 20 years to implement the proposal to discharge treated effluents and contaminants to land and streams is too long and that if the consent (35 years applied for) is granted, that the requirement for total discharge is achieved in a much shorter time period. We note a related point : " Within five (5) years of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and submit to the Manager Environmental Regulation, Wellington Regional Council a "Consent Review and Concept Design Report" prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced wastewater engineer and aquatic ecology specialist. (Consent Review... Cl. 20 of the Application.)

We consider that there are several areas where the proposal needs to be amended in order that the discharges will be consistent with achieving sustainable resource management. We note that the application includes an attachment entitled 'Featherston WWTP Environmental Monitoring Plan'. *That 'document' is merely a list of topic headings, and only intends to relate to the confluence of Donalds Creek and Abbots Creek. (Donalds Creek discharges into Abbots Creek: these streams flow into Lake Wairarapa.) We trust the GWRC will review the appropriateness of the as yet undefined monitoring, and secure a lot more information in terms of substance and methodology, and scope – through the consent process. Our primary waterbody of concern is Lake Wairarapa; the AEE needs strengthening in that context.*

Further related and other matters are as follows:

1. There are no consent conditions proposed which deal with environmental effects in the streams and lake. There are conditions about the volume and quality of discharge, but apparently no conditions which set a maximum upper bound on the level of environmental effects.
2. Prescribing a nutrient load limit for this and other discharges is important for the future management of the Wairarapa's fresh water resources to enable these discharges to be accounted for in determining compliance with water quality limits that will be put in place in the Regional Plan<sup>1</sup>. We consider that the WWTP should not be able to increase its contribution to the contaminant loading in groundwater and/or surface water and therefore it is necessary for the maximum contaminant loads to be defined in consent conditions. Conditions should include, but not be limited to:
  - a. maximum contaminant loading to groundwater
  - b. maximum contaminant loading to surface water as a result of direct discharges

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<sup>1</sup> The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management requires the Regional Council to define fresh water limits for water bodies in the region. Such limits are not currently in place in the regional plans, however they will need to be introduced as part of the pending regional plan review process.

- c. maximum contaminant loading to the river taking into account both land and surface water discharges.
  - d. maximum run off of contaminants from land based disposal to surface water
3. Is Land Discharge likely? There are currently no conditions proposed about the effects of land discharge, should that eventually occur, including the amount of nutrient run off and leaching. In order to monitor the effects of the activity and to ensure compliance with conditions controlling contaminant loads, the consent holder should measure, model, and analyse the possible discharge and its effects on the environment. Conditions should include, but not be limited to:
- a. A requirement for nutrient budgeting to be done.
  - b. A requirement for discharge records to be kept, including contaminant composition of the discharge, application rates, application timing, land use (e.g. crops grown and harvested, stocking rates, etc), other nutrient inputs and climate data.
  - c. A requirement to regularly provide the nutrient budgets and records to the Regional Council (and/or its successor).
  - d. A requirement to provide information on nutrient uptake of crop species used on the site, and the amount of nutrients exported from the site as a result of crop harvest.
4. The consent relies on a series of management plans to be produced later, and signed off by Greater Wellington to deal with inflow and infiltration and monitoring in particular. This is an acceptable approach, but what is missing is a statement in the consent conditions about what the outcome of the management plans needs to be in order for them to meet the conditions of consent and be signed off by Greater Wellington. What we would expect to see, for example for monitoring, would be a condition like 'the monitoring plan must provide for at least 12 annual samples to be taken in x, y z flow conditions that reflect actual discharge and that shows whether condition x has been complied with' (x being an in stream condition, which as noted above is missing also).
5. Given that the Applicant has had a number of significant non-compliances with previous discharge consents for its wastewater treatment plants, in particular in relation to environmental monitoring, we request that the consent (if granted) include comprehensive and details consent conditions that set out clearly when and how monitoring must be undertaken. These should be explicit and should not simply refer to 'monitoring to be determined by an appropriately qualified expert'. Monitoring should be undertaken under a range of flow/level conditions in the streams, Lake Wairarapa as well as Lake Onoke.
6. SWDC has said that a sequential approach to upgrading the three WWTPs in the South Wairarapa would not be acceptable from an RMA perspective: however that assumption has been made on the three systems being treated as separate

entities. It also appears to have been based on an assumption that an environmental 'benefit' analysis of prioritising some upgrades over others is not feasible and would be 'arbitrary'. If the three systems were instead considered as a single activity and the net costs and environmental impacts of a sequential upgrade of the combined systems were considered, it is entirely feasible that a sustainable management argument could be supported and that there may actually be a net environmental benefit. The overall effect of the activity on the environment may very well be significantly less than the current approach if for example Greytown and Martinborough discharges were removed from water while little was done in Featherston.

7. The total cost estimate for improving the Featherston wastewater situation is \$15 million out to 2030. The options analysis included with the application does not appear to evaluate the cost effectiveness of land discharge plus additional storage with the current proposal - the land discharge + storage option has been discounted because the cost of storage would apparently be prohibitive but without actually providing the detailed comparative analysis.
8. The Assessment of Ecological Effects should provide comprehensive analysis of the cumulative effects of the proposed discharge on Lake Onoke. We think this is a necessary assessment to make before determining the application, particularly given that the Applicant also discharges treated wastewater into Lake Onoke's catchment from two other urban wastewater systems (Greytown and Martinborough). In our opinion, the discharges from all three wastewater treatment plants should be considered at the same time so that cumulative effects on the lower catchment can be more readily considered. **Collaboration with Masterton District Council in the Wairarapa Moana context is also essential – see below.**
9. Given that Greater Wellington is in the process of reviewing its regional plans and that the Ruamahanga Whaitua has begun a process of determining freshwater values and outcomes for the Wairarapa, we consider that it is premature to 'lock in' contaminant discharges for the Featherston WWTP for a period of 35 years. Unless contaminant loads can be demonstrated to be compatible with likely future water quality limits for the Ruamahanga River, Tauherinikau River, Lake Wairarapa and Lake Onoke, we consider that the consent should either include a compulsory review conditions at 10 years and 20 years or should be granted for a term of 15 years to enable contaminant load conditions to be adjusted.



Lake Ferry Road  
RD2  
Featherston

28<sup>th</sup> May 2015,

Dear SWDC Councillors,

#### PIRINOA COMMUNITY COURT

Thank you for all you do to make the South Wairarapa a great place to live.

The wider Pirinoa community is currently undertaking a project to resurface the community court at Pirinoa School. The project aligns very closely to your community outcomes as we strive to

Have a **healthy** active community

**Vibrant Strong** community by offering opportunities to come together

A facility that is **accessible** without travel demands on our community

The project will cost approximately \$40,000 and when complete meet the needs of our community's school, playgroup, netball, basketball, hockey and rugby players while also providing a facility for the many visitors who spend time in our district over the summer for the next 20 years.

Our community has actively fundraised in recent years through raffles, crutching, shows, fat lamb competition, clearing sales, catering, scrap metal, Tupperware and car parking for the hall, church, playgroup, swimming pool, rugby and netball clubs to ensure our small community continues to have the facilities and infrastructure to be the best we can be.

We ask that you support us your coastal rural community in providing \$5000 towards our latest and biggest project to date.

Please see attached and overview of the project and the budget.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Troy Anderson  
Principal  
Pirinoa School

Guy Didsbury  
Tuhirangi Rugby

Sara Sutherland  
Tuhirangi Netball

Ali Weatherstone  
Pirinoa Playgroup

We would love to continue to build on the community benefits gained from the recent establishment of a senior netball club by having somewhere to train and play other sports

Carolyn



I want to help teach the little kids to ride 2 wheelers somewhere safe.

Aria

I don't want to trip and stub my toes or graze my knees anymore.

Leah

### COMMUNITY COURT RESURFACE

#### OUR COURT NEEDS YOUR HELP



Pirinoa is a small farming and fishing community within the South Wairarapa district embarking on a big project to enhance the well-being of our community (Pirinoa, Ngawi, Lake Ferry, Cape Palliser, Whangimoana). We are resurfacing the local court that is no longer fit for purpose with a turf. Though this project will be on school grounds it is a community asset benefiting our small country school (29 Students and growing) along with the rugby, hockey and netball clubs, and the local playgroup. Any members of the community or visitors to the area are able to use the facility at their leisure outside school hours. On completion we would also like to introduce term 1 & 4 twilight competitions for families and the many young shepherd's in the area.

The project is to be completed in three phases:

1. Upgrading drainage and significant base patching
2. Purchasing associated sports equipment (tennis net, basketball and netball hoops) and lighting.
3. Turfing the surface

Recently we have successfully fundraised to upgrade the community pool, paint the school exterior, purchase a variety of sports uniforms and upgrade the court yard. This has been achieved through crutching days, our annual fat lamb competition, parking at the Martinborough fair, a fashion evening and catering. For this project we have decided to continue with these ventures while submitting funding applications and approaching rural companies for sponsorship.

We are looking forward to the increased participation, social and health benefits this project can offer our community and thank you for considering this application for assistance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Pirinoa Community**

I want to practice for mini-ball and play 4 square without the court cracks making the ball take off.

Te Atawhai

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**Martinborough Community Board (MCB) Submission in response to the SWDC  
 Consultation Document “Looking to the Future” 2015 to 2025.**

*Please note this submission is in addition to the workshop notes submitted following the MCB meeting on 30 March 2015.*

**Cycle Strategy**

MCB strongly supports the development of a Cycle Strategy to improve pedestrian and cycle access across the district. “A pedestrian and cycle friendly district” is a strategic priority for MCB and we would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the development of a Cycle Strategy. We support the continued development of cycle trails at \$30,000 per km and would urge SWDC to allow for development of a vineyard trail in Martinborough in the finalisation of the LTP.

Plans of the suggested route are attached with priorities highlighted for a phased implementation. Cycling is increasing in popularity for residents and visitors alike. With the expansion of Green Jersey Cycle Hire in the centre of Martinborough there are now 5 cycle hire operators with approximately 200 bikes available for visitors to hire on any given day. In addition increasing numbers of our Wellington visitors are travelling with their own bikes, despite this all of the bikes available for hire in Martinborough are routinely out on summer weekends.

The majority of visitors hiring bikes or bringing their own explore the wineries, with heavy usage noted on Princess Street, Huangarua Road, Puruatanga Road, Cambridge Road, Todds Road and Oxford Street. This route would form the basis of an initial cycle trail of around 5kms. If this route proves successful there is an opportunity to extend the loop along Martins Road returning towards town on Hinakura Road (a further 3.2kms).

There are a number of safety, access and tourism benefits of such a cycle trail:

- Improves safety and access to Martinborough for residents in the Oxford Street / Todds Road area - a section of narrow roading without footpaths.
- Improves access to the Golf Course / Squash Club complex for all residents and visitors.
- An off road vineyard trail would vastly improve safety for visiting cyclists, who currently share the road with vineyard traffic.
- Provide a safe and attractive walking track amenity for residents and visitors alike.
- Joining a new Cycle Vineyard Trail with the existing Considine Park and Palliser Vineyard walk will result in an appealing exercise route for residents and an additional visitor attraction in Martinborough.

In addition to consideration of this cycle trail proposal MCB would request that SWDC review speed limits along the length of the route as part of the development of the cycle strategy, with a view to reducing the current 70km speed zones to 50kms and all or part of the current 100km speed zones to 70kms.

The numbers in brackets below refer to the numbers on the attached plans.

**Current 70km speed zones:**

Princess Street from New York to Huangarua (2)

Cambridge Road from New York to Huangarua (3)

Huangarua Road from Princess to Cambridge (4)

Puruatanga Road from Cambridge to Regent (5)

**Current 100km speed zones:**

Puruatanga Road from Regent to Todds (6)

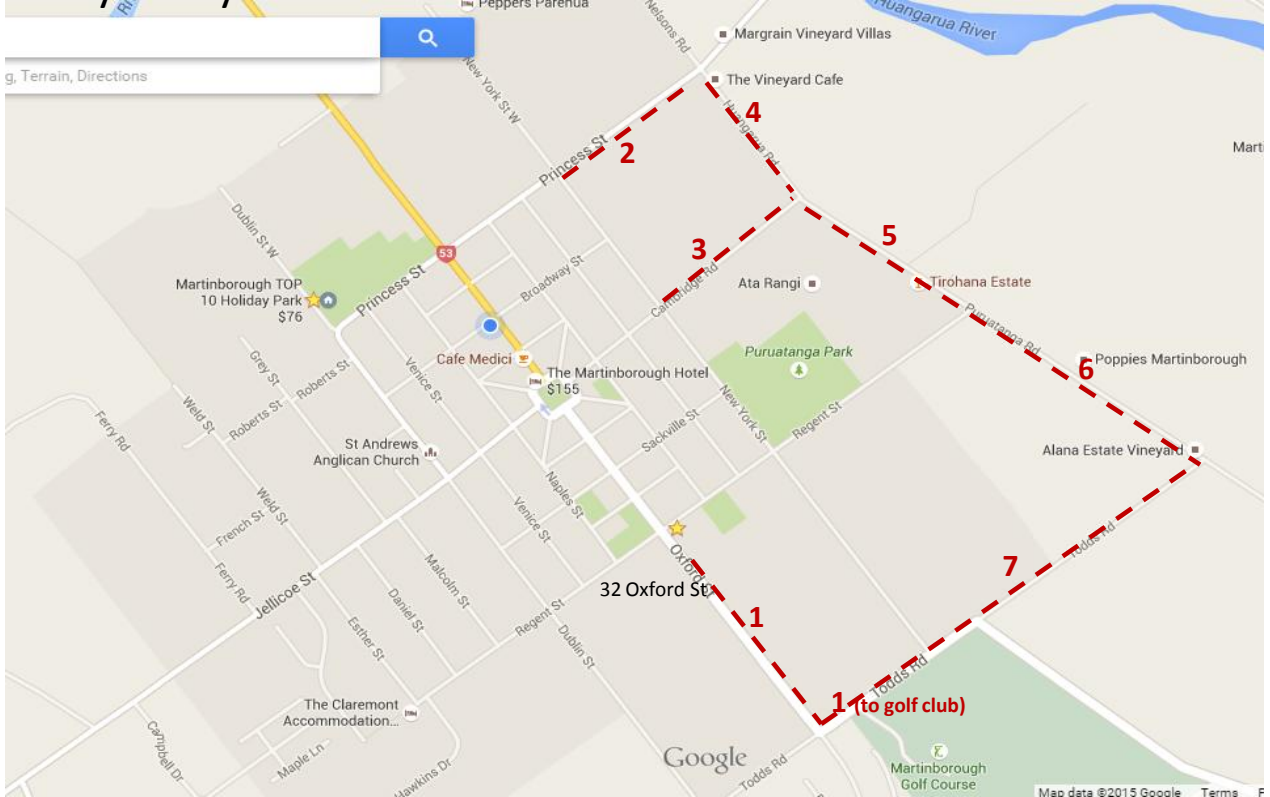
Todds Road from Puruatanga to the 50km zone adjacent to the Golf Club (7)

Martins Road from Todds to Hinakura (8 & 9)

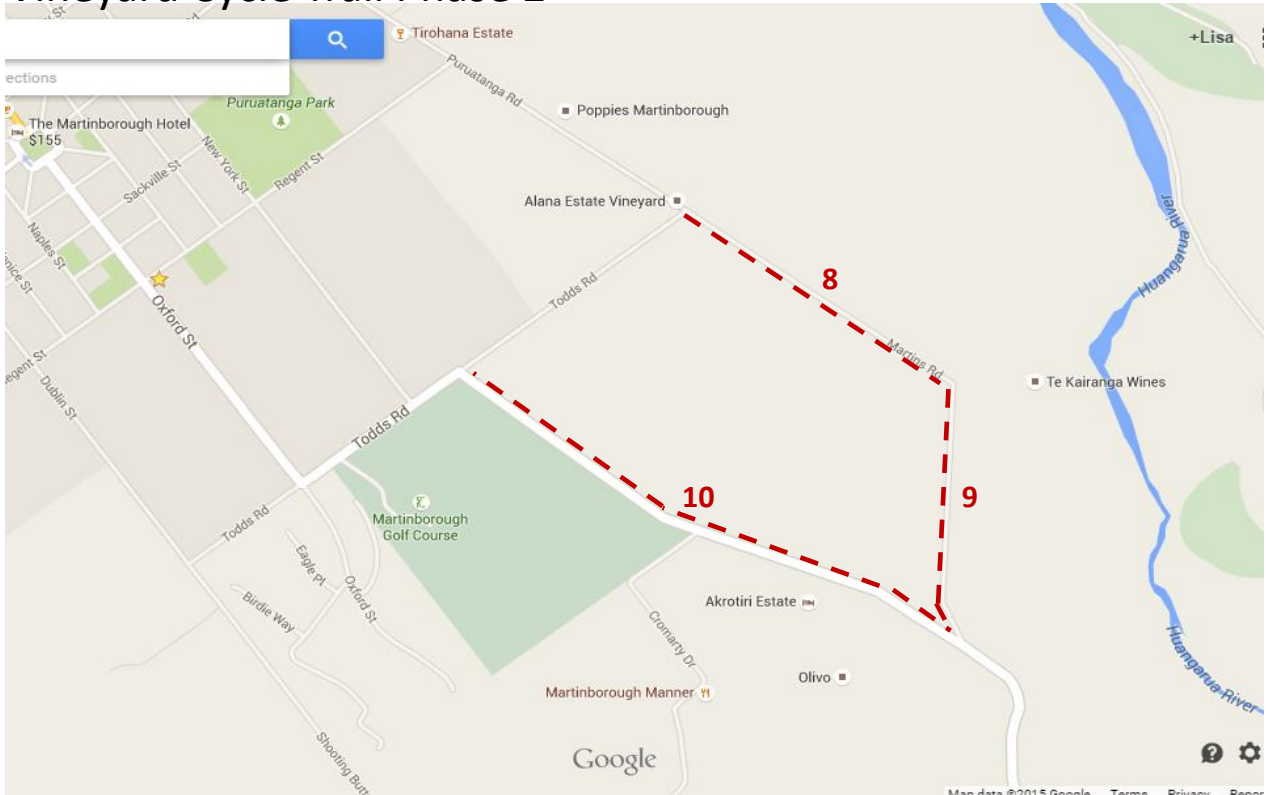
Hinakura Road from Martins to Todds (10)



# Vineyard Cycle Trail Phase 1



# Vineyard Cycle Trail Phase 2



--- Cycle Trail Route

1 Cycle Trail Priority

122  
(Late)



21 May 2015

Rhonda Jones

Council

Thank you for giving us, Featherston Mainstreets Beautification Group (FMBG), the opportunity to submit on the South Wairarapa District Council 2015-2025 Long Term Plan. This submission addresses tree planting, footpaths, car parking in Card Reserve and the Fell Engine gardens.

### **Tree Planting**

We are asking Council to collaborate with us to plant and maintain trees along the main streets of Featherston. This will enhance the aesthetic appeal of town to visitors and encourage future business interests, instilling pride in our town. We have funding to start the initial stage of tree planting stretching from RD1 on both sides of Fitzherbert Street, to Davis Sawmill where practical.

We have approached residents of the area to seek support for this project and have a team of people prepared to do the planting. We are asking for financial support for this project under the LTP which would provide for staking and future trimming of trees. While we will continue to raise funds, we would also like to see Council fund some of the planting.

### **Footpaths**

We would like to support option 2 of the LTP consultation document to spend \$90,000 on maintenance of footpaths and \$45,000 on new footpaths. We suggest that provision is made for new footpaths and kerbing along:

- Watt St between Bell and Kereru Grove; cars are often parked along the road here which considerably narrows the street for passing cars. The grass verge also needs narrowing to align with the existing stretch of road along Watt St between Bell and Fox St.
- Underhill Rd leading to the soccer grounds does not have a footpath for residents and is a highly visible street to other community members. Pedestrians from sports use the road, which is dangerous.

### **Parking and Hedge Removal at Card Reserve**

It is unclear from the LTP consultation document whether any funding is allocated for parking along Underhill Rd. As a group we wish to see funds allocated for angle parking along the Card Reserve side of Underhill Rd. This would start with the removal of the hedges to allow maximum room for parking. This will address the following:

- Inadequate parking.
- Parking presently occurring along the grass verge.
- Visiting supporters unsure where to park
- Safety of players as well as supporters
- Enhancing the tidiness and aesthetic appearance of a highly visible and well used facility.
- Hedge removal will also minimise the damage occurring to the turf from constant shade, moss growth and dropping foilage which has already occurred.
- Removal of the hedges will allow room to develop the off road parking on the corner by the tennis court leading into the existing parking lot.

The parking needs to continue to the soccer grounds as lack of parking is an issue when home games are played.

### **Gardens**

As far as we are aware, the original FMBG that developed the gardens around the Fell Engine Museum did not make arrangements with Council for ongoing maintenance. While we have done our best as a new group to improve and maintain these, we only have two people available part time to do this and request that Council contractors add these gardens to their maintenance schedule so consequently would like the cost for this to be included under the Long Term Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Rhonda Jones  
Chairperson Featherston Mainstreets Beautification Group

Submitted on Monday, 8 June 2015 - 1:45pm Submitted by anonymous user: [115.188.225.240]  
Submitted values are:

--Submitter Details--

Name of Submitter: Alistair and Jenny Boyne

Organisation:

Rate Payer Type: Rural

Age: 45-54

Ethnicity: Kiwi

Do you want to receive the "Stakeholder Update" email from SWDC?

Yes

--Submission Hearings--

I/We would like to speak to our submission: Yes

Speaking Preference: June 11th am

--Rates Affordability--

Do you support increased Fees and Charges (i.e. higher dog registration) as opposed to a general rates increase? : No

Do you agree with the proposed overall average general rates increase for the next 10 years? : Agree

If not what general rates increase do you support?

Other:

--Development Initiatives--

Do you support the following initiatives?

- Coastal Reserve Development
- Cycle trails

--Overall Level of Service (LoS)--

With regard to LoS, should we: Maintain the current LoS

--Sewerage--

In what timeframe should irrigation to land be completed? Other

Other: Should look at reusing this valuable resource and offer clean grey water to local landowners for irrigation purposes.

--Roading--

Should road maintenance service levels be: Maintained

Seal extensions: 2km extension

Where do you think seal extensions should be done?

Would Like to see the seal extensions outside peoples houses on rural roads. Starting with seal where the dwelling is less than 5metres from roads edge.

--Footpaths--

Do you support the establishment of rural footpaths (lime walkways) through rural rates? No

If yes, how should they be prioritised? Main roads south

--Pensioner (Community) Housing--

Do you consider Pensioner Housing part of our core business: Yes

--Digital Services--

Which digital services do you think are a priority for the Wairarapa:

- Urban ultra fast broadband
- Mobile black spots

--Have Your Say--

Strategies and Policies:

Time for your say, if you would like to comment or propose something different now is the time:

Upload submission:

Upload additional information:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<http://www.swdc.govt.nz/node/576/submission/476>

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**From:** Johni Rutene <johnithebarber@gmail.com>

**To:** Michael roera <mroera@hotmail.co.nz>

**Sent:** Tue, 02 Jun 2015, 21:38:42 GMT+00:00

**Subject:**

Iwi monitors

Paid iwi monitors; the same as Masterton

Pou

Citizen's advice ceremony. Done by the representatives of the MSC not individuals at any Marae

Paid cultural adviser

TPPA

Partnership in business and administration in Te Reo Maori

Water

Waste water

Street, Sub division and park Names in Te Reo