

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

Yes

I am able to attend: Evening

I intend to attend: In-person

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

Yes

Your Details

Full Name: Colin Woolsey

Organisation: IWY Trust

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

Drinking water meters: Don't install meters

Let us know why: The current "leak detection" justification does not warrant a global roll out of water meters. Without accurate water usage data how can Council claim there is a 50 % water loss Clearly a proposal to set up infrastructure to commercialise the water distribution network I am aware water meters are being installed by developers as new sections/subdivisions are developed so without a global metering network how can Council charge for water use on "new" property and not older property - selective billing - not acceptable.

Elderly Persons Housing: Status quo - inflationary rent increases + general rate

Let us know why: Tenants will not be able to afford increasing rents required to achieve self funding status Tenants will be mostly receiving fixed incomes (pensions) which are CPI adjusted Examine all costs relating to the Elderly Person Housing stock and challenge validity and value of costs - including internal charges Elderly housing subsidies from central government??

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: As a relatively new resident in the area, and having attended the first public meeting in Methven to discuss Council's LTP, I was shocked to read the past 5 year and proposed future 3 year rates increase statistics provided. Fiscal negligence, or irresponsibility, was my immediate opinion of Council's track record. Why have Council's operating costs continually tracked 2-3 times the CPI? Councils would be one of the only entities that manage its income to suit its costs - the bulk of us (ratepayers) are forced to manage our costs to suit our income. Ratepayers are not a bottomless source of funds. Are Council's budgets set on a need to have basis- or a like to have. I would also like to know what staff salary/wage costs (and numbers) have increased during the past 5 years