

Your Details	
First Name:	Tracy
Last Name:	Rae
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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?:	Council should live within its means not just keep hiking the rates.
If so, what should we do less of?:	Sports facilities, mowing parks less, community grants, cut out Saturday afternoon and Sunday library. Reduce council employees. Reduce council spending on unnecessary new buildings. Reduce number of councillors and stop taking big pay raises.
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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?:	Roading around the town is full of potholes. Central government should pay entirely for the highways through town or charge a toll for non ratepayers.
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General comments:	This feedback is from both ratepayers at this property. We came here for lower rates and are now facing 10 percent rate raises. We worked hard to own a freehold house and manage on a fixed income. Many people in Ashburton are on small fixed incomes. We have to live within a budget so should council. Rates are becoming an increasingly large burden.