

We can continue to invest in Wellington, but need to balance the pace of our investment with what we can afford. As a community, we need to make some tough decisions about what to prioritise.

Formal consultation on the 2024-34 Long-term Plan is open from 12 April until 12 May. Providing feedback is an important way to have your say on the future of our city.

Questions about making a submission? Email us at ltp@wcc.govt.nz

To find out more or make a submission, visit wcc.nz/ltp



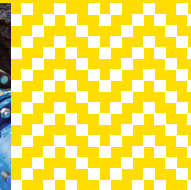
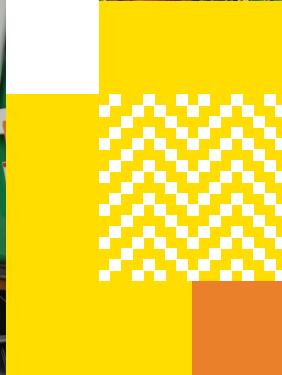
You can also pick up a copy of the consultation document and submission form at Arapaki Service Centre or any of our libraries.

Tō mātou mahere ngahuru tau

Our 10-year Plan

Formal consultation on our 2024-34 Long-term Plan is open 12 April-12 May 2024

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We're creating Wellington City's next 10-year plan and budget. We want Pōneke to be a creative capital where people and nature thrive, and the decisions we make now are about that future.

What's in the draft plan?

We need to make three big decisions – about water, waste and how we best manage our investment and insurance risk.

Water

Our water pipes are old and in poor condition. We're proposing to spend more than ever before on fixing them. This is expensive and will increase rates and debt, so we need to decide how much we can afford to spend.

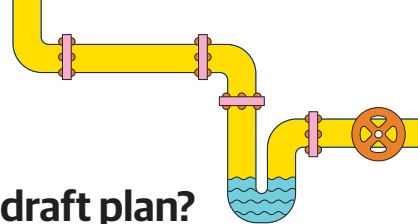
Waste

We need to reduce waste going to landfill. We could do this by introducing new Council wheelie bins for rubbish (collected fortnightly) and food scraps and garden waste (collected weekly). We'd introduce a new targeted rate to pay for this.

Investments and insurance

We need to better manage our insurance and our investment risks. Insurance is getting harder and more expensive to get, and the Council's assets – like buildings, roads and pipes – are underinsured by \$2.6 billion. We're exposed if there's a natural disaster, and our biggest investment assets, including our shares in Wellington Airport and ground leases, are poorly diversified and exposed to the same risks.

We're proposing to sell our shares in the airport and some ground leases to set up a new investment fund as a form of self-insurance, so we can diversify our investments and have money to help with recovery if there's an earthquake or other disaster.



Our costs are increasing

To continue doing everything we are doing, as well as spending more on water, would mean an average rates rise of 26% for the coming financial year. We're proposing an average rates rise of 16.4%. This excludes a new levy to pay for the sludge minimisation plant at Moa Point, which will be about 1.6%.

To reduce rates increases, we've looked at what we could stop, close, slow or reduce.

Our proposals include closing the Arapaki Library and Service Centre on Manners Street, reducing spending on the bike network and sustainable street changes, stopping the annual mid-year fireworks display, not doing the planned transport improvements on Hutt Road, not upgrading the Ian Galloway Park and Waitangi Park skate facilities, closing Khandallah Pool, stopping the quarterly Our Wellington brochure, and selling Wadestown Community Centre.

We're also looking at introducing parking fees in suburban centres (Tawa, Johnsonville, Newlands, Khandallah, Northland, Karori, Aro Valley, Kelburn, Newtown, Berhampore, Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Miramar and Rongotai), and introducing fees for motorcycle parking in the central city.

