

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:

No

I am able to attend:

I intend to attend: In-person, Virtually

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?:

Yes

Your Details

Full Name: Carol Brown

Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters: Spread over 3 years - Our preferred option

Let us know why: If by installing water meters it will save in water wastage therefore the cost associated with reduced need, then I agree. I would expect for this cost that the council is confident that savings can be achieved.

Elderly Persons Housing: Self-sustaining in 2 years - our preferred option

Let us know why: The council should maintain and keep the current housing. In coming years the demand for Housing will increase substantially. We need to look after our elderly & disadvantaged. I strongly believe the rental should increase by \$20 per week for TWO YEARS not One year, then \$10 per year. The rental is way below what you have quoted for other centres. This will reduce what ratepayers will have to borrow and repay which will affect and increase rates. Option 1. states there will be loan funding needed of \$1.4 million, in the current climate to what degree this will impact ratepayers is an unknown and to what degree. Option 2. states assuming no loan funding, is this guaranteed?? I don't see why ratepayers should be penalised by higher rates especially those on pensions that have saved for their own home. The options are very hard to understand. In option 1. the example uses amount increased to i.e \$110 per week. Option 2. example uses per week increase. \$10 increase seems low to not only build up reserves and not be a burden on ratepayers but to also meet cost increases to maintain/upgrade housing. This has proven correct in the status quo as the Consumer Price Index has NOT been enough to maintain the housing. Ratepayers have a number of large projects to fund, caution is needed.

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: I agree with the proposed increases in fees & charges. EA Networks is a very good asset for the Ashburton District and needs to continue being subsidised. Greater \$\$\$ were agreed by people when considering options for the new Civic Centre/Library, council need to make sure this does not increase substantially or meet increases by lowering standards of the build or services.