

Your Details	
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Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase? :	Yes
Why / Why not?:	There is unnecessary expenditure in the district that likely does not supply good return on investment, meanwhile, ratepayers are struggling with the rise of living costs.
If so, what should we do less of?:	Decrease the grounds/maintenance services for council properties. Decrease the number of high maintenance gardens for lower/no maintenance options (such as native plantings). For example, the grounds staff could cease planting annual flower beds at the Ashburton domain, and instead plant fruit trees that are then available for the community to harvest. Also, large, wide areas of verge (such as to the north of Ashburton) could be leased out for cheap grazing instead of being mown.
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Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?:	Yes
Why / why not?:	Because there are so many potholes throughout the district that are dangerous! Also, we need an extra measure on road repairs after the recent floods.
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General comments:	More common sense cost-cutting would be good. Also, more shared community features would be great, such as fruit trees!