

# What matters to you?

Napier's Long Term Plan is open for feedback now.



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NAPIER'S FUTURE

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**NAPIER**  
CITY COUNCIL  
*Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri*

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# Kia ora from *Kirsten Wise*

TE KAHIKA O TE KAUNIHĒRA  
O AHURIRI  
NAPIER MAYOR



Since we did our last Long Term Plan, there have been a number of challenges at a local, national and international level. Due to this, everyone's priorities may be quite different to what they were three years ago. Ours certainly are.

Historically, we have prioritised keeping our rates low, but it has come at a cost. We are now grappling with ageing infrastructure, outdated systems and increasingly stringent standards. We also need to invest in our future – ensuring we are putting enough money aside to replace and renew our assets down the track, and to ensure our people thrive. And we are facing increased costs. Some we knew were coming and others are out of our control. We could pass all of these costs directly to the ratepayer. But we're committed to keeping our rates as affordable as we can. We have room to borrow – this will spread the costs over time but will allow us to meet the standards our community and government expect. It also keeps rates increases lower.

Our team is committed to making things right for Napier. We have taken a hard look at our spending and projects to decide what is in and what is out. Our priority is to work on what matters so we want to deliver the essentials, look after what we've got and invest in our future.

Here are the topics we are consulting on.

# Our Long Term Plan Consultation Projects

For the full details including costs associated with these projects please visit [sayitnapier/ltp](http://sayitnapier/ltp)

## Water Supply

Our modernisation programme for our water supply network will not only enable us to meet future national drinking water standards, but achieve better network security. We can do this sooner or later. The capital costs are roughly the same but if we do the work earlier, we need to borrow more money up front. This means we will have higher operating costs.

## Chlorine-Free Review

We commissioned an independent review to look at costs and options around moving to a chlorine-free network. We can do this, but it will take a long time, a lot of money and ongoing political commitment. Our proposed work programme will start us on the track for a chlorine-free network.

## Ahuriri Regional Park

We plan to use Council's land at Lagoon Farm for stormwater treatment options. This may mean moving the stop-bank further into the farm, creating more space for wetlands and an opportunity to establish an environmentally focused park. This development will provide access to areas of the farm currently closed off, with new pathways, seating areas and viewing points (into the estuary and wetlands), along with increased water areas. Working with Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) and mana whenua means together we can create a significant regional park. To achieve this we want to invest \$12.5 million from 2028/29, along with HBRC, who are proposing to invest the same.

## Te Pihinga Community Facility

We are proposing to invest \$11.5 million to build a new community facility in Maraenui, which links with an urban development plan (Te Pihinga) that focuses on growing economic and social prosperity. With a focus on employment, training and entrepreneurship, it will provide facilities that grow talent and enable the community to thrive.

## Housing

We have been providing affordable rental housing for over 50 years, and have 377 units across Napier, 304 of which are retirement flats. We are reviewing our long-term options as the rent income does not cover the costs. Over the next 10 years we expect to have an average shortfall of \$2.5 million per year. We can fund this by increasing rates or through loans until a decision is made on the future options.

## Faraday Centre

The Faraday Centre is Napier's specialised, interactive technology museum. A business case is underway to look at what involvement and investment we should have, and future operating and governance models. Until then, we would need additional staff to keep it open or we could close it until the business case is completed and a decision is made about our continued involvement.

## Street Management

A key project we want to investigate is an Ambassador programme to complement our CCTV replacement project. This would replace current CBD patrols.

## Traffic Safety Plans

Our community loves to cycle and walk. We want everyone to feel safe doing this, and we need the road network to work well too. By completing a Local Area Traffic Management Plan, we can get the balance right. We want to increase the number of plans we complete from one per year to three per year from 2022/23.

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Before we make decisions on our plan, we want to know what matters to you.

View our full proposal, or find out details of our engagement events at [sayitnapier.nz/ltp](https://sayitnapier.nz/ltp)

Please make a submission, your feedback matters to us.

## How to **say it!**

**Online** at [sayitnapier.nz/ltp](https://sayitnapier.nz/ltp)

**Call 06 835 7579** to request a copy of the document and submission form.

**View a copy** of the document at the Napier City Council Customer Service Centre or at Napier or Taradale Libraries.

**Submissions close Wednesday 12 May 2021 5pm**

## Proposed Rates Rise 2021/22 8% / \$3.78 per week\*

How will the proposed average rates increase affect your rates in 2021/22?  
Find out at [sayitnapier.nz/ltp](https://sayitnapier.nz/ltp)

\*per average rateable property



# Council adopts changes to rates policies

In 2020, changes to several rates policies were proposed to address historic anomalies and better reflect Napier's current residential, commercial and rural zones.

The main proposals were to change the way the General Rate is calculated for each property, including reducing General Rates categories from six to three and changing the percentage weighting of some categories to provide a simpler and more consistent approach to rates. Additionally, it was proposed that the Stormwater charge be removed from General Rates and instead a new Stormwater Targeted Rate be introduced.

Based on ratepayer feedback, Council amended its original proposal to reduce rating categories from six to three. Instead it opted to reduce to four categories, these being Residential/Other, Commercial & Industrial, Rural, as well as a new category, Rural Residential. Additionally, Council voted to apply a lower weighting of 90% to the Rural Residential category, compared to the 100% originally proposed.

Other changes include reducing the percentage weighting of the Commercial & Industrial category from 268.09% to 260%.

Changes to the General Rate for all properties will be phased in equal increments over three years, beginning 1 July 2021, excluding any annual rates increase.

The amended policies and the resulting changes to rates invoices will take effect from 1 July 2021.

*Ministry of Health*

# **PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE**

Some older plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from plumbing fittings. We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

**Director - General Health**



**District Plan  
consultation  
coming soon!**

**say it!**

The District Plan is Napier's rule book. We will be consulting in June/July, and want your feedback on our proposed changes.

More information about our plan, what events we will be holding, and how to give feedback will be revealed soon.

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John Baxter from Napier.*



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