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NORTH
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PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

ATTACHMENTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL UNDER SEPARATE COVER

**TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022 AT 9.00AM, 3.30PM AND 7.00PM
THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022 AT 9.00AM, 3.30PM AND 7.00PM
FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022 AT 3.30PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH**

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

10 May 2022

Under Separate Cover

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1	Aniz	
2	Dave	Finegan
3	Tracy	Kersel
4	Clare	Corboy
5	David J	White
6	Wayne	Whittingham
7	Rebecca	Bremner
8	Deborah	Mackintosh
9	Laura	Bennett
10	Claire	Wedlock
11	Campbell	Ayres
12	Simone	Laing
13	Gareth	Saunders
14	Charlotte	Bolwell
15	Deana	Garstang
16	Kirston	Mierd
17	Kirsten mu5	
18	Amanda	Ayres
19	Brigs	Holmes
20	Emma	Keay
21	Jenny	Richards
22	Katie	Cronin
23	Teri	Lauder
24	Sheridan	O'Hara
25	Bev	McKay
26	Francesca	Harrison
27	Lisa	Toms
28	Jo	Scott
29	Aaron	Hall
30	Karen	Adrian
31	Andrea	Molony
32	Emma	Waters
33	Melissa	Rangiwananga

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35	Shane	Simpson
36	Laurie	Wells
37	Kathy	Geange
38	Natalia	Rangiwananga
39	Josh	Stewart
40	Melanie	Bedford
41	Grant	Spiers
42	Matthew	Hook
43	Sue	Tattersfield
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58	Katherine	Spiers
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67	Sue	Peck
68	Janice	Neil
69	Craig	Dunlop



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74	Madhan	Kumar
75	Peter	Kennedy
76	Barbara	Konzett
77	Raewyn	Marshall
78	Gavin	Tamblyn
79	Patricia	Watts
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94	James	Lourie
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96	Julie	Keall
97	Glenn	Wickins
98	Michelle	McEwen
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106	Claude	Hopkinson
107	Daniel	Willson
108	Paul and Heather	Tootell
109	Keith	Trembath
110	Angela	Tracey
111	Anna	Regtien
112	Mildred	Minot
113	Patrick	
114	Rosemary	Watson
115	Dave	Martin
116	Adam	Wallace
117	Peter B	Claridge
118	Emma	
119	Maria	Andrewes
120	Ross	St George
121	Jane	Gilman
122	James	Russell
123	Deniz	Gultekin
124	Timothy	Gowan
125	Karen	Allan
126		Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority
127	Diana	Raleigh
128	Angela	Oliver
129	Tony	Passman
130	Paul E	Perry
131	David	Osborne
132	Fiona	McNair
133	Richard	Greaney
134	Brendon	McNabb
135	John	Mullinger
136	Aaron	Fox
137		Cancer Society of NZ Inc, Manawatu Centre
138	Chris	Tocker
139	Alison	McLean



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141	Bruce & Marilyn	Bulloch
142	Brian S	McPherson
143	Joe P M	Erkens
144	Liz	Cross
145	Gary & Elizabeth	Owen
146	Murray	Wheeler
147	Beryl	Perrie
148	Deborah Joy	Hilson
149	Eric	Constantine
150	Catriona	Pirie
151	Ray	Alcock
152	Carolyn	Timmins
153	Daniel	Strawbridge
154	Nicola	Warren
155	Maria	King
156	Steven	Vindriis
157	Michelle	Copeman
158	Jayden	
159	Catherine	Perry
160		Palmerston North Community Services Council
161	Lyndall	Holstein
162	Jack	
163	Samantha	Hunt
164	Charlotte	McNicol
165	Alice	Hicks
166	Renée	Strawbridge
167	Lisa	McLean
168	Salina	Murphy
169	Deidre	Southee
170	Andrea	Wishnowsky
171	Natasha	Bell
172	Sonia	Griffin
173		Water Safety New Zealand
174	Rod	Pik

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176	Paul	Finnen
177	Martina	Carroll
178	Wendy	Stewart
179	Helen	Mill
180	Monique	Perkins
181	Martia	Alico
182	Owen	
183	Jessica	Larsen
184	Janene	
185	Derrylea	Hardy
186	Gregory	Bell
187	Geoff	Watson
188	Janice	Sharan
189	Shelley	Hanlon
190	Shaun	Ruddle
191	Claudia	Dianu
192	Samuel	Kauwhata
193	Daniel	
194	Mark	Inman
195	Amanda	Hansen
196	Kate	Wischnowsky
197		River Stop Awapuni
198	Bronia	Wanoa
199	Elizabeth	Whiterod
200	Nicole	Abraham
201	Krystal	Uncles
202	Rachel	Withington
203	Graeme	Tong
204	Cushla	Tutaki
205	Greg	Pryce
206	Emma	Timmins
207	Richard	Wilde
208	Aaron	How
209	Amer	Jaffal
210	Shiloh	Dobie


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212	Helen	Burke
213	Nicole	Sara
214	Callum	Van der Oest
215	Barbara	King
216	Karen	Keenan
217	Ranvir	Singh
218	Leerae	Holden
219	Ashleigh	Dam
220	Clive and Fiona	Bardell
221	Stu	Waters
222	Sarah	Chand
223	Kathryn	O'Connor
224	Nathaniel	Grigg
225	Louise	Angland
226	Michael Tile	Vamaua
227	Barbara	Little
228	Kirsten	Malone
229	Harvey	Jones
230	Faith	Durbridge
231	Suzanne	McAllen
232	Suzette	Alderdice
233	Alysha	Zentveld
234	Zachary	Oneroa
235	Doug	Tietjens
236	Gaeleen	Ratahi
237		Palmerston North Heritage Trust
238	Kirsty	Hughes
239	Sharlotte	Batchelor
240	Alannah	Wynyard
241	Peter	Holden
242	Kahn	Wynyard
243	Jerome	Roberts
244	Sonja Sundberg	Carson
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247	Shirley	
248	Madeleine	Speirs
249	Esther	Fou
250	Nathanael	Sextus
251	Regan	Beddis
252	Stephanie	Hedges
253	Andrew	Crellen
254	Olivia	Bardsley
255	Lisa	Sae
256		Social Justice Group Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Palmerston North
257	Sheenagh	Tinkler
258	Claire	Black
259	Gordon & Jeanette	Ansell
260	Don	Kitchen
261	Janet	Maxey
262	Barbara & Dr	O'Driscoll
263	Beth	Tolley
264	Alan	Dingley
265	Callum	Wilson
266	Emma	Ochei
267	Tyler	Warner
268	Andrea	Anderson
269	Bruce	Duncan
270	Nichollette	Tatham
271	Sienna	Wilson
272	Corrie	Atkins
273	Jackie	Wheeler
274	Clare	Hynd
275	Siann	Aburn
276	Nikita	Leeks
277	Laura	Konijn
278	Allen	Macmaster
279	Fenil	Mistry


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281	Robyn	Croker
282		Federated Farmers of New Zealand
283	Barbara	Mouat
284	Karen L	Adams
285		Disability Reference Group
286	Emma	Prouse
287		Palmerston North Youth Council
288	Margaret	Wood
289	Chris	Channing
290	Golda	Smith
291	John	Wood
292	Joanne	Wilson
293		Awapuni Community & Recreation Centre Committee
294	Lee	Pendergrast
295	Lydene	Davey
296	Robert	Dabb
297	Lesley	Lowdon
298		Memorial Park Sports Trust Board
299	David	Hargreaves
300	Glenn	Pendergrast
301	Craig W	Ross
302	Brian	Green
303	Tania	Putu
304	Julia	Tong
305	Sue	Shirriffs
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307	Hannah	Cameron
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312	Tracey	Hutton
313	Emily	Weston
314	Dale	O'Reilly
315	Richard	Hunter
316	Steve	Allan
317	Margaret	Armstrong
318		Presbyterian New Church
319		Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Inc. (Palmy BID)
320	Zaneta	Park
321	Marc Austin	Paterson
322	Alice	Wilde
323	Regina	Malili
324		Boho Cafe
325		Environment Network Manawatū Inc
326		Environment Network Manawatū- the Manawatū Food Action Network
327	Kelly	Morris
328	Kate	Speirs
329	James	Sheu
330	Annette	Nixon
331	Renee	Murray
332	Patricia	Avery
333	Rex	Williams and Josine van Melsem
334	Amanda	Borren-Lean
335	Ava	Reidy
336		Manawatū Business Chamber
337	Tomas Burleigh	Behrens
338	Doug	McArthur
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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Aniz
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 9am to 11am Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? Please do something about boy racers doing burnouts at marriner street Highbury. They are driving like hell at night and waking up everybody at night. I'm totally against the increase of rates if I have to go through rough nights in my suburb in Highbury.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Dave Finegan
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Outrageous you need to balance out the ridiculous increase in property valuations impact on the distribution of rates. I'm looking at an increase of over 24% . The property value increase hasn't made any change to my financial position as no intention to sell. Presumably there will be rate reductions for some?
What changes would you make? Limit the actual increase to anyone's rates to a fixed % Perhaps 10% Even that is high when have had no increase in wages over recent years
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Name Tracy Kersel
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I'm disappointed to see a proposed rates increase that outstrips inflation by over 40%. Palmerston North has a wide range of household income but I would suggest the average rate payer is already struggling with rising living costs. Matching a rates increase to prevailing inflation would be more palatable for rate-payers and still provide a reasonable increase in revenue. I would like to see less investment in "making Palmy pretty" and more in community safety (CCTV cameras that work and are monitored would apparently have been useful in several prominent anti-social behaviour incidents and assaults in the central city); investment in things like the Memorial Park playground have a huge impact on families and community, painting the street by the Square does not. I'm also interested to note that there is capital expenditure earmarked for rubbish and recycling and water, but those fixed costs are decreasing? This seems counter intuitive.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>See above. Additionally, in terms of revenue, again it seems Council is counting on income from penalties like parking fines. There were so many great suggestions from the public when parking rates and times were consulted on. Thankfully nothing changed, as opposed to the Council proposal, but parking in the city remains ridiculously expensive. I'd like to see parking with 30min free and then rates - if Council's stated aim of charging for parking is truly to encourage turnover in parks, rather than revenue, then a free period would achieve this and encourage shoppers back to the city.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>Rather than trialling free rubbish bags, why doesn't council just bite the bullet and issue wheelie bins to all residential properties for rubbish? Bags are messy, and in a city this windy make no sense.</p>
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Name
Clare Corboy

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think its disgusting my proposed rates hike is nearly an extra \$1000 per year. The councils spending is quite frankly gross. People are living tough! We are barely making ends meet and we are a high income family. Cut costs. Get rid of the frilly shit and focus on the basics

What changes would you make?

Focus on the basics. Do not raise rates!

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name DAVID J WHITE
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Not happy with the proposed increase. Like wage and salary earners you need to hi back and fit your spending to the income you had not simply increase the income. We cannot do the same
What changes would you make? No increase in the total rate take
Do you have any other feedback? Stop revisiting things the public have said they do not want. Fir example another review of parks and reserve use. Less than 10 years ago the message was clear leave the parks alone yet here you go again wasting time and money review agsin. Same for the Huia st reserve, the message was clear leave it alone yet council are again wasting money trying to re zone it again.
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Name
Wayne Whittingham

Organisation
NZDF

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
The proposed 8.3% increase to rates is far too high during this financial crisis. PNCC needs to display financial constraint during this period until the strain on ratepayers is more favourable.

What changes would you make?
Non-essential projects need for 2022-23 need to be placed on hold, and reviewed during the next budget period.

Do you have any other feedback?
The general public tends to voice their opinions on social media, as they don't know other ways of voicing their opinion. Only people who are truly motivated by a topic will go out of their way to attend meetings face to face or by other means; which often provides a skewed view from the public. PNCC needs to integrate social media feedback and responses better into their decision making processes.

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Your contact details
<p>Name Wayne Whittingham</p>
<p>Organisation NZDF</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I've just calculated my rates increase, a 21% increase for my property in Awapuni! I see that some residential ratepayers have a proposed 30% increase to their residential properties. This is completely unacceptable. I have contacted the ombudsman for further advice, this does not seem like something that is constitutional, let alone acceptable by a public department when financial restraint has been directed to occur</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Significant jumps in rates cannot be allowed, particularly during a financial crisis. It is acknowledged that PNCC needs an operational budget that can combat inflation, but this needs to be done with the interest of ratepayers (and renters) in mind. That rates increase should be capped at your proposed AVERAGE increase (8.3%) and phased in over time (once the cost of living crisis has eased).</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Voting at the next election will be very interesting, many of us will make sure that the voters know who inacted and supported decisions within Palmerston North (both good and bad).</p>
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Your contact details
Name Rebecca bremner
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? That the increase is massive in one go, you don't fix things that need fixing. Our road as it is a dead end hasn't been fixed so pot holes everywhere, as soon as it rains it floods, the street grass dosnt get looked after. I work in town, having the parking raised for a day's work plus our mortgage going up with interest rates, people just can't afford to live
What changes would you make? Smaller increase
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Deborah mackintosh
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? With a young family, our rates are increasing by over \$1000 dollars, close over 25 percent up on last year. 8 percent we could cope with but \$1000 will mean kids miss out on outside school activities, which in turn takes money away from our local community.
What changes would you make? A flat 8 percent, instead of increased valuations and adding 8 percent
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Laura Bennett
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Ridiculous. The roads are terrible and repeatedly 'fixed' and there are many free things that could be user pays.
What changes would you make? Use covid as a reason to stop free community events not hike rates. We've all done it tough. We see no progress from the rates we currently pay eg a road relaid but the tar tipped over the current road so it's bumpy and terrible within a day. See fernlea ave...
Do you have any other feedback? See above
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Your contact details
Name Claire Wedlock
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>The rates increase is far too high with people like myself seeing an increase of roughly 15%. For a low socioeconomic suburb which is also classed as a heritage area, it is hard to comprehend where another \$500 is going to come from in order to pay these increases. We all understand the impact that the last 2 year has had for future planning but with the price of living increasing rapidly and wages not increasing at the same rate it is becoming significantly stressful and hard for residents. Our land value has increased with the latest valuations however we are not utilizing our property any more than previously. Our property is in a heritage area which we like and appreciate however there has been very minimal input into maintaining the heritage features and environment surrounding us.</p>
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>There are a number of government/social houses in our neighborhood which are sitting empty and have been empty for over a year now. The plan states that funds are allocated for social housing plans such as the Papaioea Place, however it seems wasteful to not be maintaining current social housing options.</p>
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Your contact details
Name Campbell Ayres
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? This rates increase is ridiculous, based on your proposal my property rates are increasing by 31%, how do you expect people to afford that kind of increase when we are getting hammered with everything else increasing.
What changes would you make? The increase should be a flat out percentage increase not based of CV, a increase of 10% tops would be easier to swollen than a massive hit of 30%
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Simone Laing
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I have no problem with the budget overall, the increase in rates to cover this is inevitable due to long term under funding of infrastructure coming to a head while people's expectations of what services they receive staying the same. In order to make the city more sustainable and resilient in the future there needs to be investment in city design and making the city more accessible for everyone.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details**Name**

Gareth Saunders

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think that although rate increases are inevitable, a 30% increase for my property is insane. This is another kick in the guts to all who are facing uncertain financial situations with the cost of living raising fast than wages and salaries which are not increasing. Simply this increase will force more into the poverty line with added to the increase in costs of living with no rise increase and no wage increases.

What changes would you make?

Cap all increases to 4 which will enable a small increase to all and still enable people to live and not worry about they will feed their family and continue to provide a roof over their families head.

Do you have any other feedback?

The council needs to really engage better with rate payers as this really in just another government department justifying the increase without any concern for those that are actually paying it and the impact to them and their families

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Your contact details
Name Charlotte Bolwell
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Ours is going up 18%. This is extortionate based on the current economic climate. Land value does nothing to our daily bank balances does it? Most of the examples in the draft budget are very low land values such as 230k and these all have rates that go down. Why are we paying the price for the averaging out of costs?</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Forget about the planter boxes issue. What were they aiming to do anyway. Do we need to change the Albert Sr T river entrance? Do we need to widen Ferguson Street or make changes to the square. These are nice options but perhaps not as necessary in current economic times. I love what you do for the city recreationally but perhaps a time of higher costs and interest rates these could be scaled back for a few years to focus on essentials and keeping rates lower so that people don't suffer further.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Deana Garstang
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? A huge increase when services remain the same. Cost of living has increased etc so a 25% increase is very rough for families
What changes would you make? Lower the rates. Find ways to reallocate funds rather than taking from ratepayers
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Kirston Mierd
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Increasing rates at a time like this is absolutely disgusting. I think the proposed budget is totally insensitive and unfair to those already struggling.
What changes would you make? Decrease rates!
Do you have any other feedback? Stop spending money wastefully on stupid things such as cycle lanes and do something that will benefit the rate payers
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Your contact details
Name Kirsten mu5
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Why state an average of 8% increase when most residential homeowners are facing at least a 20% increase due to land value increases. These rate hikes are massive and at the worst possible time!!
What changes would you make? Change the way rates are calculated when land value increases. Ensure homeowners are not facing upwards of 20% increases to their rates.
Do you have any other feedback? Don't increase our rates!! Times are tough as it is and this is completely unacceptable.
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Name	Amanda Ayres
Organisation	
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?	
Your feedback	
What do you think of our proposed budget?	It all looks in order.
What changes would you make?	I would be having a much better look at how to provide a fairer rating system. Why am I going to pay significantly more than someone else in a different suburb who uses the same services.
Do you have any other feedback?	I can honestly not fathom why we are looking at a 30% increase. That is a mammoth amount and will be potentially causing hardship for alot of Palmerston North families. I am also wondering why rates are based off our land value and not capital value. I have compared our proposed Increases to other areas. We live in central Palmy in an area which can be deemed as non desirable af times. However if we lived in a more affluent area our rates would be significantly less. How this is fair. It's not fair at all and it's a disgrace. Why hide behind an 8% figure when it's actually 20%+ for a lot of us. This proposed increase is going to be a huge shock and stress for a lot of Palmerston North families. My family understands that due to rising costs rates need to increase but why increase at such a huge cost. I suggest the council thinks about what financial impacts this may have on families and those vulnerable members of the community who just want to have a roof over their heads.
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Your contact details
Name Brigs Holmes
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Increase is excessive and unjustified at time where most people are struggling with the cost of living - council spending is wasteful and targeted in the wrong areas
What changes would you make? Fix the basics. The conditions of our streets, parks and maintenance is making the city look shocking. Weeds growing everywhere, gutters are no longer cleaned, streets are not being cleaned up after storms branches and debris everywhere the city is looking so run down. Stop spending money on surplus items when you can't service the minimum essentials.
Do you have any other feedback? Stop wasting money on 'temporary' trials - paint on square edge that wears off in a few months, illegal planter boxed by the new cycle bridge that get taken out, dangerous planter boxes, embarrassing marketing campaigns promoting our city as boring. The council is going backwards lost their view on what is important for our city have some pride - keep the city clean for a start!
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Your contact details
Name Emma Keay
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? It's misleading. Advertising an average annual rates increase of 8.3% doesn't account for the extreme increases that some ratepayers are facing. I am facing an increase of around \$900, which is absolutely excessive. What percentage of ratepayers are actually facing an 8.3% increase or less? Surely it would be the minority. I don't have an issue with an increase of 8.3%, but that's most definitely NOT what I am facing, mine is approx 30%.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Take a break from the additional extras that you have been spending on, the plantar boxes, the painting of the roundabouts, the sculptures, park and recreation projects, recycling bin clips, all the nice to haves but that in times like this are unnecessary. Dare I suggest you also keep any payrises for council staff in check instead of offering excessive increases. The Albert St River Entrance can be postponed surely?</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Honestly, how on earth can you consider the plantar boxes to be a success? I get the idea behind it, but not only are they an eyesore, they are so low to the ground that they are actually dangerous. Get rid of them!</p>
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Your contact details
Name Jenny Richards
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I understand the prices of everything are increasing, however, I feel that is more reason not to increase rates as so many of us are already struggling to get by as it is. It will cause so much extra stress on families.
What changes would you make? Please keep rates as is
Do you have any other feedback? Surely there are sacrifices in spending the city can make to help with keeping the rates as is. Not to mention rent is so expensive already for many people and surely landlords will increase their fees even more if this goes ahead. Please don't call me, email is ok, thx.
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Your contact details
Name Katie Cronin
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I feel that the proposed increase in rates of 8% and the increase in RV is not appropriate when families are struggling with inflation expected to rise to 8% this year. Families are finding it difficult with low wages and the increase in inflation. I feel that with the increase in RV this year that should be suffice of an increase for the City Council. I feel that I dont get value with my rates compared to similar sized council and population overseas.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Not to increase the rates. With the RV doubling for most homes our rates will have increased suffice for this rating period.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Make living in this city easier by having more cycle ways and pedestrian areas. I feel that there should be a better bus service. I also feel that decreasing the speed limits around the city would be far better. Also protect green areas. Please also have more community gardens per so many blocks or several per suburb that is accessible and affordable. Also please stop allowing people to build on good fertile land and instead we need to start going up.</p>
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Name
Teri Lauder

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Hello, thank you for giving the community an opportunity to express their thoughts. I expected our rates to increase its a fact of life, but when I see the percentage of how much it is going to increase I feel dread. During these times of uncertainty it feels like the council want to continue on as normal and not take into account what is happening around them. People are just trying to survive.

What changes would you make?

I would propose that the council seek to prioritise what is essential for this year and anything that is not be delayed. I am not saying don't raise the rates as I know that they do have to go up but the amount it's been raised by just feels like the council are not taking into account we are still in a pandemic! People are really struggling to make ends meet.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Sheridan O'Hara
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The budget should only include absolutely essential items at this tough time. This would require less spending and allow rates to stay lower at this tough time for us all in the real world.
What changes would you make? Do not increase rates. We, middle and lower class, are struggling. Maybe you on your big salaries are still living comfortably, but the rest of us are struggling week to week to afford to live. Stop spending money on stupid things such as the planter boxes that created more accidents than it avoided, I drive or bike the pioneer highway route each day and I have only seen a handful of bikes use it, in fact I have seen more cars crashed due to these planter boxes than bikes using the lanes
Do you have any other feedback? Remove the mandates all together or at least on council funded attractions. I was told medically not to get vaccinated, but chose to get the 1st jab so I could attend events and ended up in hospital as a result. Even the hospital have since refused to give me the 2nd jab so now I can't attend any events, but after getting covid, I now know the reaction to the vaccine was 10 times worse than the actual thing. It's time to follow other councils and remove all mandates
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Name
Bev McKay

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think we have already seen a reduction in the value of properties since the 2021 QV figures were redone. Properties are not worth this which is clearly shown by those on the market. This level of increase is not okay. The increase in land value makes no difference to the costs incurred on infrastructure so are therefore not justified to pass on to the homeowner. My increase is 12%.

What changes would you make?

The only increase that should be borne by rate payers is the increased cost to services, ie rubbish collections and the increased costs of infrastructure. nothing else

Do you have any other feedback?

People are struggling - my son cant even feed himself so an increase in rent which will occur as landlords will pass this directly on will put more people on the streets and costs more in emergency housing which is up to almost 4K a week in some instances

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Your contact details
Name Bev McKay
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>Having seen the proposed rates increase which is based on the increase in land values I want to loge my concern and disagreement with this. As we are already seeing the values of properties are dropping so the QV valuation done in September of last year is no longer current and is also subjective with no consideration for the numbers of people living in the dwelling. I do not believe rates should be based on your land size or locations. They should be based on the services each household uses and this can only be done by knowing the number of people living there. I own a large home but have only myself and my 4 yr old. We put out a rubbish bag once every 2 to 3 weeks and our water consumption is not that of my neighbours who have 4 adults in the home. This needs to be a fair user pays system. We all pay for the power we use so this shouldnt be any different. Has any consideration been given to perhaps charging for water useage to keep overall rates % increase down. This is a user pays country so maybe this helps those little old ladies living in their 60 years old family home they cant bare to leave but can no longer afford to stay with the proposed increases. We shouldnt be punishing people for working hard to get ahead and being successful which this also does.</p>
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Name

Francesca Harrison

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

PNCC are you serious! I bet you were sitting back rubbing your hands with glee when the new valuations came out, thinking you could rip off property owners like there was no tomorrow. My rates have the potential to go up close to \$300. For what?? What will that get me?? Sod all is what it will get me. You've got a damn cheek asking what you do for kerbside recycling when we can't put half the recyclables out anyway. Oh and I expect a refund on the rubbish collection fee – I pay for a wheelie bin. Believe me when I tell you I haven't had a significant pay rise for a very long time and yet you expect me to line your incredibly deep pockets with money I haven't got.

What changes would you make?

Stop wasting money on absolutely ridiculous items like those stupid planter boxes, equally stupid sculptures and city rebranding. I'd be interested in seeing the stats for cyclists hurt prior to those eyesores going in, the cost of replacements since they went in (because the general population hate them and took it upon themselves to get rid of them) and the resulting insurance claims for damage done by the eyesores since going in. Start putting money into fixing footpaths/roads/streets – oh that's right PNCC took the open cheque book away from Higgins (who were bloody hopeless anyway) and the state of our footpaths/roads/streets has deteriorated beyond belief. Grant Smith – I challenge you and your council cronies and Heads of Departments (or whatever fancy pants names they call themselves) to get off your shiny backsides and actually take a drive or walk around ALL the footpaths/roads/streets or a walk along the footpaths and see how truly awful some of them really are.

Do you have any other feedback?

Here's a suggestion.... It's about time you brought back the arborists – the kerbside trees are in an appalling state because of a lack of attention. Bring back the street cleaners for the suburbs, not just in the Square. We are coming into winter, the leaves will fall, the rains will come, the drains will block and you won't give a fat rat's arse about it, because it doesn't affect you directly. Ever heard of maintenance planning??? Prior planning,

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prevents piss poor performance. You won't do any of these things, you're too lazy and out of touch with the community. Don't blame COVID for PNCC's shortcomings, the COVID horse is well and truly dead, so stop flogging it.

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Name
Lisa Toms

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think the proposed budget and the increase in rates is going to cripple people financially at a time when the price of everything is going up and the cost of living is becoming too much. My street floods when it rains, the street lighting is not very good down the Tremiane Ave end of the street, so I do not currently see my rates going to improvements now. Families are already struggling and this increase is just going to make things harder.

What changes would you make?

Not increase the rates or if you have to make only a slight increase. Do things for the people, improve the roads and not just the main roads. Improve the lighting in the streets, maybe offset some of the increases by providing families with a set amount of free rubbish bags every year.

Do you have any other feedback?

Before any submission is passed you really need to think about how this is going to affect the everyday family and the stress and strain this is going to place on people. Its always been the kiwi dream to buy a house and have your own piece of land, however it is starting to become out of reach with house prices and now we have to factor ever increasing rates into the picture.

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Your contact details
Name Jo Scott
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? This is not my issue.
What changes would you make? A fairer spread of the rates increase.
Do you have any other feedback? My rates are increasing 38%. 30% above the average. Yes I'm sure land values increase but it's far too much in one go for us. It's unsustainable in a time when people are trying to get back on their feet.
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Your contact details
Name Aaron Hall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Think it's pretty silly to be aiming to increase 8%pa for a 10 year plan. That is not affordable, flat out not affordable... You're meant to provide value to the community not steal from them.
What changes would you make? Rates increases should be no more than CPI increases. Reduce unnecessary spending ie all the arts projects that are just a nucense like the planter boxes.
Do you have any other feedback? Personally dealing with an 16% increase is going to be hard to deal with on top of all the other cost of living increases this year. My land value has not increased by nearly as much as my CV thinks and has further reduced now. Thanks a bunch! (Satire if you couldn't tell)
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Your contact details
Name Karen Adrian
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>The council are profiteering from the inflated increase in values.... our properties are not worth that much to be fair - no-one earning a basic income can afford property in the current climate let alone survive the increases in cost of living. Maybe the council wants us all renting state owned property - that's where we are heading if something doesn't change soon and this does not help the additional taxes being imposed by council. What will horizons increase be - that goes up without anyone questioning it. Those taxes should have remained together - like we didnt notice the split - if you add them both together -that is simple extortion</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>trim council spending. eg stop paying for flouride in our water its a drug - go the doctor if you need it. get more that one tender in on jobs stop spending on such things as the ridiculous \$ spent on the abomination that is roading outside the plaza take a pay cut ask the tax payers before you spend money</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Name
Andrea Molony

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think your current rates increases have been skewed to provide relief to those in the higher income areas, relief paid for by those of us in lower income areas. There is no way my 2 bedroom house in Awapuni uses more of the councils resources than a 3 or 4 bedroom up the hill, especially given the lack of response we get whenever there are issues in our area. How much grass I have in the back yard does not impact how much resource I use either, unless the grass in the back yard is whipping out for a sneaky trip down to library, driving on the roads and hitting a couple of planter boxes on the way home. The uniform rate charge which is designed to "ensure each property contributes a minimum amount of the general rate and moderates rates" has been lowered, doing the exact opposite of what it was intended to do to your benefit . I do not have a problem paying my share of the rates, I have a problem paying YOURS, my land in Awapuni is not worth more than land up the hill, and definitely not worth more than those new subdivisions still paying rural rates while still using all the resources we subsidise with our rates. I guarantee a \$30 per week rates increase for a tenant in Awapuni or Highbury on minimum wage means a lot more than \$30 means to someone in the top tax bracket up the hill so how about you use the uniform rates charge for what it is designed for and make EVERYONE pay their FAIR share.

What changes would you make?

- Increase the Uniform Rates charge so everyone pays there fair share of the rates, before charging out the remaining based on values. - Base rates on dwelling size, NOT land size, a 6 bed 3 bath uses a lot more resources than a 2 bed 1 bath, regardless of the number of trees in the back yard. - New (non-farming) subdivisions with access to council amenities should be paying the same rates as everyone else, regardless of whether they were historically used as farmland.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Emma Waters

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Criminal. My rates will increase by 21%. I am a single mum. My salary has increased on average 2.5% over the last few years. The service I receive from the council has not changed, and I find it hard to believe that they're experiencing such massive operating cost increases.

What changes would you make?

I used to work for the council. There was a large wastage of money including ineffective structure, low productivity, over-reliance on consultants. I would look at how money is being spent. The way things are done would never stand in a private entity. It is galling to see how wasteful the council is, and how they expect ratepayers to pick up the tab.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Melissa Rangiwananga
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Atrocious! The reduction of uniform rates charges has resulting in extreme disparities - our rates are increasing by 20.7%, while other larger, more highly valued properties have had rates reductions. There is no equity in this system. How you expect us to pay is beyond me, we do not live in an affluent area and do not own a high value property.
What changes would you make? Rates should be assessed through a combination of market and capital value, and dwelling size that accounts for the number of bedrooms and bathrooms.
Do you have any other feedback? I would like to oppose the new rates structure as this appears to have resulted in particular properties being burdened with excessive rates increases, while other properties have unfairly benefitted from substantially smaller increases, and in some instances rates decreases. Our house is 121m2, has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and is situated on a 792m2 property. The estimated market price of our property is currently \$640k, which is relatively consistent with our most recent RV – our capital value sits at \$600k and land value at \$490. This breakdown highlights that according to your assessment our land is worth substantially more than our actual dwelling – perhaps an accurate assessment. In reducing the uniform rates charges and shifting costs to land value the proposed changes will increase our rates by 20.7% - from \$2696 in 21/22 to \$3254.6 in 22/23. We have five neighbours surrounding our property. Two of our neighbours have similar sized sections with estimated market values of \$625k and \$640k. You have assessed their capital value to be \$590k and \$600k, and their land value to be \$525 and \$480 respectively. Like us, the value of their dwellings in comparison to land has resulted in substantial rates increases, 25% and 27%. The first of these properties has a small dwelling of 86m2. It is a 2 bed/1 bath home situated on 860m2. The second property has a slightly larger dwelling of 104m2. It is a 3 bed/2bath situated on 702m2. The effect of proposed changes has meant that it is the smallest dwelling and cheapest property will attract the highest rates charges – the first neighbours can expect

their rates to increase from \$2727.75 to \$3403, while the second can expect their rates to increase from \$2537.25 to \$3212.2. Our other three neighbours are on subdivided sections. All of these properties have estimated market values much higher than ours and our neighbours with similar sized sections. The first of these has 140m² dwelling with an estimated market value of \$895k. The second has 115m² dwelling with an estimated value of \$760k, the third is 107m² and estimated to be valued at \$740k. All of these properties have 3 bedrooms. The first two have 2 bathrooms. The third has 1.5 bathrooms. These properties have a proposed increase of between 5-7%. The first will be paying \$2449, while the second will pay 2251.50, and the third will pay \$2406.60. Inexplicitly, the property with the smallest dwelling and lowest market and capital value will be paying the most in rates. At the other end of the scale, the property with the largest dwelling and highest market and capital value will be paying one of the lowest rates. At this point it feels as though the proposed changes are geared toward more expensive properties, while those of us with larger sections in low value areas are being punished for resisting subdivision and the high-density housing that follows. Shifting the rates structure to be costed upon dwelling size, including the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and a combination of market and capital value would be more equitable than the current proposed structure. To illustrate I chose a random property in a more affluent area that had recently been sold. 122 Pacific Drive sold for \$1.28m in September 2021. It has a very large 352m² dwelling with 6 bedrooms/3 bathrooms and is located on 1150m² of land. You have assessed their capital value at \$1.2m and land value at \$505k. While the actual value of the property far exceeds our own, the changes to rates structure has meant this property will benefit from a rates DECREASE in the next period, going from \$3331 to \$3318.20. That's \$69 more than our proposed rates increase and \$84.8 LESS than our neighbour with the 2bed/1bath. Please explain how a property worth as much as both of our properties together is paying about the same rates as one of us. It appears illogical that such a large property would use less resources than our neighbour and only slightly more than ourselves, yet the proposed rates structure suggests that we are equally paying our 'fair share' of the rates burden. Please explain how this is possible. The disparity of the rates burden is further highlighted by the expansion of the city and the resistance to reclassify areas that have historically attracted rural classification – new non-farming subdivisions with access to council amenities. 2 Turitea Road sold in July 21 for \$950k. This has a dwelling of 184m² with 4 beds/2 baths and is situated on 2023m². You under assessed the capital value at \$590k. Its land is valued at \$525k. Because this property is classified as rural and semi-serviced, it attracts a lower factor cost of 0.002577 in comparison to our 0.00424. Appropriately, it is not charged for services it does not use – water supply or wastewater disposal. This property can expect a rates increase of 2%, going from \$1513.43 to \$1585.69 in the new period. Although this property is approximately the same distance from city parks and council facilities as other urban properties, its historical rural classification means it will be paying less than half of our expected rates in the 2022/23 period. Moreover, the absurdity of this classification is brought into the foreground when compared to much smaller properties well within current urban limits. One section down the road from us a single dwelling property was subdivided and now has 5 townhouses on it. One of these is a 49m² freestanding dwelling with 1 bed/1 bath. The other four homes are split into two duplex buildings, each with 2 beds/1 bath. Their estimated market values range from \$490-\$545k, about half of the recent sale price of Turitea. Their capital values range from \$450-\$510k, and their land values range from \$175-\$185k. The duplex dwellings are 70m² – 17m² smaller than my neighbour with 2 bed/1 bath, and yet they are paying substantially less with a proposed rates increase of \$1919 for the next period (up 7.25% from \$1794.30 on the current period). Ironically, it is the smallest one-bedroom dwelling which has the highest rates increase of approximately 8.5%, from \$1819.7 to \$1961.40 in the new period because it has a larger land size. All of these properties already pay

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higher rates than the one in Turitea, and can expect to pay even more in the coming period. Please explain how the changes to rates structure have addressed the disparity created by urban/rural classification for non-farming properties and how this result in a system where we all pay our 'fair' share. The rates disparities also occur among urban properties of approximate market value to that of Turitea. 20 Kentucky Way sold in November 21 for \$930k. It has a 225m2 dwelling with 4 beds/2 baths situated on 724m2. You assessed its capital value at \$900k and land value at \$545k. Fortunately for this property, they can also expect a decrease in their rates from \$3489.75 to \$3487.80. As a reminder, this means that our substantially lower valued property which is about half the size will only be paying \$233.20 less in the proposed rates changes than this property. However, comparing like with like – 387 Albert Street has an estimated market value of \$910k. It has a similar sized dwelling of 220m2 with 4 beds/2 baths and is situated on 729m2. You have assessed their capital value at \$850k and land value at \$725k. Unfortunately for them they can expect a rates increase of 10%, going from \$3870.75 to \$4251 in the 2022/23 period. Please explain how it is possible for properties of approximately the same worth, with similar sized dwellings to be paying such a difference in rates? While the situation with our immediate neighbours suggests rates are related to meterage of land, this assumption becomes muddled when comparing properties in other locations and raises questions of arbitrary manipulation – when compared to the rates costs of the much larger and more expensive property on Pacific Drive, and those that attract the historical classification of rural, such as Turitea, the properties in Kentucky and Albert also appear to be paying either more than their fair share in comparison, or the properties on Pacific and Turitea are paying well below their fair share. After looking through various properties and your proposed rates changes it seems that those located in lower value areas with smaller dwellings are paying more than their fair share of rates in comparison to properties with large dwellings and higher market values. And yet, even among larger, more affluent properties there appears to be disparity. If rates are about use of resources and access to services and facilities, then the current rating system is flawed. Also, if we are account for the ability of property owners to meet the financial burden of rates, then we need to recognise that those who own larger, high value properties are more likely to be able to accommodate a 20%+ increase in rates than those who own smaller, lower value properties. To create a more equitable rating system I suggest that the council restructure rates costings in a way that reflects a combination of market and capital value, and dwelling size, adjusted to account for the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. FYI To rub salt in the wound, our rates increase come on the back of the council brushing off our concerns. Our neighbour and ourselves have been waiting on the council to fix the footpath outside our driveways since June last year. In my last conversation with a council employee in February I was told the area that needs fixing is inside our boundary and we need to repair it – it is not, the boundary peg and photos we sent proves it. It has been a month since that conversation and still we haven't heard anything. In truth we don't expect to, we expect to be living with a broken footpath for years to come. If only we lived in an area the council valued, it may have been fixed already, along with the footpaths that are crumbling all the way down the street. If only we lived in a higher value area, we may have been paying lower rates in comparison to the value and size of dwellings on our properties. Instead, we are looking at a 20%+ rates increase and no action on the footpath.

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Your contact details
Name Jonny meredith
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? A 36% increase of rates on my property is no more than an attack on my ability to provide for my family. An increase of \$20 a week means nothing to you in your ivory towers, but will take food off the tables of those on average incomes. I also note the increases are less for our more wealthy suburbs. I suppose they're the ones the people who make these decisions live in
What changes would you make? Lower the increases for those that Lear's can afford them. This is nothing more than an unfair regressive tax
Do you have any other feedback? You must be rally out of touch with the financial difficulty faced by those on lower incomes
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Your contact details
Name Shane Simpson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Too expensive
What changes would you make? Low or none increase in rates
Do you have any other feedback? Would be nice if the pncc could work to its budgets instead of over spending and having to take more money out of the community for there own out of control spending
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Your contact details
Name laurie wells
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think the rates increase stinks. Mine is going up 14%. Just because my land value has doubled. I love my yard space. I have fruit trees and grow my own vegetables. I compost most of my own green waste, and I love looking out my kitchen window into the beautiful green space I have. These days it seems that any spare land is gobbled up by developers to turn into housing. I could subdivide my section, but I have absolutely no interest in doing so. All you do is spend money on dumb shit like sculptures and murals, that only seem to please 5% of the Palmy population. So I object to the rates increase.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Kathy Geange
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? We bought our .318 ha section in 1993 and moved a 1905 villa onto it, renovated it ourselves and raised a family. Now our land is apparently worth a ridiculous amount of \$740000 - possibly because of it's development potential (which will never happen while we own it) and our house is worth a pittance - we think rates should be based on capital value not land value. We are a nurse and a gardener who now have to pay \$4300 a year to live on our property - and we're on the section of XXXXXXXX street that still has open drains and substandard roading! We only just got a footpath last year - I really don't think we get \$4300 worth of value from the pncc (we're already paying \$2900) and would like the council to reconsider this unbelievable rates increase please. Thanks. Kathy
What changes would you make? See above.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details**Name**

Natalia Rangiwananga

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Unfair! Sections in the rich areas of town with larger houses and more amenities are paying similar, or even less, rates than same size sections in poorer areas. If this rates increase is to cover the changes to waste water systems, people who use the most amenities day to day should cover more of the cost

What changes would you make?

Wealth tax. Wealthy people also includes those who hide their incomes in their businesses

Do you have any other feedback?

Rate increases based on section sizes is inequitable. Feels like People in poor areas that have decent size sections are being pushed to subdivide in order to pay less rates. The wealthy are less likely to be so negatively affected by rates increase that they have to choose between bills and food. Don't try to force us to turn our suburbs into slums, living with people on top of each other.

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Your contact details
Name Josh Stewart
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think these proposed rate increases are unjustified, excessive, and unfair. I think the Council need to limit their spending over the next few years to what is necessary. I would like to know how much was spent on the rebranding of the PNCC and how that is justified given the current circumstances.
What changes would you make? Review how rates are portioned. The current rate increases are unfair and inequitable. Cut spending to what is necessary over the next few years. Get rid of the Planter boxes.
Do you have any other feedback? I do not feel that the decisions around financial spending and rates are in the best interests of the public. I honestly feel that the Council are out of touch with the public.. if they are aware of the current spending and rates increases, and think this is justified. Have they looked at the comparative rates? Taking the piss!!
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Your contact details**Name**

Melanie Bedford

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think this proposed budget is an absolute joke and financially irresponsible! My proposed rates increase is 21.2% that is 3.5 times the rate of current inflation. My house may have slightly increased in value but it does not mean I have any more money to give, if anything I have less now than I have ever had! I have a 661 sqm section which you claim is worth \$645k up from \$300k only 3 years ago, our house is split level, it would cost any developer upwards of \$200k+ to remove the house and level the land to rebuild on it and its not even sub dividable therefore who would realistically spend up to \$900k before they can even build on it! I also know someone who's home is on a 2000sqm sections in Summerhill but has received a new valuation stating their land is only \$500k, which is absurd considering sections in Summer Hill for only a quarter of the size are selling for \$500k+! The person with the 2000sqm section has only recieved a rates increase of \$110 per year, yet their house is worth over \$2.5m, the increase means nothing to them but you say my house after you take the land value away is only worth \$185k and I'm expected to stump up \$700 extra per year, how on earth is this in any way fair! My parents house is 12 houses away from mine, their home is worth at a minimum \$500k more than ours and yet because their land is 200sqm smaller at 450sqm their rates have reduced by \$150 per year. I have also looked online at some other huge properties in PN and one that stands out is in Pastoral Lane (probably the most expensive street in PN with some of the wealthiest people and their rates have gone down by \$2000 per year which is a decrease of almost 15.5%, WTH????!!!! Your Consultation Document Annual Budget 2022-2023 states "The rating system has been designed by the Council to try to allocate rates between ratepayers as fairly as possible.", do you think we are stupid, this has not been designed fairly at all. Give us a break PNCC, middle working class NZ can't take much more!!!!!!

What changes would you make?

Cut back all unnecessary spending, as the saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it! We need to have patience, we can 'beautify' our city in a few years once inflation drops and people have some money again.

Do you have any other feedback?

First of all the Councillors need to stop spending money on all of their 'nice to haves" like new cycleways which only benefit a very, very, very small percentage of the city (even though everyone is expected to pay), wasting money on unnecessary overpriced and extremely ugly planter boxes down Pioneer Highway. Your pie in the sky ideas to redevelop the Square will only destroy the already dying businesses in town, any more disruption to trade will surely end in closure as they will no longer be able to survive. This so called 'upgrade' to Cuba Street for pedestrians adds no economic value to our city, there is a footpath there already surely it is sufficient for now remove it and re-look at it later in years to come! The sculptures that are popping up all over the city (possibly aesthetically pleasing to some but an eyesore to many more) are again just wasteful spending! I would love to hang a beautiful painting in my lounge but I can't afford it so I don't! Why on earth do we need a nice entrance to the walkway at the end of Albert Street there is adequate access this certainly is not a priority, there are already multiple access points and there is nothing wrong with the one at Albert Street, it's not fancy but does it really need to be?! I would love a new entrance for my house but my budget won't allow for it so therefore I have to wait until I can afford it after prioritizing necessary household spending and saving up for a few years. People are getting financially squeezed in every direction, its about time the council starts acting responsibly. I understand certain infrastructure can not wait to be upgraded and that should still go ahead but we certainly could have held off a few years before doing up the entrance to the Esplande and putting lights in on Park Road, no one was dying at that intersection, some fender benders and a few near misses don't justify the exorbitant spend!!!! I also feel it is financially irresponsible for our Council to be investing rate payer dollars into social housing, it may make the socialist woke Councillors feel better for 'doing their part' but this should be a government issue not a council issue!!! The way this council justifies its spending is absurd! To include \$2m for wage increases at the council is great for your staff but the rest of us are not getting pay rises therefore it comes across as a bit obnoxious to rub it in our faces that we will be paying for that too! Please listen to the people, we cant afford these rates increases or this unaffordable rate of spending which provides no economic benefit to the city! Personally under the current economic situation I am worse off than ever before and the same can be said for a huge majority of all ratepayers in PN! I have to look for cheaper options at the supermarket, drive my car less, make personal sacrifices every day to get by in order to ensure my kids don't go without the essentials they need, why isn't the council trying to do the same!!!!!! I cant wait for the next election, i can promise i will not vote for anyone who is currently serving as a council member and I know many others in this town who feel exactly the same way!!!!!!

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Your contact details

Name
Grant Spiers

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

You Council members need to take a step back and consider things differently:- 1 You are elected - A lot of you mainly from the Labour and Green parties do not consult or listen to those that elect you and think like the Gov't you can just spend and spend. I can assure you that us ratepayers are watching your habits very closely and if you pass this substantial increase you will not be re-elected. 2 I have spoken to over 150+ ratepayers that I have associations with - We are all struggling to pay bills, Inflation is hitting away at our hard earned money and many of us don't get paid as much as you council members. Property expenses that are increasing are Insurance, Repairs, Gas & Electricity without rates, while our incomes are falling. Many of us are middle class New Zealanders and have not had any pay rises for 5+ years. We need financial assistance. 3 Some of us have lost our business, jobs and the ability to pay property out-goings - Ratepayers are struggling 4 Rates are a property owners biggest expense. Everyone I have spoken to agree that rates need to be pinned back in these hard times 5 Council expenses, senior salaries and your own salaries need to be adjusted down to the living wage so that you know how we are suffering. 6 The Council is not in the business of providing housing. It is a Gov't responsibility and expenses - Not ratepayers. Look after those that pay the actual rates.

What changes would you make?

1 Look at reducing top council pays to the minimum wage as well as your own 2 Do not spend on more housing - It is a Gov't responsibility 3 Do not buy into this climate change bullshit, We won't make any difference to the World, We are already a green City. Reduce any or all expenditure in this area 4 Maori spending - Needs to stop - How much do the local Iwi put into projects? 5 Make Rachel Bowen and Lorna Johnson repay the waist full \$30,000 spending

Do you have any other feedback?

Remember Ratepayers come first, We are the ones that pay. Failure to listen to us means you won't be re-elected Have Rachel Bowen and Lorna Johnson re-paid the \$30,000 the

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Council had to spend on their personal vendetta? They should both be held accountable for this waste of money spending. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300377613/city-council-spent-30000-on-unsuccessful-bid-to-stop-public-meeting>

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Name
Matthew Hook

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Over the last 2 years there has been talk of increasing rates and it was mentioned that rates could rise on average around 8%. So when I looked online at my proposed rates increase of 30% I was quite shocked. Needless to say, rates overall have increased dramatically and are expected to rise year on year for everyone because of the wastewater disposal. In the meantime, frivolous projects such as planter boxes, painted streets, street upgrades have been commenced or now finished. All of them have caused considerable disruption and no real benefit to Palmerston North except possibly looking nice. We don't need it and we need to get back to ensuring the basics, not nice to haves. This is no time to be spending money on nice to haves. It is my belief that the you should charge more for a service to someone you think based on a flawed idea of wealth is not a fair system.

What changes would you make?

1) Cut all superfluous spending. We cannot afford it! It's upsetting to ratepayers. 2) Change the rating calculation to be more fair, it should be based on services provided and load on those services based on bedroom count and number of bathrooms, toilets and sinks. Here are some examples that show how unfair this system is. Example 1, my parents old home, XXXXXXXXXXXXX Street. It's worth slightly more than my property but has 2 bathrooms, 2 showers and 4 bedrooms. It's modern, fully insulated and warm. My home has one less shower, almost no insulation and is old. Proposed rates 22/23: \$3,233.40 (a decrease from this last year \$3,426.25) Example 2, 24 The Strand, Fitzherbert A \$2+ Million Home. 400sqm, 2000+sqm property, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Proposed rates 22/23: \$4,823.40 (a decrease from this last year from \$5,490.00) What am I going to pay? \$4,526 ! (a massive increase from this last year of \$3,458.00, over 30%). And all because the land I sit on is deemed valuable. Although I can tell you it would not be easy to subdivide. I hope that illustrates how crazy your rating system is. I'm paying almost as much as a 2 million property, but all because the perceived ability of peoples wealth based entirely on land value and not on services and load on those services. It's wrong and needs to be addressed to make a fair system for all.

Do you have any other feedback?

I hope you can appreciate the rating issue. It is just unfair. I feel sorry for older people who have lived in their homes for years and although some of their homes are old and run down they are wanting to stay there. How can they afford to pay exorbitant rates simply because of location and perceived value?

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Your contact details

Name
Sue Tattersfield

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The council is totally out of touch of what is going on in the community. Times are tough for most people with the cost of living hugely increasing and covid making life more difficult. What we need is the basics done right. Roading, rubbish collection etc. Stop wasting money and spending it on making things look pretty. Keep it simple and practical and within budget just like the rest of have too. The rates on my property are proposed to increase by over 20%, I am a single mum on limited income, this will probably mean selling my house as I will not be able to afford the rate increase.

What changes would you make?

Stop any increase to rates, work within the budget. Minimise all wastage and excessive spending on unnecessary things like planter boxes, murals, making things look pretty, new parks etc and concentrate on maintaining existing parks.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details

Name
Rachel Potter

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The overall proposal of an 8% rates increase to support the proposed budget in these financial times seems reasonable and broadly speaking I agree with the spread of funds to different activities, with the exception of a couple of notations, commented on in the 'changes' section below.

What changes would you make?

The proportion going to 'active communities' seems to high, in times of financial pressures I would expect the proportions going to 'essentials' like transport, storm water, water, wastewater to be highest, with the 'nice to have' more evenly clustered, e.g. why are 'active communities' worth twice as much investment as 'arts & heritage'. Under operating costs the increase to 'remuneration' is eye-watering. It would be helpful to know what percentage increase this represents, along with more detail of how much is additional roles/services and how much is increased salaries. At a time when government departments are operating with pay restraint and the private sector has hugely impacted profits it seems odd council is proposing such a significant annual increase? The H&S expenditure increase also seems unusual, especially being an on-going cost rather than one-off. Again what does this represent? Although the contamination of recycling cost is relatively small it's a bit of a bug-bear. I don't like the proposal of giving free rubbish bags out to try and reduce this, it seems like a band aid more than a solution, same thing with the increasing costs of picking up illegal dumping. The cost is falling in the wrong place and not really solving the underlying issues. What about things like linking free waste removal to community services holders, increased service charges within rates for property owners in streets such as Ada Street where regular dumping and damage occurs- e.g. alternatively can you incentivise landlords to manage their own properties and tenants more robustly in these problem streets. Surveillance is another option, cameras in hot spots, on recycle trucks etc.

Do you have any other feedback?

The imbalance in the average rates increase is a significant concern to me, both personally and because you state it is skewed towards traditionally lower value areas. The increase for my household is in the 25-30% range and will be \$770, which appears entirely due to the land value having more doubled. For our household we will shortly be shifting to one income with a baby coming in April/May. We both work in Government, I have received a 2% pay increase in total across the last 5 years and my partner around 1-2% per year (we're in different salary brackets). Obviously our cost of living has significantly increased during that time. Having land that is worth more makes no difference to our finances day-to-day. It's not something we asked for, nor can we control it. We feel more isolated as a home owner having to prop-up

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city spending in some questionable area's (as previously outlined). I'm no finance expert but I assume Council would consider the growth and value increases across the city a success and a sign of a good economy? It's a bit stink really that the city's growth and success comes back to bite the citizen in the bum. If only our income follows the increase of living, which it doesn't then your proposed increase maybe justified, but I'm left feeling that our area's increase of 25-30% is unacceptable. I've lived in PN my whole life and we don't plan to move anytime soon so we certainly won't be making any 'capital gains'. The proposals to off-set this uneven impact don't really make sense to me, if everybody gets \$200 off the uniform general charge then how do those who've taken a much greater percentage increase get any benefit or relief? I also don't really understand why rates are tied to the value of land, shouldn't we all be paying the same as we all get access to the same amenities of the city? I'm excluding rural and commercial here as clearly their impact/benefit on/for the city is different. If we are going to have an intentionally biased system where those with higher land values pay more than shouldn't be their some type of cap when traditionally low values areas somehow become high values areas. Otherwise the rich are still getting richer and the poor are still getting poorer. Kudos to you for making all the rating assessments available to everybody. Unfortunately the downside of that is we can see many properties in the traditionally higher value areas experiencing minimal rates increases, and in some cases they are recieving a rates decrease. I don't know really how else you can work this out more fairly, but that's what we elect and pay you for right?

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Your contact details
Name Not Happy
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Good luck in October at the elections if you increase rates to the level you have proposed. You WILL get voted out.
What changes would you make? I get that the land values have changed the proportion that pays rates between residential and business. However the proportion of rates that should be paid for from the commercial sector should not change.
Do you have any other feedback? Do not increase the rates income by more than 4%.
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Your contact details

Name
Jill Cheer

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

As I have no influence over the proposed budget because of my "senior" status, I have no comments to make at this stage.

What changes would you make?

It's time that the ever-increasing number of truck and trailer combinations stayed well out of the inner city. They are a major contributor to the poor state of the city's roads, and Vogel Street in particular. However, they are still traveling up Victoria Avenue and Ruahine Street to name just two of many instances. The way they bounce over dips and potholes creates excessive noise, especially when they're on the road in the early hours of the day. Does PNCC have any say in who's allowed to use it's roads?

Do you have any other feedback?

Vogel Street has without doubt one of the worst surfaces in the city, and yet other streets get new surfaces (Limbrick and Jickell) when their streets are perfectly adequate. Why would they get priority over streets such as Vogel? I know there will be major disruption to residents when it is eventually underway, but I think we're at the stage where it's definitely time to take action, PNCC .

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Your contact details
Name Graham Wootton
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Its an absolute disgrace. How can you justify my rates rise for next year going up by \$550.00, will we be paying \$10000.00 in 5 years time? Year after year after year, its out of touch with reality, just like this ripoff Government! Just because the value of our house goes up does not make me any more wealthy, we have been here almost 9.5 years and are not planning on selling, and even if we did, what is the correlation between whatever capital gain I make and the PNCC providing ongoing same or similar services? It has nothing to do with you, Its nothing more than theft! Its not the publics fault our house values are going up, should they dip down will you lower your rates? I think not. And...we wait for another ripoff entity the Horizons Regional Council to announce their next round of Extortion, putting further strain on the population of the Manawatu.
What changes would you make? Clean out the overpaid swamp and tighten the belt!
Do you have any other feedback? After the changes above, do us all a favor, and turn off the traffic lights and put in more roundabouts, there must be more traffic lights here than in New York, as a result I avoid the CBD full stop like so many people I know.
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Your contact details
Name Andrew Wellwood
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Sorry haven't looked at it yet but don't want to miss out on having a say in what's happening so did this 1st.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Murali Nair
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I know things have gotten expensive but this is ridiculous. You already put up my rates in 2021 by 10%. And now you want to increase it even more by \$700. In effect, I will be paying \$1000 more for the rates since 2020. I'm incensed that the rates are tied to the housing valuation prices - that has gone up only within the last 2 years. Will my rates go down \$1000 when the housing valuation prices go down again? Not very likely. I still remember how the council wanted to jack up parking rates on Saturdays. Look, this is not sustainable for me and a lot of people because we still have to pay other bills like power, groceries, petrol, etc which also have been mercilessly jacked up at the same time. Please have some thought for the middle class proles who are stuck between a rock and a hard place.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Stop charging for the green plastic bags for rubbish and allow the use of cheaper black rubbish bags. And I am also amazed that you have to pay to recycle things when you bring them to the recycling centres. Especially since the recycling companies can resell a lot of the stuff brought in again at double or triple the original cost! Really?</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name ROB TURNER
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Pure rubbish.
What changes would you make? Sack the Councillors
Do you have any other feedback? PNCC need to learn how to live within a budget, and stop using the rate payer as a ATM cash cows.
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Your contact details
Name Michelle obrien
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it is very unfair as 1 side of town you increase by less than \$10 and the other side of town nearly \$500 This is totally unacceptable when we all use the same services Please explain how this is fair
What changes would you make? Only raise all rates by 2 or 3% Max
Do you have any other feedback? I think it is very irresponsible in today environment
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Your contact details
Name Thomas F Ranford
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? When setting the new rates have the council taken into account the effect of the proposed new railhub on property values. My front gate is fifteen metres from where earthmoving will start.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name MARION ADSETT
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? With inflation increasing, asking your rate payers for such a huge increase when wages don't cover the basics of living seems very unfair. I will have to decide what to cut down on such as heating, healthy food or driving my car to see my adult daughter who lives in another town. I work full time as a factory worker so I don't qualify for the rebate scheme. If I could subdivide my land I would but there is no access to my back section for a car. I did not ask for my land to double in price and it has not worked in my favor. It will make life harder for low to middle income people.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Look at what really needs fixing. Prioritize just like a family who are low to middle income workers do. Ask your rate payers what they would like to see fixed first to keep the rates down. Do a online poll to keep costs down so you are not sending out paper mail.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? I voted for the councilors who said that they would promise to keep the rates down and this is rather disappointing. Listen to your rate payers who are struggling to meet everyday living costs.</p>
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Your contact details

Name
Nicola Larsen

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Hi there, I don't know if this is the correct way to do this. I am writing in regards to the potential rates increase on my property. I have called the rates team and they have told me to contact QV which I have but I am also wanting some traction around this. I have been advised that the rates increased is based on the land value. From last year my land value have gone from \$260,000 to \$735,000. That is an increase of around 182%. This is something that surely needs to be looked into. This is also saying that my house is only worth \$65,000. There is no way people (especially my family) are going to be able to easily cope with. My rates are going up by \$1708 a year, again this type of increase is not acceptable. I would like to discuss this further and more in depth with someone.

What changes would you make?

Have a serious look at the increase you are putting on people solely due to land value, it is not acceptable to have such a high increase.

Do you have any other feedback?

I would just like someone to contact me

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Your contact details
Name Monica Burnard
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I don't agree with the steep rates increases to my and presumably many other people's households. I feel as though they are unfair with already with the increased cost of living and other factors as well- I live by myself therefore I am not using the council facilities and amenities anymore than I did last financial year.
What changes would you make? Either don't increase the rates or make the changes more gradually, not just a big steep hike in price.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Suzanne OHara

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Well considered in light of the current economic climate.

What changes would you make?

Planned expenditure on the Arena is by far the largest cost contributing to the rates increase. IF the majority of ratepayers indicate that the proposed rates increase will be financially difficult, perhaps the plans for the Arena could be pared back or done in stages over a longer period. This item should not be a priority at present, particularly while COVID & potential new variants remain.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name C C
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? An increase of 16% in rates (for my property) at this time is another kick in the gut to go along with inflation. Understandably the council is also paying more at the current time due to inflation, but this should be a sign to reduce or at least pause/delay unnecessary spending. When inflation eventually subsides, will you lower rates?</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Accept that due to inflation and covid, the 10 year plan will have to have delays and pause spending on things that aren't core to what a local government should be providing. Temporarily switch to a maintenance mode approach until inflation subsides.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? I know the easiest way to calculate rates is by land value, but me paying an extravagant amount more for a lawn slightly larger than my neighbour is ridiculous. According to the consultation document "Properties with the largest percentage increase are those with large sections that are capable of subdivision". I'm paying a large amount more and my land is definitely not sub-dividable so I feel like I'm getting the raw end of the deal here.</p>
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Your contact details**Name**

Katherine Spiers

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

It's stupid! I love the projects the pncc have done over the last few years. But there is a time and a place: these projects need to be put on hold. As a newly first home owner less than a year in my home and a huge increase is now going to take money out of my child's mouth. My first child born this year I have to go back to work after 6 months because we can't afford me to have a year off. Let alone a rates increase makes me going back to work pointless:

What changes would you make?

Projects put on hold. Cloverlea park doesn't need a upgrade yet this is also used by the school Why isn't the school paying for it.

Do you have any other feedback?

Covid has hit everyone very hard over the last 2 years and it's not going away any time soon. We need a break! You have excluded unvaccinated rate payers for a selected time from the library, lido etc people are paying for these and they can't access them. (I am vaxed) I'm sticking up for the choices you have taken away from people: people who help pay your wages it's not fair. We all need a break! I hate living week to week choosing to buy fresh produce or gas in my car. Just give everyone a break! No one is going to support this increase, we just need a break! Time to refuel our savings that have been drained, time to spend some money on family etc. you will be taking food out of childrens mouths, gas in cars undue stress on lots of people! We just don't have the money!!!!!!!!!!

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Your contact details
Name Limoni Manu
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Hi, I think the rates hike is ridiculously high. My new rate is a difference of \$791.70. The council is penalizing hard-working New Zealanders who are struggling to provide a better future for their families. Already, the interest rates have doubled on mortgage loans and now an increased burden with the hike in council property rate. I think having such a massive rate increase is unjustifiable.
What changes would you make? I rather the council stop wasting the ratepayer's money by doing unnecessary experiments like the boxes around the city for bicycle tracks and use the money more wisely. These kinds of projects are a waste of public funds.
Do you have any other feedback? The council also needs to look for ways to decrease expenses for ratepayers and not depend on rates. If rates continue to increase disproportionately to wages increase, many hard-working kiwis will be forced to sell off their properties. The council needs to see how they can diversify investments to make money for their projects and not depend solely on increasing city rates.
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Your contact details
Name CHRIS LARKING
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Bit of a laugh , consultation/have your say. What a load of crap, these are set and wont change ,u know it and we know it .You guys are just ticking the boX to say u have consulted!!!!. Pity u couldn't spend the same amount of time and advertising money on 3 waters consultation just shows how much u guys are sucking up the LABOUR SPIN!!! Bring on local election , hopefully we can kick some of u LABOUR LACKIES OUT !
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Lindsay Gray
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? My submission relates to the proposed Rate increase as it relates to my property. The PNCC proposed increase is 8.3%. However for my property the increase will be 10.3%. I have lived in this property for 20years. The rates in 2004/05 were \$1119.14, for 2022/23 the Rates will be \$3148.60. This represents 281% increase, whereas the CPI over the same period is approx. 138%. I urge the Councillors to consider the long term historic impact of rates on properties.
What changes would you make? Disclaimer. I was employed by the PNCC for 27 years as a GIS Analyst and Asset Analyst, retiring in 2021. Councillors need to understand that constructing new assets (Capital New) which are "little extras that make Palmy a great place to live", costs rate payers more than just the Capital spent. An established principle of asset management is that it costs 3 to 6 times the capital cost to operate and maintain an assets over it's lifetime. Asset lifetimes can range from 5 to 150 years (more or less). Capital Renewals (the replacing of old or exiting assets) will also incur operating and maintenance costs. However, this will be offset by the fact that the operating and maintenance costs of the replaced assets will no longer occur. In the past the Council has often cut back on Operational budgets as a means to contain spending. From an asset management perspective this is false economics. If assets are not properly operated and maintained they are likely to fail earlier than their expected life and thus costing rate payers more earlier. The "little extras" have a continuing long term impact on Rates. In short, building more new assets has a compounding effect on the cost to Rate Payers. Note the example of my property rates. Going forward Councillors need to ask the question "Is this new asset a need to have or a nice to have?" A need to have should take priority over a nice to have.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Haddon

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 9am to 11am

Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am

Fri 13 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

It is completely wrong to increase rates due to the latest RVs. The latest RVs are all ready out of date due to the current devaluation of all properties. The council would be profiteering off false inflated values, that are already are outdated. The council MUST learn to function within their budget, that they set the year before...The people of Palm Nth have finite incomes, this increase will not only tip some people into huge debt (something that has to go against the values of the council caring for their people) it will also lead to homelessness amongst the homeowners & the renters (who's rent will be increased from this increase). This last year - It is wrong that this council have NOT taken care of all the broken roads around this city. It is wrong this council WASTED the ratepayers money on ugly, childish boxes along our roads. It is wrong this council WASTED the ratepayers money on blocking roads under a guise of protecting people (we are not so stupid that we need that sort of protecting) It is WRONG this council continued to spend enormous amounts of ratepayers money on more & more sculptures. These neither help those in need or make life in this city more attractive for anyone....It is just another example of wasteful spending that you expect to replace easily with a next year outlandish rate increases....It has to stop!!! SHOW the ratepayers of this city you have a conscience & care by NOT increasing the rates this year at all & then make a rule that rates will not be increased higher than inflation for any following years.

What changes would you make?

No increase this year due to the hardships of Covid & rule any increases in following years will only be at the level of inflation & no more

Do you have any other feedback?

You are supposed to be delivering a service we have paid for in our rates. Nothing more, we don't need you nannying anyone. The rates rebate needs to be increased, to keep up with the cost of the rates. The threshold for qualifying for a rate rebate also needs to be increased, When was this last looked at?

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Your contact details
<p>Name Chris Brown</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
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<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it's disgusting that you feel it appropriate to raise rates by 12.5% (this is based on the increase on my own property) given the current economic climate.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? You could start by cutting back on non-essential services. It's nice that you're spending 14% on "Active Communities" but it won't put food on people's tables. A lot of households are having to cut right back just to survive while you're out there upgrading parks - it doesn't make sense.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? I raised an objection to the updated QV rating on my own property earlier this year and have had no response. I know this won't make any difference either. Unfortunately I have no choice about living in Palmy otherwise I'd be out of here tomorrow.</p>
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Your contact details
Name Neil Hedley-Wakefield
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? It is going to ruin some families.
What changes would you make? It is not a season for spending, it is a time to be reigning in spending, just like most families are doing.
Do you have any other feedback? Spend on the necessary, not entertainment, not events, not upgrades (unless necessary), not anything that is going to unnecessarily increase rates. Feilding rates are already higher than most.
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Your contact details
Name Jacob ward
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The proposed budget is to expensive, for the current economic environment. The proposed budget WILL push many households into finical difficulty combined with the massive property value increase. In my own situation, employed full time, owning my own home with a boarder to help with expenses the proposed rises will make it extremely difficult financially.
What changes would you make? The budget needs to be reduced drastically, cutting spending to bring the rates rise to under 4%. There is a unprecedented rise in the cost of living effecting the majority of Palmerston North residents. Vanity projects need to be scraped, management wages need to be frozen, drastic measures need to be taken to not just keep current spending but reduce spending. Or this rise will have a drastic effect on the most at risk and the people most effected by the current downturn.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Callum Anderson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Absolute rubbish
What changes would you make? Not increase the rates as all you seem to be doing is wasting rate payer money while increasing hardship on house holds.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Sue Peck
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think in these times when people are struggling after the effects of Covid and increase in rates is not acceptable. I myself have been affected greatly and my husband is only on the pension. We have had to eat into our retirement savings to meet expenses over the past 2 years.
What changes would you make? I would like to know why the charge for rubbish and public recycling is applicable if you do not use this service and pay for a rubbish bin and people using the rubbish bags pay for them anyway. So what is this charge for???
Do you have any other feedback? I think increases should be put off for at least another year until people can get back on their feet financially.
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Name
Janice Neil

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I am fully against Home owners getting the rates increased. Every year we have an increase and this year its just ridiculous. Covid has impacted Home owners , we are struggling too. Why do us home owners, who work so hard to even be able to own our own home keep getting hit in the pocket And this is a yearly thing, we never get a break. Covid has affected your staff ,so you should be considering the impact it has had on us home owners and our work life's too and our home lives. We are feeling it greatly too. Kerb side glass collection has been ceased due to this , so we loose something our rates money goes towards and I know this will come back, but it proves the point, we are all feeling this pandemic and it's been going on since 2020. Have a heart and think of the community you are chosen to represent The roads are a mess,, So many need fixing, the parks especially the small ones, they haven't been updated in ages. Like the one on Clausen st, which is my local one for my children and my neighbour's children. Hasn't been updated or taken care of properly for the 15 years I've lived in my home. The equipment is outdated, there is no range of fun outside equipment on it. The water is crappy. We as home owners also have to pay Horizons , which look at the streams, they are a mess.

What changes would you make?

Parks updated for our children to enjoy Roads fixed Parking in Town reduced Parking now coming down side streets closer to town now you have to pay, this should be stopped.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Craig Dunlop
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>My employer has imposed a wage/salary freeze so no adjustments for the increased cost of living. So a near 20% increase in my rates contribution!!!! where is that money coming from? As a solo parent already living paycheck to paycheck and borrowing to buy food are you expecting me to pick up a second job? Try my hand at lotto? pokies?... Just because land value increased does not mean that I have more money in my pocket, just more ability to go deeper into debt. Added to that mortgage rates, food prices, petrol prices..... have all increased dramatically in case you have not noticed. I doubt any of you have any real understanding of the financial hardships that real people face. Do I get 20% more services for my increased taxes? I doubt it.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Drop unnecessary projects, council's job is to make sure we have basic infrastructure. Driving slalom down Tremaine avenue to dodge the plethora of potholes with their patches on patches on patches on patches (city should change its name to Potholemerston North), I am led to believe that we can't even get the basics right. I cannot afford to maintain my home which needs painting, windows replaced, insulation, heating, damp/black mold control, carpet... So when things get more expensive, do I impose a higher wage bill on my employer? Obviously not, I have to make do, do without, wear it out. Unfortunately I don't have the council's luxury of being able to extort money at will from people regardless of the economic/social/health cost.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>WAKE UP! Absolutely certain my feedback will be read as coming from a fringe minority of malcontents and have no impact on the nearly 20% rates extortion.</p>
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Luigi Noaro – phone submission 1/4/22

Resentment over possibility of rates increase. Neighbour believes that because of where we are and that the sections deemed to be sub-dividable that rates will go up about 20%

When the new GV came out I did initially put in an objection because I believed it was too high. But then thought everyone is going to be in the same situation, so I will try work it to my advantage, I withdrew my objection and put my property up for sale, advertised in paper. Never got one inquiry because advertised it at the GV which is \$765,000, not one inquiry

My belief is that instead of trying to encourage people to subdivide their properties by bursting the values of it like they have which has gone up 300 percent in the last six years, council are working against their own ideas of what they want to do. They are making it too expensive for people to buy. I have called Council for four or five days to be put through to a town planner for one to call me, property behind me in XXXXXXXXXXXX ave is coming up for sale, looking at putting thoroughfare through, demolishing my home and purchasing one behind, it would cost 1.5 mil to do that, to purchase both properties, trying to find out from a town planner whether it is viable to go ahead with that and build. More residents put a thoroughfare through, probably beneficial to buy houses on other side of mine Cannot see any construction company touching it, and I would like a town planner to come have a look and see what happens so that is why I have been calling them.

With these exorbitant valuations that are being placed just to manipulate the rates that we have to pay because it is a manipulation of the market it is virtually theft by stealth on the ratepayers, as soon as this council changes rating system to a capital based system like the rest of the country has then the fairer it will be on ratepayers,

If I can get a lawyer to work for me probono on this I will sue the council for maintenance of the berm outside my property for 70 years, I have been in my family home since 1950 and I believe I have being paying exorbitant rates up until now anyway.

I don't think that because we have a sub-dividable property that we should punished.

SUBMISSION ON RATES FORUM 2022

I am informed by a member of Council's rates team that my P.N.C.C. rates for 2022 will likely increase by more than \$700.00.

I ask you, is this fair?

Apparently it is happening because I live in a popular area on a large section which is deemed sub-dividable!

I live in a large house. It is not a long house but a wide one. When the property was purchased in 1949 no-one was allowed to sub-divide; we were expected to use the extra land to provide food. As well as a vegetable garden, my mother planted fruit trees. To sub-divide now the fruit trees would have to be removed.

I ask you again, is this fair?

The trees on my property are significant in reducing my carbon footprint.

For almost 72 years my family has maintained the berm on Council land in front of the property free of charge to the council.

Is that fair?

In 2015 the land was valued for rating at \$245,000.00. Six years later in 2021 it was valued at \$765,000.00, a 300% increase in 6 years!

This is a blatant attempt by Council to manipulate the market to boost its ratings return and is little more than theft by stealth.

When I first received advice from Quotable Values of my latest valuation I objected on the grounds that it was excessive. I later withdrew my objection and decided to use the valuation to my advantage.

On the 24th March I advertised my property for sale at the Q.V. of \$765,000.00.

I didn't receive one enquiry!

This endorsed my belief that the valuation was excessive and that the Council, by boosting valuations to unrealistic levels in its greed for more rates is actually acting in a counter-productive manner by making development too expensive to achieve.

I am happy to pay my share for Council services, but to be singled out because of size and location is not fair; it reeks of exploitation and extortion.

Every household should be charged the same. We all use the same services, don't we?

If Council goes ahead with its rates demand on my property as intended, then I shall send Council an account for the maintenance of its berm over 71 years.

After all, that is fair, isn't it?

Luigi Noaro 

19th April 2022

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Steve Wrathall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? An insult to struggling households
What changes would you make? Cut back all low-quality spending similar to that proposed by Cr Naylor
Do you have any other feedback? no
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Your contact details**Name**

Andrea Mackay

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?****What changes would you make?****Do you have any other feedback?**

My main feedback is that the increase of \$500 per year for my property are unreasonable. That is around 16% change. Yes i have a large section but it is NOT possible for it to be subdivided due to where buildings are placed so why should I be penalised? I also don't understand why that is a consideration. I have a single residential property just like others and they should be rated equally. In fact we probably have a small footprint compared to most households. My property also has the council stormwater going through it - perhaps you can rent the land from me or give me a rates rebate for the privilege? I understand the need to fund infrastructure but I am a single parent and the rate increases are becoming over the top. This increase feels incredibly unfair. Properties should be rated equally.

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Your contact details
Name Dion Parkes
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? For quite some time think the council has lost their way with this. Lots spent on nice to have things but some are really unpopular. Rate increases are so far above that of general inflation increases that its irresponsible
What changes would you make? Palmy doesn't need to be advertised on TV I cycle heaps but those new barriers are terrible but do love the river redevelopment Arena upgrade and the statues unnecessary Can't list all silly spending here but have heard councilors are some of very few that get a free childcare work perk ratepayers pay for.
Do you have any other feedback? Keep spending to less than 1% more than inflation and don't charge based on RV - I couldn't afford to buy my house with current RV and so many would be worse off, if RVs go down too, then what? .. rates increasing 10% per year every year in 2020s is irresponsible - if wastewater system upgrades are that expensive cut other spending as other businesses can't run this way as they're not a monopoly like the council is
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Your contact details

Name
Madhan Kumar

Organisation
MidCentral DHB

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I completely oppose any increase in the rates proposed. Inflation, cost of living, fuel, electricity, living expenses (and virtually everything else) have soared remarkably, yet , my public sector pay has not increased by a single dollar for years.! We are expected to tighten our belts, make changes to our lifestyle and simply cope with it. I find the proposed increases preposterous and don't see why PNCC can't make these changes, tighten its belts, just like us.

What changes would you make?

Leave things as is, PNCC has to tighten its belts just as everyone else has. We pay enough already. PNCC an increase the rates when inflation reduces or our pays are increased.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Peter Kennedy
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? One word - Unaffordable. The cost of living has increased and putting rates up at about 20% is not feasible for most families.
What changes would you make? Lower rates! Find some way of reducing spending, families are doing this already so the council should as well.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details**Name**

Barbara Konzett

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Please, do not raise the rates as much as you are proposing. I am single and live alone in my small 90sqm home that has an 809sqm section and as such my rates are criminally high. "Flash" new houses with 4 or 5 bdrms pay less in rates than I do and it makes no sense!! This proposed \$700 increase for me would be crippling. Sincerely, someone who lives in Pnth

What changes would you make?

Whatever cut backs and future plans are needing such huge raises should be stringently analysed and placed to the side to allow your people some breathing space in their lives. With all goods and services increasing across the board your people are struggling! Don't be out of touch.

Do you have any other feedback?

Don't be out of touch.

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Your contact details
Name Raewyn Marshall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? An unacceptable increase - Based on section size is unfair. We are on a large section - Facing a \$422 increase - Our section is not sub dividable due to a covenant on it so why do we face such a large increase. Your pamphlet states the largest rate increase is where sections are sub dividable. Not all large sections can be sub divided.
What changes would you make? Large Sections that are not sub dividable are treated differently than those that can be subdivided.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Gavin Tamblyn

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Our objection to the proposed rates increase is two-fold: 1) As per your consultation document, we are seeing price hikes for everything we do. An increase of this magnitude is out of proportion with other increases and makes home ownership in our region even more unaffordable. Most people are on a fixed income, having not seen a salary or benefit increase or at least not one to match the changing times. Your proposed increases are likely to further contribute to declining consumer spending, affect standards of living as well make Palmerston North less attractive as a place to settle. Encouraging home ownership in our region should be a priority, as its economic and social benefits are well known. 2) Comparing our rate increase to that of our neighbours, I note that our increase is an astronomical 45.59% whereas our neighbours is also a hefty 18.95%. On further evaluation, the difference in our proposed rates is based on the General Description that our property has shifted from being a Single Unit Residential to a Two Unit Residential. Our property has a primary dwelling with a garage and sleepout in the rear. The sleepout is physically separated from the primary dwelling of size no greater than 36m², has an en-suite but is not self-contained, as per the PNCC's definition. It does not meet the PNCC's definition of a multi-residential development where there may be two or more houses, flats or apartments. Please can the General Description be updated accordingly, with the appropriate adjustment in the proposed rate hike. Regardless of which method you chose to calculate the rates, the proposed increase is unacceptable and unaffordable for all home owners and indirectly tenants. In these times, an increase of between 18-45% is far from realistic.

What changes would you make?

No rate increase greater than the consumer price index. Work with in a budget, we have to!

Do you have any other feedback?

I am normally not one to complain, but this is a time for you to listen to the rate payers!!

From: Submission
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Your contact details
Name Patricia Watts
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am an almost 80 yr. old widow and have lived in this house for 45 years plus. Love living here but get no extra services. Being between a daycare and Plunket Centre there is no parking on road during the week. Don't mind that as they are great neighbours. But I cannot afford these rate increases, living on a pension and a small amount of interest from an investment., Please rethink the draft plan or make the rates rebate higher for those in my situation.
What changes would you make? Yes definitely cut back on some not so necessary work by council, such as planter boxes like lego blocks. Childish looking distraction.
Do you have any other feedback? Yes I do. The so called improvements last year along the road by Coffee Club have turned out to be a very expensive project. I have yet to see anyone sitting there enjoying rest as the seating is all shaded until afternoon and with the square just across the road, we tend to sit over there among the beautiful rose gardens. Please no more wasting money changing things just to keep the planners in a job!! Very frustrating.
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Your contact details

Name
Clare Ekins

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think that maybe for some time, council should concentrate on the maintenance up keep and needs rather than the wants just like the rest of us have to. Doing up Cuba Street, does it really need to be done at this time? Albert Street River entrance, does that really need to be done at this time? That is a want, not a need. Making things safer, a need, making them prettier all the time, that's a want. Those things should be saved up for by council and sometimes need to wait to see if there is any surplus anywhere to do them (just like we have to do in our households). Our rates are set to go up pretty much \$400 (after the other rates increase we had not long ago), my wages have not gone up in either of those times, my hubby's wage only went up to just keep him above minimum wage. We have to think about our needs and often miss our on our wants because we have to budget within our means. Sometimes ya just have to cull the fat and do the basics (which means maintaining what we already have or fixing what is broken) and just do the needs. Then build up and save for the wants!

What changes would you make?

There are lots of things that you don't need to do, that Palmy doesn't need. You need to think of the people living in the city and what they can afford and that's not a rates increase.

Do you have any other feedback?

I just want to say, that when you talk about budgeting in a household, you talk about what money you are getting in and then you budget with that amount. You don't budget for getting extra money (as most households don't get pay rises so we live off what we know we are going to get). You would know how much money you would be getting each year, why can't you budget to work within those means rather than taking more from us. I work for a publicly funded place, I don't get a pay rise very often at all (and if I do, it's just to keep me above minimum wage. My husband works in retail, you know they don't get paid very well. We budget with what we have and know to be coming in. We don't get extra to then get more things. Where are we supposed to get the extra to cover the extra rates especially as it went up quite a bit not long ago. Just because someone says the value of our land has gone up, doesn't mean anything has changed in the area we live in or what is happening in our area. We all off a sudden don't have gold plates, knives, forks and our homes certainly haven't turned into mansions just because a new valuation puts the value of our property/land up. As you said the the first paragraph of your plan... 021 and the start to 2022 has been tough for everyone, a second year navigating the unpredictable effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's hard out there for individuals, families, organisations and businesses, with petrol, mortgage rates and the price of food and other goods increasing. Also, the price of power and gas

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has now gone up and winter is coming and we are now expected to find the extra money to be able to cover that and a rates rise. Again I say, where do we get this extra money to pay for all these things. Lets not also remember that Horizon's rates could well increase as well which is even more money to find. I appreciate the things that council does for our city but maybe someone from budget advice needs to come in and teach you how to live within your means and what you know you already get (as that's what the rest of us have to do). I guess you can see where I am coming from. I hope you will take this into consideration before setting the new rates amounts as soon you could well be trying to milk from a tired old, dried up cow and wonder why there is no milk.

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Your contact details

Name
Dave Mollard

Organisation
Manawatu Food Action Network

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
With at least 10,000 of our whānau living with some form of Food Insecurity, we need to acknowledge that as a community we need to support our people.

What changes would you make?
PNCC have food security as a policy.

Do you have any other feedback?

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4412 Kai Resilience Strategy

**Nāku te rourou
nāu te rourou
ka ora ai te iwi**

**Written for the whānau of Palmerston North
by The Manawatū Food Action Network**



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Mihi

Ora Kōnnect was formed in 2017 as a multi-organisational, collective impact initiative to support the 4412 Community. Ora Kōnnect is an alliance of various organisations, supporting, creating and enhancing the relationships necessary to deliver connected services for our whānau orakaupapa that is bigger and more complex than any individual organisation or single intervention can address effectively in isolation.

Ora Kōnnect created the 4412 Kai Security Squad which led the development of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy. The strategy is designed to identify new opportunities to extend, enhance, refine, and diversify current community-led kai sustainability action. The strategy's purpose is to identify strategic actions that can contribute to food security by enhancing food system resilience.

The strategy supports existing networks, creates new networks, and builds communication channels that foster a sense of belonging for whānau. It honours tino rangatiratanga with respect to food by enhancing food sovereignty. By supporting existing networks, communication channels and creating new ones, it will boost the sense of belonging for whānau. Positive kai resilience outcomes enhance community pride and kaitiakitanga.

The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy Situational Awareness stage was presented in September 2021. The research that went into this revealed that there are up to 10,000 people in the 4412-postcode area of Palmerston North that face some form of unwellbeing from Food Insecurity.

This document is a road map to supporting the people of the 4412 Community to move from food insecurity to food resilience.



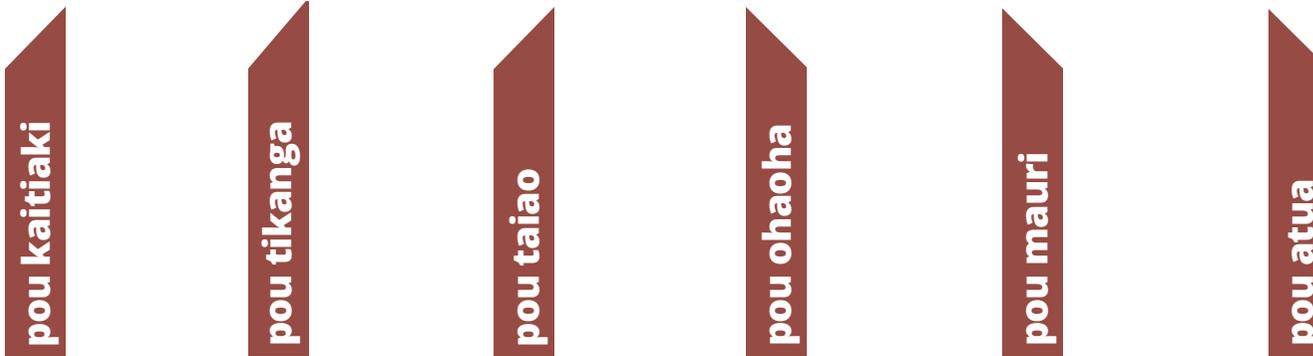
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Te Kaupapa

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We acknowledge that any planned projects to increase food resilience and sovereignty, must be whānau and community led. The 6 Pou which hold up the framework of the strategy are;



Education and guardianship
Nurturing and developing a culture in which everyone participates in food sovereignty projects.

Traditional food cultures
Diverse food cultures that provide strong and sacred connections between people and place. Supporting Whānau to grow their own food and to be part of food sharing networks.

Regional ecology
Biodiversity and intact ecosystems have intrinsic value as well as key roles in supporting food production.

Economy
Supporting initiatives that enhance the capacity and markets of locals who have adopted, or who are seeking to adopt growing practices that contribute to human and ecological well-being.

Spirit
Applying the value hierarchy of refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. We seek to minimise food waste, other forms of material waste, and emissions associated with processing, packaging, and transporting food. We also seek to minimise the use of non-renewable energy and other non-renewable resources when growing and distributing food.

Sustainable
Growing and harvesting food that honours soil, water, air, and biodiversity. To be ecologically sound, sustainable, and resilient, food needs to be grown and harvested in ways that care for soil, water, air/climate, and biodiversity.



Discovering Moemoea

Whānau Hauora is at the centre of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy. Through the discovery process we came to understand that for many living with food Insecurity that lack of food is not the primary issue they face but is a stressor that takes energy away from overcoming the real challenges. The housing crisis, drugs, mental health, benefit anxiety, lack of community connection, crime and intergenerational trauma are many of the factors that have created the food insecurity issue. Whānau having access to healthy food is not the answer to these deeper issues, but it gives people the time, health, and self-esteem to address the real challenges. Healthy food is intrinsically connected through culture to positive outcomes.

Definitions

4412

The area of Palmerston North city that has the postal code 4412, Statistics NZ recognises this as the area of the city with the most deprivation.

Food Insecurity

Whānau are without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Food Security

Whānau having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

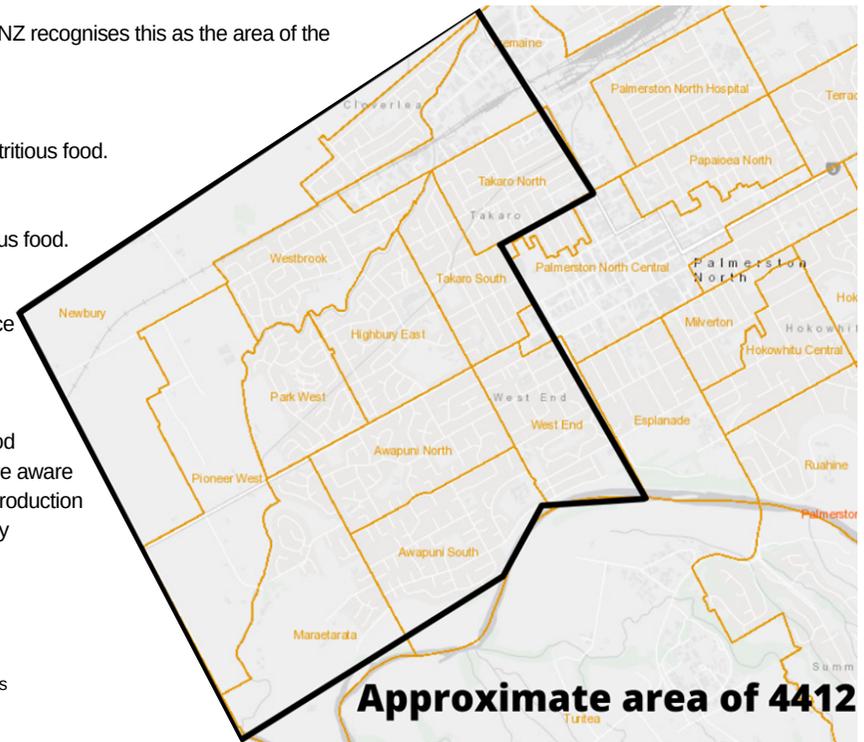
Food Resilience

Whānau are able to buffer and withstand food disturbances. Food Resilience connects communities through mutual support.

Food Sovereignty

Whānau have the resources to gather healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods. Whānau are aware of their right to define their own food systems and are active agents in the production and procurement of their own kai. Food Sovereignty has positive community outcomes through food sharing, connections and belonging.

It's important to note that there is a spectrum from Food insecurity to Food Sovereignty, but it is not always linear as whānau can be experiencing different states at the same time.



Ngā Whaingā

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by February 2027, the people of 4412 will;

Further embrace the region's cultural diversity by understanding, growing, and sharing a wide range of our food with whānau and sharing networks.

Recognise and promote the strengths of connection by seeking out collaboration with organisations and networks that work within the 4412 rohe.

Source a large portion of Kai through local, sustainable production systems.

Have a stronger understanding of community wairua through food-based connections.

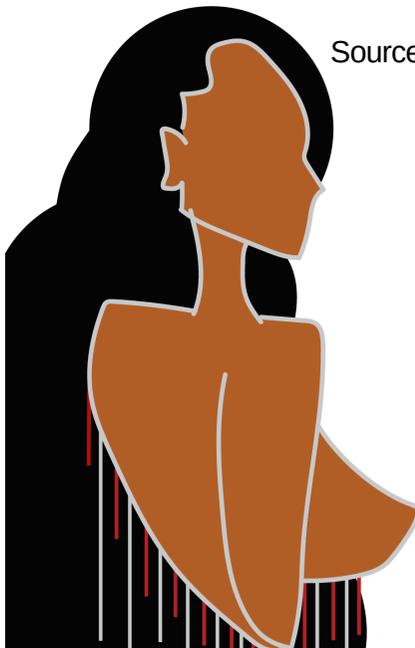
Make informed decisions about the kai purchased to support locally produced foods.

Have more pride in the community through whānau-led mana-enhancing projects.

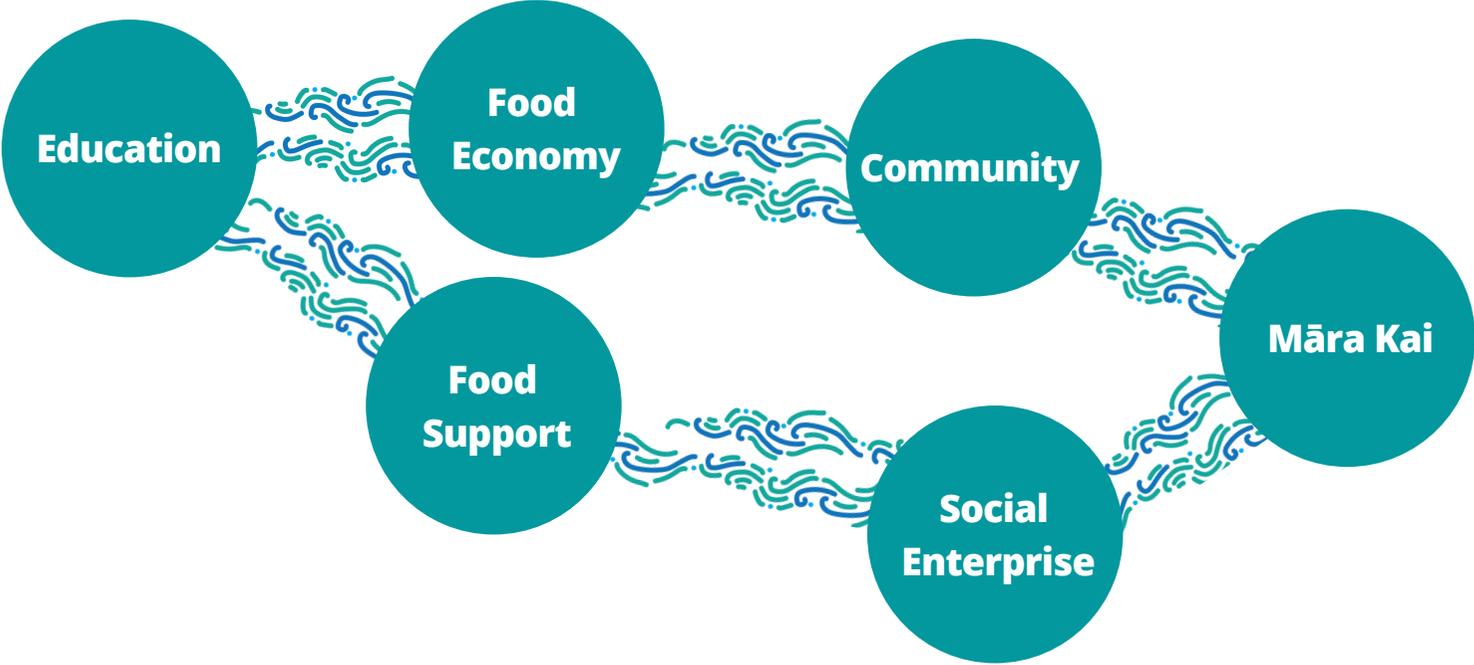
Have access to enough food to carry our whānau through times of stress.

Be part of neighbourhood wide food sharing networks.

The māwhero wāhine represents the constant growth, challenges and acts of service we can give to one another



Supporting whānau to move towards food security and food sovereignty requires a multi-faceted, coordinated strategy. This strategy has been filtered into 6 streams of focus, like our river, each stream can flow and connect with others.



The tukutuku represents the community forward matching forward to meet the needs of our people

Education

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao. The bird who eats the miro can know the forest, but the bird who eats knowledge can know the world.

Listening to the moemoea of whānau who are experiencing food insecurity, the strongest theme to come through was a desire for access to more education and cultural wisdom. Following the kaupapa of ako, all education activities should involve everyone learning from each other and should have elements of student led discussion.

The strategy will develop and support education initiatives that enhance the community's ability to create more whānau food sovereignty.

Education includes advocating to government and industry towards creation of a more sustainable circular food economy which enhances the mana and economic situation of all in the community.

Food Economy

Mā tō rourou, mā tōku rourou, ka ora ai te ivi - with my food basket, and your food basket, the people will thrive.

The principal way most kiwis get food is buying it, usually from supermarkets. Development of more opportunities for whānau to buy locally sourced, fresh, healthy food at an affordable price contributes to food resilience. The lobbying of government and industry to break down barriers, to increase access to cheap, healthy food and reduce dependency on the supermarket duopoly will have flow-on effects of price competitiveness and market diversity.

Through a multi-pronged approach, changes to the local food economy will allow whānau to have more choice over their food purchasing decision making.

Community

Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti te mahi, the work will be done by everyone.

The 4412 area of Palmerston North is full of strong diverse communities, ethnicities, and faith-based groups. Often these communities are rich in human resources but need help with other resources and funding. **The community projects identified will help build strong communities and enhance the mana of locals.**

The kahurangi wāhine represents our river, meaning the flow of water and how the people flow like a river to change.





Food Support

Aroha atu, aroha mai, tātou tātou e. - Love flows out, love flows back in, we are all one.

The immediate concern for whānau experiencing food insecurity can be alleviated through free food providers. In Palmerston North we have a range of Food Support organisations that each have different kaupapa.

Food banks are a solution for families in crisis, and through holistic support, whānau reduce their need for their services. Free food suppliers provide food to anyone who wants it and are focused on the environmental benefits of rescuing food. Community groups provide food, alongside other services as a way of showing aroha to their people. Meal providers give meals out as a way of reducing hunger but also creating community connections. All these organisations are experiencing increased demand for their services.

By continuing to create connections between food suppliers, food banks, free food organisations and whānau, families in need will get better support.

Social Enterprise

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

Supporting 4412 food business start-ups (in two priority areas) through networking, resource brokering, and education will create employment for community groups, whānau and enhance the mana of the community.

First, the support of local food businesses will create employment and achieve place-making enhancement, leading by example to foster motivation for further local business development.

Second, community-run food resilience projects will be supported to grow their efforts into social enterprise to both create employment and make them financially sustainable. These will lead to higher quality food being consumed.

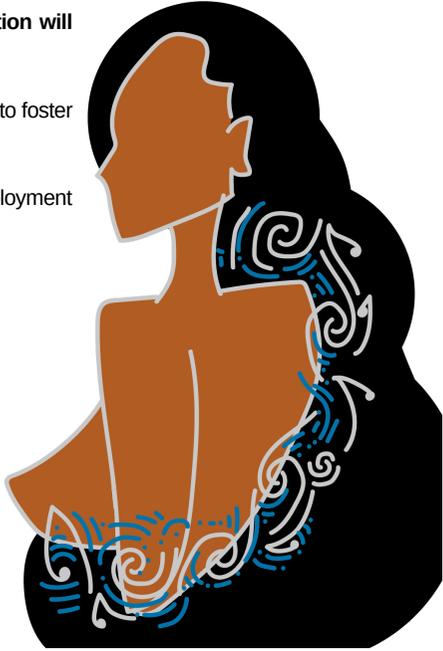
As global supply chains strain through world events, the importance of developing stronger local supply chains is paramount.

Māra Kai

Poipoia te kakano kia puāwai. - nurture the seed so it may grow and blossom.

Growing one's own food can be very economical, it can also be mana enhancing, connection creating and gives people control over what they eat. It is important in times of crisis to have multiple sources of fresh healthy food close by.

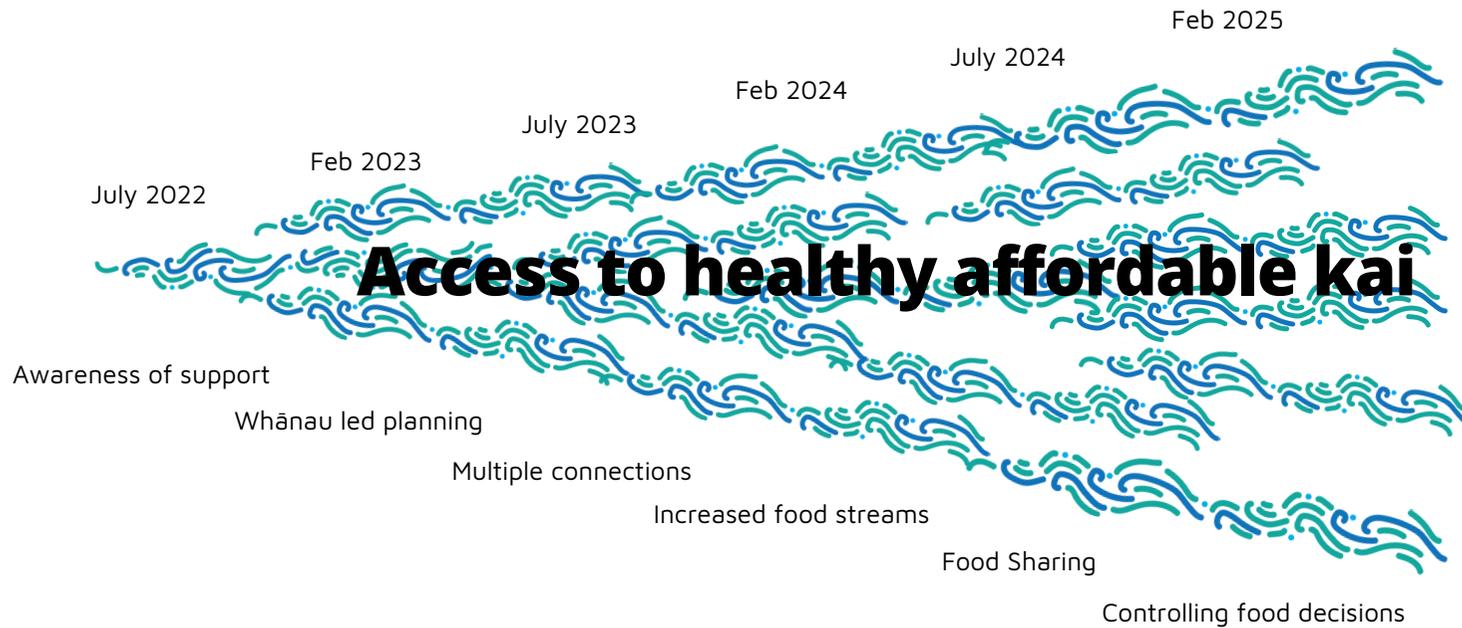
By supporting people through community gardens, in-home gardening, urban farming and social enterprise whānau will be able not only to provide their own fresh healthy produce but grow extra for their neighbours.





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Whānau outcomes



The Roadmap

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There are over 100 different projects and initiatives that are either ongoing, planned or the moemoea of whānau living within the food insecurity sphere in the 4412 rohe. These projects need to come out of the dreams and aspirations of the people living with food insecurity and focus first on supporting them in their food resilience journey and then supporting them to bring other whānau along on the journey.

April 2022

- All the projects will be reviewed and prioritize by the Kai Security Squad into 3 tiers Urgent, Necessary and Desired.
- The Urgent projects media release created.
- The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy handed over to the people of 4412.

July 2022

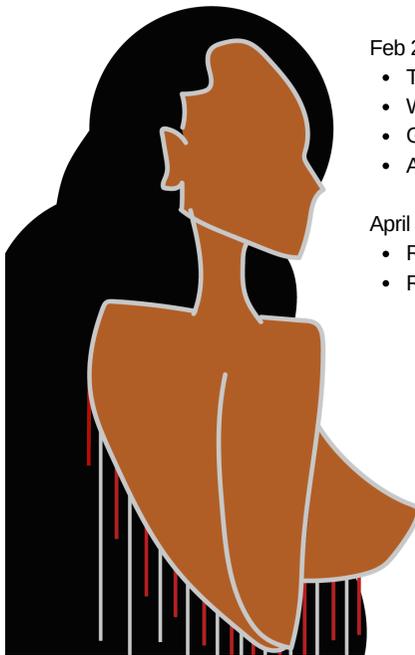
- The Urgent projects will have been assessed for needed resources.
- Collaborating within the network to maximise available resources.
- Fundraising training for network members is offered.
- A 6 month Food Resilience calendar released including workshops and events.
- Whānau will have an awareness of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy through a promotional campaign.

Feb 2023

- The Urgent priority projects will have critical planning paths completed.
- Whānau living with food insecurity will have had multiple opportunities to engage in the planning of projects.
- Greater resource sharing between Food support organisations.
- A 12-month calendar of food resilience workshops and events produced and distributed.

April 2023

- Review of progress by 4412 Kai Security Squad.
- Re-prioritising of projects by the Kai Security Squad into 3 tiers Urgent, Necessary and Desired.



These patterns represent our rivers and streams that nourish us and flow naturally and carefully, showing the complexity of our awa.

The Roadmap

July 2023

- Whānau living with food insecurity will have multiple connections to support services.
- Neighbourhoods will feel stronger connections through resource, kai and wisdom sharing.
- Whānau will have increased access to a more diverse range of food purchasing opportunities.
- Food support services will have a distribution network that covers the entire 4412.
- Multiple Food Start-ups will have been supported through the development stage.
- The Necessary projects implementation teams assembled.

Feb 2024

- Mid-point Situational Analysis of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy started.
- Communities will feel the benefits of increased social connections through food.
- Food sharing will become the norm for many more whānau.
- Most previously food insecure whānau will have moved to a state of food security.
- Necessary priority projects will have critical planning paths completed.

July 2024

- Mid-point Situational Analysis of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy delivered.
- The 4412 Kai Security Squad will adjust the strategy based on the above report.
- More 4412 Whānau moving from food insecurity to food resilience

February 2025

- Implementation of the adjusted Kai Resilience Strategy.
- Whānau are familiar with and actively moving towards the concept of food sovereignty.



The karaka wāhine represents families that are constantly growing, one with another and creating differences in the lives of one another, yet staying strong.

Implementation

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Ora Konnect will be the kaitiaki of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy and will oversee its implementation through governance support.

The Manawatū Food Action Network (a collective of Environment Network Manawatū) has been working in this space for many years and has created, supported, connected and signal boosted many successful kai initiatives. MFAN will implement this strategy by supporting individual organisations to deliver projects. MFAN will develop self-sufficiency through social enterprise. Each project has at least one group or agency that will be the kaitiaki of that initiative to give support to the project's progression.

Kupu Whakatepe

Nāku te rourou nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

There will always be crises in our community, either on a smaller whānau scale due to health or economic issues or on a large scale due to a weather event, natural disaster or a pandemic. Preparing for these crunch points by having access to an abundance of healthy food will help whānau and community reduce personal stress and trauma. Kai Resilience in the 4412 will be achieved through the concerted and coordinated mahi of whānau with the support of the many people and community organisations who have aroha for our community. Kai resilience mahi has the flow-on effect of enhancing community pride and kaitiakitanga. This strategy and the project's spreadsheet are living documents, able to be adjusted to meet the needs of our community. Together with kindness and aroha for our people, we can provide whānau with the tools to create food sovereignty allowing them time and energy to face other challenges in their lives.

The kākāriki wāhine represents ownership of food, māra kai, supporting the whenua and communities we live in.





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Aroha nui

Madz BatachEl for pushing this project forward.
 Lisa Christensen for providing context, direction and soul.
 Danielle Harris for being the backbone of the Kai Security Squad.
 Helen Lehndorf for her mahi in solidifying MFAN and her wisdom with defining the purpose of this strategy.
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 All the members of the 4412 Kai Security Squad for their aroha to our community.
 To the kaimahi on the frontline, showing Manākitanga to our people.
 To the whānau that shared their dreams with us.



he waka eke noa

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Your contact details
Name Ben Marshall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? In simple terms, I think it is unsustainable to continue increasing rates by large amounts each year.
What changes would you make? I would like to see annual rates increases of no more than the CPI.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Steve Stannard
Organisation Cyclista
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 9am to 11am Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 9am to 11am Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The level of increase is well beyond the means of most people, especially with inflation and housing costs on the increase. I see that the increase in rates is mainly due to the 'General Charges' part of the rates. Please, this needs to be broken down and make public, rather than hidden in the 10 year plan document. From my reading of that plan I do see that The Arena is in line for \$70 million dollars to be spent on capital over the 10 year! This does not include operating costs. The council needs to publicly justify expenditure such as this.
What changes would you make? This is a time to spend money on essential services, not vanity projects.
Do you have any other feedback? More transparency around what is being spent on "nice-to-have" but not necessary culture-related projects, including Te Manawa, add-ons to the riverside walkway.
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Your contact details**Name**

Jacqueline Moce

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Without an increase in wages, Super or Benefits which take into account the increases you are demanding, the only thing you will accomplish is to make people sell their homes, become destitute and mentally detached. This is not the time to pressurize people, especially the elderly or those on the poverty line. The elderly worked hard to buy homes with room for families, the council is now making them pay. We have so many new houses or ghetto housing in our street, where all trees and commonsense has gone out the door, it is certainly not what we expected in our retirement. Rates are to help to contribute to the stability and advancement of our city.

What changes would you make?

All permits for new housing regardless of rates should not be built unless they supply their own off street parking. Stop allowing people to fill our streets with uncontrolled drivers ripping up those very streets which we try so hard to keep in order. More police control of dangerous driving within the city limits.

Do you have any other feedback?

I used to love this city of ours. I have lived here for 71 years. No longer is there any commonsense when it comes to what is acceptable as far as law and order goes. We have just had, and no doubt the council knows how much has been spent on tar sealing Fairs Road, only to have for the last month a continual run of dangerous drivers doing donuts on nearly every corner, and racing up and down Leeds Street, since you in all your wisdom opened up the road from Fair Acres. I do not think we as residents receive nearly enough help in keeping these roads safe.

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Your contact details
Name Mike galvin
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Its rubbish that most houses are getting a massive hike for a reduction in services. The support pnc provides hasnt increased so why charge us more for already established services that hardly work as it is.
What changes would you make? Keep rates at what they currently are. Reduce wasted councillor spending and freeze payrises for those over 6 figures a year, reduce wasted money on rubbish art, make councillors held to account for projects that exceed budget or are just rubbish i.e the new square road layout, allowing planter boxes to ruin the look of the city and the stupidly reduced speed limits out to linton
Do you have any other feedback? These are a waste of time as the pnc councillors are out of touch with the real world and dont give two sh**s about what the community thinks
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Your contact details
Name Neil and Barbara Shailer
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? We think as Rate Payers there is a lot of waste of money, when it could be going to better improvements of the City.
What changes would you make? The Mayor and Councillors to start listening to people instead of there own agendas, you are listening, but at times to the wrong people.
Do you have any other feedback? As our Rates have increased by at least \$800, how are we expected to keep up with this increase, it should have been one increase for all, this is picking on again the ones who will find it a struggle.
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Your contact details
Name Kevin Still
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I believe that you are out of touch with the community some who are struggling to make ends meet. Covid and rising inflation is killing some house holds renters and owners alike. Although new play grounds, speed humps and other grandiose plans are great but not a necessity at the moment.
What changes would you make? All council development plans should be put on standby. Council should focus on reducing costs or at least holding them Rates increases should be deferred until the public can get back on their feet.
Do you have any other feedback? NOW IS NOT A GOOD TIME TO INCREASE RATES, BY DOING SO YOU COULD TIP SOME PERSONS OVER THE EDGE
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Your contact details
Name Chye Goh
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Proposed rates too high considering that Council has never fully completed or started physical works planned for any current year for the last decade
What changes would you make? Just keep rates just to carry out maintenance and renewal works on infrastructure and not second bridge crossing which was way over budget Who is doing the estimates for these overbudget projects.
Do you have any other feedback? Drive around the city and fix the pothole seal stripping and patches on the roads Never seen the state of disrepair in my 20 years in the city
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Name

Dean and Adele Giddens

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The proposed budget does not do enough to recognise that in times of constrained resources, it's OK to pull back on the "nice to haves" while still continuing with necessities and necessary infrastructure upgrades. Recognise that the proposed rates increase is higher than CPI and your residents are already under pressure due to the rising cost of living. Don't pile on to that pressure; you should be looking at ways to alleviate that so Palmerston North is a desirable place to live in (because the council thinks differently and responds differently perhaps?). Residents don't have a choice to "cut back" on what we pay in rates (or the services provided in those rates) as we do when we choose to drive less to save on petrol or eat lentils rather than meat. Your proposal to increase rates increases poverty for those who are least able to absorb those added costs. "Poverty" does not just exist for those who are eligible for a rates rebate.

What changes would you make?

Question whether what you are planning is necessary or a nice to have. Also consider whether the work could be spread over a longer period of time to spread the cost over multiple years. Does the Albert St Awa entrance really need to be done in this financial year? Does the cycleway planned work really need to be done this year? Hold external contractors who don't complete the work accurately and need to do re-work, to greater account. As an Awapuni resident, the signs at entry to our "Village" are a disgrace and someone should be accountable for that - and not the ratepayers repaying for any work needing to be done again.

Do you have any other feedback?

We own 2800sqm of land across two titles up a shared driveway. We are more than happy (and have already commenced consultation work and gathering of quotes) to create two additional sections from our excess land, for development. To our dismay, we have discovered that there is a rule that means that only three residences can be up our driveway (two already exist) so we can only create one more section. What madness is that? The driveway width requirement for 4 sections still won't allow two cars to pass each other on the driveway so what is the point of this inane rule? Also, rather shockingly we discovered that when we establish a new section, (in addition to all the other legal, formal costs to subdivide, some of which are council costs) that we have to pay an estimated \$10,000 in council fees per section for the courtesy of having created a section that the council can charge rates against in perpetuity. This is a disincentive and a double dip in our view as rates will be charged against that new section from the time of establishment and create more revenue for the council than when it was on a previously existing title.

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Council will have already gained fees as part of the consenting process also. Additionally, the fact that people have excess land does not automatically mean that they have the cash to subdivide or the ability to service the debt if a loan was taken out to establish the section. The council should be looking at ways to incentivise ratepayers with excess land, to make it easier and more cost effective to create sections rather than adding cost on top of an already costly (and slow!) process. Charging us more rates for our "excess" land puts our ability to subdivide further out of reach. If the council looked at subdivision to create sections as more of a partnership with landowners rather than a revenue generating exercise then more sections could be made available faster, and the council would be perceived more favourably.

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Your contact details
Name Mike Clement
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think that the proposed rates increases are ridiculous. I've just used your tool and I am faced with a 17% increase from \$3108 to \$3657. With this proposed increase my rates have almost doubled in the 8 years I have owned my house. Even petrol hasn't increased as much as that! With the tough economic times that are upon us, this council should be slashing expenditure. Rates increases should be capped in line with the official cash rate. The services I am forced to procure from the Council haven't changed, in fact in some instances it seems as though they have declined... and your own budget document explains that most of the cost is due to increased debt and higher construction costs. Here's an idea to address those two issues. Stop taking out anymore debt and stop building stuff.
What changes would you make? Cut the budget. Put a hold on any and all construction projects, lower the debt limit for the council, link staff pay rises in line with the private sector (hint it's extremely low and most people out here haven't got one in years), pause all spending on new assets, and set in place a policy limiting rates increases to match OCR.
Do you have any other feedback? As an individual when times are tough and the budget is tight I cut back my spending, and I cut everything but the essentials. I don't go hat in hand to my employer and demand a pay rise with the justification that I'm bad at planning and budgeting... for some reason however this Council seems to think it can do that. Live within your means, and do not expect the poor old ratepayer to continue to fork out ever-larger sums of money to cover your largesse.
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Your contact details
Name Bob Kendall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? To whom it may concern, In response to your request for annual budget submission, I think asking home owners to submit their views on this is a complete waste of time, mainly because no matter how many submissions are registered, council will still go ahead with these outrageous rate increases. No thought for people on fixed and low incomes. Now the time has come for people to be forced out of their own homes, all because of unnecessary spending. You'll say low income home owners can get rate debates, does that mean these rebates are doubled from last year if ones land value has doubled in their R.V notice? Don't worry i'll still pay my rates until I have no money, then I will choose if i'm going to eat or pay my rates. Yours, Bob K. P.S As far as sub dividable land is concerned, there is only room for one dwelling on my property.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Samantha Bleakley
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think the rates increase for your average household is quite simply insane. At a time where the cost of everything is going up yet salaries remain the same you are simply creating extra pressure on already struggling households. Ours are increasing \$800pa which is an insane amount. I didnt even get a pay rise that high. You are just making it unaffordable for people to live here.
What changes would you make? It's up to you to find the money in other ways and not put this extra pressure on already struggling people!
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Robert Watson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Look at what council can do more efficiently before adding to the budget. In the current economic climate all individuals have to manage their incomes and in many cases reduce consumption. Since wages and especially fixed incomes are not increasing enough to cover inflation, let alone massive (20%+) increases in rates

What changes would you make?

Given that land values have gone up significantly the council should be applying a multiplying factor to ensure that the 8% increase is across the board and not adding 20%+ increases to some properties and obviously less than 8% increase to others. In your discussion document you say the land values reflect the fact that larger sections can be subdivided yet if you look at how many older central city houses are placed on the section there is no way a 5m wide driveway could be placed down the side to allow for infill on the back of the section. The only way the land value could be realised would be to knock down the existing house. Is this part of the council plans?

Do you have any other feedback?

It would appear that I am facing a 21% increase in my rates. I am retired and rely solely on the government superannuation to get by. Kiwisaver was not in long enough to make any significant savings before I retired. I am not the only person in this city facing the same problem. Basically the message from council is pay up or shift out. As this will be the only option for many people in this community. also remember that landlords will add these rates increases to rental properties. Which will also have a significant effect on the average wage earners. The purpose of council is to benefit the community not destroy it with unfair rates increases

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Your contact details
Name James Lourie
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? More increases in rates at this time would have a significant detrimental impact on my family. I have not had a pay increase in my job in three years and now due to company restructuring due to COVID I have taken a significant pay cut, making trying to support my family on a single income difficult at best. This is in combination with increases to the cost of living is further squeezing those of us in the lower middle class.
What changes would you make? Make rates means-tested; apply an economic condition on employers in the city that they have to at a minimum increase employee salaries to match inflation; apply a discount for people with a Community Services Card; apply a discount for those of us who have to rely on Working for Families in order to get by. Acknowledge that the property valuations in recent years are based on unsustainable economic peaks in the housing market. Find a method of calculating rates that mitigates such economic anomalies.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Elizabeth Hill

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Did the PNCC consider in depth the impact that a 13.25% increase on rates on the low valued properties would have on those ratepayers when it is very likely that the housing market will not appreciate in value to the same extent as when QV valued the market.

What changes would you make?

I would like the PNCC to look at their expenditure and cut down on the waste of ratepayer funded projects, e.g. planter boxes were installed on Rata Street only to be removed a few months later; yellow poles were installed on the road near the Awapuni shops only to have them either pranged into or sheared off at their bases; and the green paint used for the cycle lanes does not last and is already wearing off on College Street.

Do you have any other feedback?**File uploads**

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Your contact details
Name Julie Keall
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>When the proposed valuations were taken the home values were at there highest due to inflation . The house valuations are completely ridiculous and not worth these amounts. The house valuations have already dropped since your draft annual plan and need to be reassessed already. Yes we understand that everything has gone up due to inflation, but rates have to be affordable or you will create undo hardship to families who are already struggling . Therefore, these should be reassessed to be in line with the drop in values and you should only be spending money on the most necessary items and tightening up on your budget as we all are having to do so as well.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Things will need to be reassessed in your 10 year plan due to rising costs. A priority list will need to be made for the city. Like all of us if it is not affordable we have to reassess and make changes. If it's not affordable don't do it.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>Three waters better off funding - sounds like bribery to me and should not be touched. We the rate payers have paid for the water infrastructure in the city and we do not won't the government taking it from us and would expect the council to prevent that from happening. It is us the ratepayers who own the infrastructure and we pay you the councillors to stand up for the ratepayers of our city and not be walked over. We would expect public consultation on this matter as it our democratic right.</p>
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Name
Glenn Wickins

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Outrageous. I am looking at a 22% increase in rates when I, like many others are moving away from council services. I pay for a private rubbish collection as the cost of rubbish bags (on top of the cost of rubbish trucks included in rates) was more than the private companies. In addition, council has been failing to collect glass recycling lately so how do they justify the increase?

What changes would you make?

Privatise rubbish collection. If companies can do it cheaper, remove it from the rates. Perhaps people can opt out in the meantime?

Do you have any other feedback?

This is a large increase at a time when people are already struggling.

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Name
Michelle McEwen

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Happy to pay for services but you should not be penalising me for having a back yard. Having a back yard does not increase the services required. You should be penalizing those that have huge houses, which then house many more people and do actually require more water, increases rubbish and recycling and waste water. This should not be about property size. Of course if an owner does decide to sub divide, then penalize them. We've lived in our property for 25 years and our use of your services has not increased over that time, in fact we are using less as we constantly make sustainable choices.

What changes would you make?

Base the rates on dwelling size, number of bedrooms, not land size.

Do you have any other feedback?

Stop with the cycle barriers. Make all cyclists wear a high viz vest, a hell of a lot cheaper than your waste of money barriers.

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Name
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Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I believe the increase in rates of 8.3% does not show full consideration of the situation we are in. As you mention several times in the consultation document, the costs of goods and services have gone up - in many cases these increases are unprecedented, especially in the last 6 months. These increases are still increasing and will continue for the next several months or more. You mention everyone is finding it hard and tough, individuals and families etc. There is only so much that people can do to reduce their expenses, use private transport less, only buy essentials, defer purchases, holidays etc - things that people can control. Things that people cannot control like mortgage rates, City rates etc, make it really really hard. For some people I am sure, they cannot cope - and with more increases, more and more people will be in the same situation - each increase will be the last straw for some people. For me and my family, we are above average in terms of our financial situation - me and my wife (part time only) both work we own a house with a medium size mortgage and two children to raise - and we are finding it difficult - we have to reduce the travel we do, defer some non essentials purchases etc, but at the same time see expenses increase like mortgage interests rates. I am sure many many people are in a whole lot worse financial position than us - less income, are renting, have more children etc are finding it really tough. Along with this is the mental health issues that our current situation is giving to more and more people. The cost of these health problems is probably significant. If I owned a business that was struggling to survive, I would pull out all the stops to make it survive, reduce non-essential expenditure, defer capital purchases, reduce operating costs - if I don't do these my business is going to be gone. The city council needs to have this business mindset - people are hurting now. The city council must do everything now to help people in dire need. The city council needs to show real leadership and show real concern by reducing the increase in rates - It needs to bite the bullet - look harder at how the rates increase can be minimised, What capital projects can be deferred - even for 6 months or a year - every dollar less that rate payers have to pay is so important in these unprecedented times it is so crucial to the survival and health of the people of this city.

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What changes would you make?

Reduce the rates increase - have a target of half of what is proposed. This will show leadership, it will show that the city council really cares about the people that have elected them. When things get tough the tough get going. Unprecedented times requires an unprecedented response. The council needs to put themselves in the shoes of the average person in Palmerston North.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Jenna Tomlinson
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? I would like to see a consideration in the rates rise. As a young family who are fortunate to be on a large section we now will have to pay a lot more in rates. With a large mortgage and very middle income, we are already living week to week and this will really hit us hard.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Philip Christensen
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Excessive, an extra \$59 a month for rates in Roslyn. A proposed increase in over \$700 a year. Who do you think can afford your excessive proposed increase in rates? My land is not worth \$500,000 in value. Seems to me like a money making scheme.
What changes would you make? Decreasing land values to what they should be, house prices are dropping now, not going up.
Do you have any other feedback? Be fair to the people of your city, we don't have money trees growing in our back yards.
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Your contact details
Name Maree Brannigan
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? It needs to be more austere so a rates hike is not required to fund it.
What changes would you make? The rates increase across the board is dramatic and material. Increased property values coupled with service fee increases have generated huge % increase - our personal increase is 18% - it is too much and council should figure more appropriate budgeting to reflect the full community economic struggles nearly everyone is suffering due to past two years.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name zara olliver
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>For some I am sure the proposed budget suits however for our household the proposed rates on our property are financially impossible to adhere to. As per the rates outline we are a 2 unit residential of the higher side - we are currently paying \$7700 per annum and are set to move to \$9565 per annum (far greater than the table indicates) which to be honest is a crippling joke. We are a household of middle income with 2 small children and the expectation to pay this exorbitant fee is extremely stressful and impossible. At what point will this already massive cost be capped? We do not run a business out of our premises we are literally just a family trying to survive yet you are considering increasing our rates further to what they already are.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Be realistic. Please look at the MASSIVE jumps our rates have already had and put yourself in our shoes. We cannot keep absorbing these rate increases - what are we getting out of these? We need your help and need this proposed increase stopped.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Name
Malcolm Prince

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

I realise that everyone and every organisation is facing increased costs. And I do appreciate what Palmerston North has to offer its citizens. However by my calculations my proposed rates increase is just shy of 19%. That is outrageous. I wish my income was going up by 19%. What proposals are there for people like me for a more equitable rates rise.?

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Name Malcolm Prince
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 9am to 11am Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? I realise the PNCC is facing increased costs like everyone else but the proposed increase in rates for single unit residential properties like mine are simply outrageous. I am 71, retired, and have lived at XX XXXXXX St for nearly 40 years. I am facing a rates increase of 21.89% and similar properties in XXXXXX St are facing rises in the range of 20 to nearly 25% I see the push for such increases as nothing more than property acquisition by stealth overtime as a way of forcing people out of their properties into something smaller so developers can subdivide these properties. No thought however seems to have been given to the consequences of subdividing sections like mine in light of climate change. Increased stormwater runoff from extra concrete and roofs and less grass, gardens and trees to soak up rainfall will result in increased runoff to the stormwater system. Already in heavy persistent rain the area of XXXX St where I live floods over the footpath on each side of the street because the stormwater system cannot cope. The property market is out of whack with what ordinary people can afford and so is the proposed rates rise for single unit residential properties like mine. A 10% rates rise I could swallow but not 21.89%. For the rise for my property to be kept around 10% the factor used to multiply the land value would need to be 0.00366 not 0.00424. The Council needs to go back to the drawing board and come up with another way of keeping rates rises for properties like mine (and there are hundreds if not thousands in the city) at a more reasonably level.
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Name PATRICIA PENNY
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I will NEVER support a mayor or councilor who supports FREE public transport. I believe, as a rate payer, FREE public transport will have to be paid from somewhere. Where else would it come from but an increase in rates. When I need public transport, I will pay as I go.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Councillors,
Palmerston North,
NEW RATING PALMERSTON NORTH

While I appreciate the need for rate increases I am appalled by the unfair new system and request a review of the massive increases for those with larger sections. I would like to see this abolished so there is a level playing field.

We purchased our property over 42 years ago and one of the reasons that we purchased this house was because the size of the section enabled me to grow my own vegetables which I still do today to help out with my finances. I am now being penalised as my section is over 900 square metres. This area includes my driveway as I am on a back section.

I now find I am being penalised for the size of my section and I am expected to pay a tremendous increase in rates as compared with those with smaller properties. The reason given is that the section can be subdivided. This is ludicrous. I have no intention of subdividing and am expected to pay for any future development and not on present circumstances.

I have been retired for over 31 years and intended to remain here for the rest of my life but large increases which I cannot absorb has made me think about shifting back to my home town of Taihape.

My income is solely from pensions. The consumer price index for the year ending 31st of December was 5.95% so that I will be getting small increases. The new rates however will be taking away more than I am receiving. All I am asking is that my rate increase is not based on potential development but rated the same as everyone else.

Thanking you in anticipation of a fair result,
Claude Hopkinson

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Claude Hopkinson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? While I appreciate the need for rate increases I am appalled by the unfair new system and request a review of the massive increases for those with larger sections. I would like to see this is abolished so that there is a level playing field. We purchased our property over 42 years ago and one of the reasons we purchased this house was because the size of the section enabled me to grow my own vegetables which I still do today to help out with my finances. I am now being penalised as my section is over 900 square metres. This area includes my driveway as I am on a back section. I now find I am being penalised for the size of my section. The reason given is that my section can be subdivided. This is ludicrous. Even if I wanted to subdivide this option is not feasible as my house is situated in the middle of the section. Despite this I am expected to pay for any future development and not on present circumstances. I have been retired for 31 years and intended to remain here for the rest of my life but large increases which I cannot absorb has made me think of shifting back to my home town of Taihape. My income is solely from pensions. The consumer price index for the year ending 31st of December was 5.95% so that I would be getting small increases. The new rates however will be taking away more than I receive and I will continue to struggle. All that I am asking is that my rate increase is not based on potential development but rated the same as everyone else.
What changes would you make? One saving for the council would be to leave the planter boxes as they are. While they are not popular I can see no reason to incur further expense by putting something else in their place. While some road works are beneficial there are some like the Tremaine Avenue - Botanical road roundabout that was a complete waste of time & money and the debacle of the Church road and the square opposite the Plaza sheer stupidity considering the build up of traffic trying to get out of Main Street & I think you should think further about any future changes .
Do you have any other feedback?

From: Submission
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Your contact details
Name Daniel Willson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The increase in annual rates solely based on land values disproportionately affects those whose land values have increased with older properties compared to recent high end builds of significantly higher capital value made up of higher dwelling values rather than land. In my view a fairer allocation of rates would be based on total capital valuation compared to just land value as this more accurately reflects individual ratepayers property wealth rather than just solely land value.
What changes would you make? Rates are assessed on total capital value rather than land value
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name

Paul and Heather Tootell

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

We are very concerned that our rates are going up 37% on the basis that we could, in theory, subdivide our section. 37% for those on fixed incomes, but who happen to have a larger than tiny section, is absolutely punitive. We're not even sure that the infrastructure would cope with major volumes of infill housing. The service from our rates has declined over the past few years - street cleaning and weed spraying seem to have become rare events, despite our street having trees that drop leaves, twigs and branches all year. Council trees that are well past their best by date, blocking council gutters but no responsibility by council to clean up. We need to cut our costs to affordability - the Lido and arena and such are wonderful but we're now paying for having champagne outcomes on a beer income. We need to be real about what we can and can't afford. If you haven't got the money, think carefully about what you're spending on.

What changes would you make?

Stick to the basics - do them well and the standard of living for all will be good. Artworks and paved footpaths are nice to have, really are nice to have, but if we can't afford them and the basics, we should just have the basics.

Do you have any other feedback?

Love our water in PN. Really disappointed at the street lights - how that 'trial' became the norm for the city is beyond us. The lighting in most streets is poor and adds risk to the neighbourhood. The cycleway planter boxes drive us crazy! More cost, greater risk (especially the one by the Warehouse turning from Pioneer towards West st. How many times have we only just missed that one in the car!?!) We appreciate the benefit for cyclists but do wonder about value for money and how much added safety these give. Would like to see traffic islands repainted. These too are easy to miss, especially around dusk. The corner of Katene and Park Road is of particular concern. Please, please, please can we have the trees in our street removed? They add to the poor lighting, lifting footpaths and blocked gutters - maintenance of which adds cost to the council. We'd be happy to have trees if they were appropriate for a residential street. LOVE the 'new'

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bridge and the community it creates, the connections it provides, the reduction of traffic from the main bridge and that it encourages people to get out and about. It is beautiful, purposeful and available. Well done.

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Your contact details

Name
Keith Trembath

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Major cut backs need to be made, yes citizens expect infrastructure to be upgraded but not at this increase. A 20-30% increase for ratepayers is going to cause more stress on families. Homeowners and renters alike will suffer because of these huge increases. Being retired our household lives on a set amount of money. Even with the rates rebate programme the increase will have a huge negative effect on us. You will see crime rise as people are struggling to survive with the cost of living increasing across the board. Things like community arts should be cut back as they are a luxury not a necessity. Stop hiring consultants and outsourcing work that should be done in house. Will the Council be doing another restructure when a new CEO is appointed? The last CEO cost ratepayers an absurd amount of money with all the redundancies. Can we expect this again?

What changes would you make?

Cut back on all areas. We didn't need a 19 million walk bridge. Whanganui did a bridge of similar size for 1 million. Project blow outs needs to be reined in.

Do you have any other feedback?

Reduce the increase it's not manageable for anyone. I would be ok with 5%

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Your contact details
Name Angela Tracey
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I would like to express my support for the city libraries, especially Te Pātikitiki. Also for the Wildbase, victoria esplanade, memorial park and Te Ara Kotahi. I agree that the council should be working strongly towards environmental sustainability and participation from relevant Tangata Whenua in all decision making.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details**Name**

Anna. Regtien

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Hi, I think it is highly unfair that larger sections are being charged so much more in rates even though they only have one dwelling and are not using more services. Our property is almost a quarter acre but is not subdividable because of the shape of the section so we are unable to reduce the size of the section and our rates are set to go up by about \$1000 a year! We are a low income family with two young children and \$1000 a year is a large increase for us to be able to cover.

What changes would you make?

I feel there needs to be changes to how rates are decided for each property. Would it be possible to assess if a property can be subdividable or not so that those which are not can be treated differently?

Do you have any other feedback?

I really appreciate the focus on upgrading our natural spaces and playgrounds. It is really making Palmerston North a great place to live and to get outdoors particular for our children.

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Your contact details
Name Mildred Minot
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I object to the way rates are assessed. It is regressive and unfair to use land value rather than capital value to determine rates. Ignoring the value of the house on the land which is a good measure of its size and the resources it uses is unfair to less well off land owners who have modest houses. It does not seem fair to me that a property with a \$1,000,000 home pays the same rates as one you value at \$30,000. I'm also mystified at how land values are determined in parts of town that have no land for sale. It seems as if an inflated land value is arrived at and then the house value is just capital value minus the land value. Often this is a ridiculously low value. Even though you say rates are going up 8.2%, our rates in Awapuni are going up 10.2%. Then I read that commercial properties have reduced by 3.5%. How can this be fair? It seems to me that using capital value would reduce these inequities and lead to a fairer system of determining rates. If 70% of New Zealand can use this system I see no reason why Palmerston North can't change. Please take this issue to the people and stop putting it in the too hard basket.</p>
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Name Patrick
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? That is very high increased. For example, XX Kingston, under the General, single unit Residential current rate is \$1,397.00. The council is proposing to increase to \$2,226.00. The different is \$829.00 (almost 100 percent increase).
What changes would you make? Moderate increase is acceptable.
Do you have any other feedback? Please do consider our struggling especially now we are not out of the world pandemic yet.
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Your contact details
<p>Name Rosemary Watson</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Honestly, I'm not any sort of expert, so can't make any useful comments there. We all have our own views of what is important to us and what is not when it comes to spending in/for our community. I accept this and acknowledge without complaint the Council expenditure on things that I would not deem important as I/my household don't use or value those facilities. I also accept that the Council has one heck of a job balancing all those issues. It seems important right now though to concentrate, and be seen to be concentrating, on the basics of infrastructure. Do like most of us already are doing and tighten the belt a bit. Leave 'luxuries'/wants for now, and concentrate on needs</p>
<p>What changes would you make? I realise that the basis of the changes is due to new land valuations and the rates currently being based on land value. Surely it is time to consider rates being based on capital value including land and developments, to take account of larger houses (maybe with bigger families) using more resources, not only the basics like water and wastewater (though maybe a 'pan tax' could be considered), but also more of the facilities that the uniform rate covers.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Just to say that I cried when I saw how much my rates would be going up (well over \$500) at a time when our income is about to take a dive, but we will still not be eligible for a rates rebate. I really don't know where the extra money will come from. And that it seems so wrong that, as an example, just because I have 189 m2 more land than my neighbour, my proposed rates increase is over \$400 more than hers. Neither of us have readily subdividable sections (and besides I already use mine extensively to grow our own food to offset rising costs), and neither of us will be changing our usage of rateable facilities drastically enough to warrant that differential.</p>
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Your contact details
Name Dave Martin
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? My thoughts are with these tough times the rates increase should be nil or as low as possible.
What changes would you make? The pay increase you have proposed is excessive, IT should be no more than the CPI. All major projects should be re quoted on and in writing. To many times have we run over budget and people need to be held accountable. Some projects could be put in a ten year plan so we can stay within current budget. Each Councillor could be given the list of projects and rank them and then prioritized from there.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Adam Wallace
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Pretty unhappy about the proposed rates increases. Disparity in increases for people are widely being talked about. My basic 3 bedroom on an average section is rising 14.7% that is insane compared to the apparent 8.3% average. This needs to be looked at in a fair more fair way for the average person when this has been a time of hugely rising cost of living everywhere
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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10th April 2022.

To: The P.Nth City Councillors - Proposed Rates Increases
2022-'23.

For our property (as above) the increase on the 2021-'22 rates = 15.78% INCREASE, (over 2.5 times the Final quarter = ±\$1495-70^c 2021 inflation rate)

Current inflation rate = approx 6%/Annum.

The increase in the NZ net Median Income is going to be nowhere near this 15.78% figure.

Superannuants, (as we are), have received a 5.95% increase, (net after tax), 2.65 times LESS than your proposed rates increase!

Interest rates on fixed term deposit don't even get near the current inflation rate, let alone the exorbitant rates increase proposal of 15.78% - as far as our property is concerned!

This property, due to the layout of the buildings is not subdivisible, so as to reduce the land value, & subsequent rates.

The massive increase of 100% in Quotable Values' land values in September 2021, (which doesn't earn a cent for the country & is wildly "out of kilter" with the average person's income in N.Z), is largely to blame, I believe.

Some property owners will be able to afford these type of increases, WE are not one of them!

You are duty bound to consider all ratepayer income levels, - Low, Average, Fixed, & High, when proposing these rates!

Rates have a compounding feature, ie: their %age increase every year is based on the current rates, which was a %age increase on the previous year! I have NEVER experienced a DECREASE in my rate-paying lifetime! This has to be factored into your decision making process!

It's all very well & good having a 'glib' phrase of "Small City - Big Ambitions," - but EVERYTHING HAS TO BE PAID FOR. REDUCE your CAPITAL EXPENDITURE on the "NICE TO HAVE," rather the "NEED TO HAVE" projects.

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An example of "NICE" but not "NEEDY" capital expenditure is the recent Cuba St upgrade, - hugely expensive, but I've yet to see any extra foot traffic usage of it whenever I've driven on it since completion. Perhaps when "Stackcars," or some sporting event has taken place it may see an increase in foot traffic, then only for a very short time frame.

Where has your collective commonsense gone, when you continually borrow money, knowing that "Economic Cycles", i.e.: interest rates, share markets, growth & recession periods are cyclical, & past borrowings, for whatever necessary or unnecessary reasons, while interest rates are low, will inevitably INCREASE!

You people are supposed to be intelligent, mindful, representative of the people you serve! To those of you who are FOR these types of INCREASES, I believe you need to ask yourselves "What planet have I been living on" for the past 2 years, or for that matter, even NOW!

Get REAL, & realise WE ALL have to live within our means, - as individuals, families, organisations, cities, countries!

The roading infrastructure - particularly the lifting of tar sealed surfaces & timely repairs to this wear & tear damage & pot holes is very evident across the whole city. This, along with all 3 types of water & sewerage matters are CORE responsibilities of any council, anywhere! Focus on these, rather than "NICE TO HAVE" projects that are, & always will be SECONDARY to the ESSENTIALS!

Lastly, Fulton Hogan have proven to be a very poor choice of maintenance contractors for the city's various infrastructure, as their response times to reported issues - breakages, vandalism, etc, in my experience is abysmal. In one instance four phone calls over 6 weeks to refix a roadsign to its pole & still not done, is unacceptable!

I URGE you to reconsider your spending priorities, consider your modest income constituents, & REDUCE your proposed rates increases!

You campaigned for office to run the city in a progressive & affordable manner, - do your job!

Thankyou.

Peter B. Claridge

P.Nth.

P.S. - P.T.O →

The combined rates demand of the P.N.C.C. & "horizons" are the second largest outgoings of money from this household of 2 adults, after Foodstuffs, which is the highest.

We are NOT "high liver", or big spenders, but live pretty much home body, gardener type lives.

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Your contact details
Name Emma
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? Review the cost of rates, with inflation, rising costs it's making it unaffordable for families.
Do you have any other feedback? The "Palmy" branding is terrible. Last time I checked I lived in Palmerston North not Palmy. Had a gym membership at the Lido, cancelled it due to the lack of cleaning and following of the covid rules. The black mould on the ceiling and cockroaches weren't a great look for a council run facility. Nor was the lack of masks.
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Your contact details

Name

Maria Andrewes

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

There are far too many nice to have, but not necessary items in the budget. The City centre transformation has been a complete and utter waste of money. Many people I know all feel the same that if anything it has created a city centre to stay away from because of the traffic flow and parking problems. Trying to get in and out of some of those parks on Cuba Street are shocking, especially if you are in a small car which has a large SUV or similar vehicle parked next to you. You cannot see a cyclist or another vehicle coming until basically you are out in the centre of the road. Angle parking is definitely safer. I have never seen a single person sitting on the street front outside the shops between Main Street and Church Street on the Square since the last development. Plenty sit over the other side of the road within the actual Square itself, but who wants to sit where your lungs would get nothing but a constant stream of pollutants from car exhausts backed up the total length of that piece of road while waiting for the lights to change. I would like to see money spent on the more essential issues in Palmerston North such as fixing the shocking state of a lot of our roads such as Summerhill Drive and Ferguson Street. On Summerhill Drive/Aokautere Drive there needs to be some serious fixes made to the intersections at Old West Road, Ruapehu Drive (both ends) and Pacific Drive. Also it is time another bridge was considered for somewhere in the vicinity of Aokautere as we have seen in the past when there has either been an accident on the Fitzherbert Bridge or very recently when they were doing road works on Summerhill Drive the traffic was banked up back to Aokautere with it taking over 40 minutes to get into town from Pacific Drive. Another major issue is the security of our water supply in Palmerston North. Has any Seismic Testing been actually done on the two dams out at Turitea? Would these actually stand up to an earthquake the same strength as what Kaikoura and Christchurch have had? Also what are the council plans for future growth in water supply. Bores are only an option if there is a sufficient water table to draw from. Something is seriously flawed with your rating calculation when my business will be charged 2.5 times my home rates, but my home's capital value is far greater than my business premises and the land value for my home is \$10K greater than the land value of my business. My business would not be using services such as the library, the Lido and Freyberg pools, nor the sports fields or parks, so why are businesses

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subsidising home owners, especially in a time when most businesses are suffering from a down turn in profits from Covid-19. Not only are we having to pay high rates, but also if we are unlucky enough to have our business in the wrong area we have to pay a targeted rate for a service called Palmy BID, which is absolutely irrelevant to my type of business which is not in retail or hospitality. This should be a voluntary subscription, not a compulsory deduction!

What changes would you make?

Change the rating system so that the rates are based purely on the land value with no adjustment for commercial property apart from additional charges for wastewater if there are more than two toilets on the property and if you are discharging effluent from a manufacturing process. Make Palmerston North a desirable place for businesses to come to.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Ross St George
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? Get rid of the darn dangerous 'planter' boxes (mostly without plants and just become rubbish receptacles!) . An expensive nuisance and hazard to traffic. Green marked cycle lanes sufficient.
Do you have any other feedback?
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From: PNCC@nj.gov
To: PNCC@nj.gov

9th April, 2022-04-09

Dear Councillors,

I have received your pamphlet encouraging PN residents to make a submission concerning their worries about increased Council Rates.

I already pay a very large amount for my rates - \$3,299.25 for the year 2021-22

I am a 73 year old pensioner living alone in a modest home. I apply for the rates rebate scheme every year and am eligible for the \$661.76 rebate. The whole subsidy application process I find stressful and gives me anxiety. Whilst I am grateful to receive this subsidy, it still leaves me with a huge amount to find on my pension.

I know that in other countries, a single occupant is automatically given a quarter reduction on their rates whether they are of pensionable age or not. I am very concerned that increases will leave me in a very difficult financial position.

I wonder why a single low salaried pensioner is expected to pay the same as an earning couple or family of 5/6.

It must take me at least a couple of months to fill a recycle bin and I rarely put out my glass container more than once in 6 months. All these recycling facilities are available at recycling points and I would gladly use them and reduce my council rates.

My use of council facilities is limited and in no way can compare with a family living on the same street.

I would ask your consultation process to consider the plight of single pensioned rate payers and consider ways to alleviate their financial plight.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Gilman

PS

I tried to send my submission by email to – pncc.govt/annualbudget - as directed on your palmy rates pamphlet but the email address was not recognised.

Consequently, I have hand delivered my submission.

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Your contact details
<p>Name James Russell</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 9am to 11am</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Palmerston North City Council is still spending too much of other people's money. Instead of deferring spending and increasing major costs, PNCC should be stopping many activities, slashing spending, and reducing rates for every household in Palmerston North.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? 1 - pay freeze. All central government workers are on a pay freeze, including a substantial number of PNCC ratepayers - NZDF personnel. PNCC is proposing a \$2.03 MILLION increase to the remuneration budget, while ratepayers like me have not had a pay rise in several years. 2 - land use restrictions remain. PNCC continues to artificially inflate the cost of housing through restrictive measures about where housing can be built. Remove all restrictions - let Palmy grow both up and out. Watch the price of houses fall as artificial city limits are abolished. There is no shortage of farmland around NZ. There is a shortage of housing land around Palmerston North. 3 - send a bill to or seek reimbursement from the councillors who spent more than \$30,000 of ratepayers money on the illegal and immoral decision to ban 'stand up for women' from using council facilities 4 - cancel the more than \$100K funding to 'community relief efforts post COVID 19' - this is not core council business, and who is PNCC to decide which communities were adversely and sufficiently affected by COVID-19 restrictions thus deserving of my money through no volition of my own? Absolutely no detail has been given on this point other than "to support for one more year community groups affected by COVID restrictions." 5 - slash the urban design budget. Remove all planning restrictions and let the city develop by itself. 6 - cancel the 'active transport behaviour change programme' - it is not council business to change ratepayers' behaviour. Provide the infrastructure and we'll use it, don't waste money trying to convince us. Saving of \$102,000 this financial year. (Or that amount could be spent on cycleways without advertising them?) 7 - cancel support to recreation groups. Not council business - PNCC provides the infrastructure for recreation to occur, but has no core business of directly funding recreation groups. \$1.026 million to be saved this financial year. 8 - cancel the funding for supporting arts, culture and heritage groups. Not core council business, \$2.226 million to be saved. 9 - cancel the heritage advisory panel at a cost of \$135,000 which wasn't in the 10 year plan to begin with. 10 - cancel all city shaping operational funding (placemaking project, 'Palmy unleashed' etc) to save \$392,000 11 - cease all funding towards 'three waters public education', saving \$41,000. If Central Govt want to make this change, they can fund the education about it. All up, my proposed changes would save about \$6.1 Million of ratepayers money, about 3.7% of all current forecast council expenses. In addition, scrapping land use restrictions would lower the cost of housing in Palmerston North, further easing the pain for residents.</p>

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Do you have any other feedback?

Three Waters is increasingly sounding like a terrible idea, and I'd like PNCC to begin to oppose it. The case for change has not been made, and it is just going to be incredibly disruptive and costly. The race-based governance structure is corrosive to a more harmonious NZ society.

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Your contact details
Name Deniz Gultekin
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Not too great. Just fine.
What changes would you make? More rubbish bins around palmy, easier recycling, make a group that collects trash from the streets. Also we should remove the basket ball hoops from the square and we should move them
Do you have any other feedback? There has been some good change but we desperately need to clean the streets and remove basketball hoops.
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Your contact details

Name
Timothy Gowan

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The Streets for People projects should be put on hold as it, in my opinion does not need doing. Council needs to live within their means like a lot of lower and even middle income earners have to do. Why, just because property values go up do the rates need to go up? What is the cause and effect? Some of the things in the budget are over the top expensive, like the new audio visual equipment proposed for the council chambers. It seems to be that councils get ripped off and are charged higher rates because the rate payers will pay for it. This has to stop for council to be more sustainable.

What changes would you make?

Doing better budgeting so projects do not go over quoted or budgeted prices would be a good start. eg roundabout at Pencarrow /Monrad intersection. Only doing essential work/projects and of course not neglecting maintenance. Not pandering to groups wanting to make a statement and getting council funding. Not doing any upgrading on facilities like offices (and things such as furniture) that are still in good condition just because a new person is going into that space and say have a whim to change things that don't need changing.

Do you have any other feedback?

With all the infill houses being built and new subdivisions going in, plus more dwellings going onto empty sections where houses have either been demolished or removed means there are more rates revenue off those properties. To me the council are raking it in, not to mention the high fees rate payers have to pay to get council to rubber stamp building and other infra-structure consents on their land. It is despicable to see the council with such a high debt and why it has been allowed to grow as such to that figure over the years. Surely debt should be paid off before stupid projects such as the sand boxes on Pioneer Highway being implemented which only cause problems for both cyclists and motorists.

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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Karen Allan
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I would like some justification, past the pontification of RV increases over which I have no control, of why my rates are increasing by 18% when more affluent areas of town are decreasing between 16-24% from what I can ascertain. This equates to a 34-42% differentiation. I assume my regional rates will also increase. My wages however have not increased and I am a single income household with a sizeable mortgage. I cannot capitalise on the uncontrollable increase in my RV as I would then be homeless, however if the charges against my property continue to raise in this manner it will have the same effect. I would appreciate council reconsidering these absorbent rates differentials and reconsider some of the way the rates income is spent whilst we are still trying to recover from what has been a significantly difficult two years.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Mr Christopher Whaiapu

Organisation
Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
It's very clear and understood.

What changes would you make?
New line budget request, for new River Ranger service to be considered and included under the River Framework, and Te Motu o Poutoa Management Plan.

Do you have any other feedback?
River Rangers Proposal

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Ngāti Hineaute Hapu Authority: Proposal for Rangitāne River Rangers along the Manawatū Awa

Introduction

This short form proposal has been provided to propose the idea of the **Rangitane River Rangers**, to act as river ambassadors and historical narrators along the awa. The roles would also help manage the increasing use and popularity of the river park walkways, and further promote increased enjoyment of Rangitāne cultural sites of significance, and interest in our cultural history, across the Palmerston North City Council River Park and reserves and Rangitāne Wahi Tupuna sites from Te Apiti (the gorge) to Marae-Tarata on the Western side of the river, and from Te Motu o Poutoa (Anzac Park) to Linton (along the He Ara Kotahi shared pathway).

Background

Rangitāne worked together with the Parks Team on the development and improvement of Rangitāne sites of significance along the Awa. So far we have partnered on the following:

- The Turitea Pa site
- Ahimate Reserve
- Tini Whetu ki te Rangi
- Victoria Esplanade River Entrance
- Albert Street River Entrance
- Urban Eels
- Marae Tarata
- Te Arapiki a Tāne – Stairways
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Rangers would help to provide greater recognition of Iwi, restore and rehabilitate the mauri of the sites, and promote the significance of these areas to Rangitāne. The success of our partnership and program has seen an increase and return from both Iwi and residents, as well as visitors to the river space once again.

Other conversations have been held with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) to promote the City as a campervan friendly City also.

A number of organisations including, Palmerston North City Council, the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the NZMCA worked together to establish their desires for visiting the City of Palmerston North. Of particular interest to Hineaute with this proposal, Campervan users want:

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- Sites that are relatively central to the City but “out-of-the-way”.
- Sites that have well developed recreation opportunities
- Sites that are dog-friendly
- Sites that are close to the river and have swimming spots associated with them
- Sites that are aesthetically pleasing and accessible

Four sites in particular were identified as highly desirable to campervan users. They are:

- Marae Tarata
- Ahimate Reserve
- Riverside Drive

Both Ahimate Reserve and Marae Tarata have resource consents to allow campervan users at both of these sites.

Rangitāne, over the past 3 – 5 years, worked with the Parks and Reserves team, and the Horizons team to re-activate areas to host cultural festivals and celebrations as well – in an effort to also bring more awareness to the river park and the work that has been undertaken.

- Koanga Spring Bonfire 2018,2019,2020
- Okoro Matariki Festival 2020
- River Festival (Horizons) 2019,2020

Rangitāne River Rangers

The idea of the Rangitāne River Rangers is considered the same from a Kaitakitanga, steward perspective, to also include;

The additional potential of the Rangitāne Rangers is to:

- Act as Kaitiaki along the river space (Kaitiaki Awa)
- River guides
- Historical guides
- Education guides

Location and Management

Two River Rangers are being considered as part of this program and would be stationed within the river park, at the new development buildings at Te Motu O Poutoa.

Rangitāne would like to propose that the two Rangitāne River Rangers be considered during the development of a Reserve Management Plan for Te Motu O Poutoa – which will occur once the Te Motu O Poutoa Development Plan has been adopted.

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Your contact details
Name Diana Raleigh
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I believe that the rates increase for single unit residential properties is too high. For example, the rates on my property (XXX XXX Avenue, Ashhurst) will increase from \$2442 to \$3085; this is a 26% increase. Although my section is a generous size at 1338 sq metres, it is NOT sub-dividable as the back half of the section has a width of only 12 metres ("dog leg" shape). PNCC promotes sustainability. Sustainability is a concept that includes economic, social and environmental strands. Taking my property as an example, I have tried to be environmentally sustainable and utilise the narrow "dog leg" part of my section in an eco-friendly way with fruit trees, vege garden (organically grown) and free range chickens. The produce from the property is then shared with the community via the Ashhurst 'Sharing Shelf.' The proposed rates increase will obviously mean that I have less disposable income to spend on improving my immediate environment (garden and orchard), i.e. environmental sustainability will be affected. I have not had a pay increase this year, and my mortgage payments have increased by \$100 per week due to interest rate rises. The proposed rates increase will add an extra \$643 to my rates bill. This is contributing to a decline in economic sustainability of my finances. Finally, if I am forced to sell my property (due to rising costs) and resume renting, that would not be socially beneficial. If this situation is multiplied across Palmerston North, then the proposed rates will actually lead to a decline in holistic sustainability of environments (less resources to improve private property), household and community economies and Palmerston North society. Surely there is a better way forward.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>I propose that the rating factor on single unit residential properties be lowered from 0.00424 to 0.00350.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details

Name
Angela Oliver

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Having only recently arrived in Palmerston North, it will take me some time to come to grips with all the various aspects of the Council's goals. However, generally, the budget seems fair and balanced. With one huge exception. I understand that the council is not funding Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support, despite the fact that it is the one organisation that can help the Council achieve many of its objectives, in particular "A Connected and Safe Community". Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support has 20,000+ members, which is approximately 23% of the Palmerston North population. Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support reaches 7,376 households (from the PNNS website), which is again 23% of the total households (from the PNCC website). However, an important point is that 37% of the Palmerston North population are not ratepayers (they do not own the dwelling they live in, from Stats NZ) and therefore the Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support has a much wider reach than the PNCC database. This is important at times of Natural Disasters, estimated as High risk in your documentation. I also notice that one of council's performance factors is to 'achieve a positive city reputation'. I would say that is being particularly difficult to achieve in view of the seemingly high instances of crime, particularly vandalism, intimidation and theft. By supporting Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support, you are supporting community help in stamping this out. Neighbourhood Support's closest partner is the Police. Money is being spent on the central city (ambassadors etc) but a wider approach is needed, in partnership with Neighbourhood Support. I cannot believe that the council has omitted Neighbourhood Support in its funding.

What changes would you make?

Provide \$20,000 p.a. for 3 years to Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support. It is a very small amount to ask for the huge work that they achieve.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
<p>Name Tony Passman</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? The proposed budget faces up to particularly difficult realities. These realities are significant and have unfortunately compounded. They are imposed on the Council's planning and cannot be avoided. In view of this I believe the Council has done well to contain its thinking to a proposed revenue increase of 8.3%.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? As indicated above I can see little value in debating the necessity for the proposed revenue increase. There is nothing I can see that would reduce the income demand without sacrificing the things that make Palmerston north such a livable place. The crucial disagreement I have is with the apportionment of cost increases onto rates increases which are grossly unfair, unbalanced and defy common sense. I ask that the principles of common sense and fairness be adopted in the setting of rates.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? In Seaton Court there are four properties looking at rates increases of 19 to 20%. Their land valuations have gone up by 101 to 105%. In the same street there are eight properties that are looking at rates decreases of 6%. Their land valuations have gone up by 45 to 62%. Common sense and the principle of fairness would insist that all increased land valuations should accept their fair share of the cost increases faced by Council. There is no reasonable justification for one group of ratepayers having to subsidize another group when both groups have attracted substantial increases in land valuations. The situation reflected in the proposed rates is entirely a function of warped arithmetic. It is also influenced by speculative thinking. QV's valuations speculate that larger properties would be subdivided. This speculation has overridden any sense of fair apportionment of rates. QV's valuations are derived from simplistic desk based assessments. In the case of Seaton Court the four properties bearing the 19 to 20% proposed rates increases are significantly affected by the Flood Zoning. All the garden at x Seaton Court is in this red zone. Building in this flood zone is a presumption embedded in the land valuation. This is clearly invalid.</p>
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Subject: FW: PROPOSED RATES

From: Leonie Hapeta <>
Sent: Sunday, 17 April 2022 5:49 pm
To:
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED RATES

Hi Tony
Thanks for the email
You make some very relevant and valid points
I've copied two staff members from Council so that your email can be included as a submission to the annual plan
Thanks again Tony
Kind regards
Cr Leonie Hapeta

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From: >
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 5:42 PM
To: Leonie Hapeta <Leonie.Hapeta@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: PROPOSED RATES

Dear Leonie

I am a bit alarmed by the figures worked out for the 2022/23 rates.

The proposed rates in our street, **Seaton Court**, reveal an oddity.

Four properties with Land Value rises of **101 to 105%** have proposed rates **increases** of **19 to 20%**.

Eight properties with Land value rises of **45 to 62%** have proposed rates **reductions** of **-6 to only 1%**.

Has Council policy on the basis of raising rates changed?

Is it the intent to penalise houses with gardens?

Why are all ratepayers not asked to make at least some equitable contribution to the rising costs facing PNCC?

I do appreciate that Council is faced with stiff cost challenges outside its control.

However I do believe strongly in fairness. All who benefit from Council services need to contribute something.

Can you consider this when it comes to reviewing the rates that will be applied for 2022/23?

Thank you.

Regards

Tony Passman

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
<p>Name Paul Perry</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 9am to 11am Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am Fri 13 May 9am to 11am</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed budget. I begin by stating the obvious, which I hope is in the mind of all councilors. Once again, as in most years, the proposed rate rise (8.3%) is greater than the rate of inflation (5.9% for 2021, with predictions in the 7% range for 2022). Can most people expect their ability to pay (their incomes) to increase as much as their rates? The proposed increase comes on top of a period of high inflation in NZ and the world, largely due to external conditions, to say nothing of the challenges that many businesses (and hence employees) have faced staying afloat over the past several years of covid. I appreciate that the PNCC is also subject to such inflationary pressures, and I appreciate that they have taken some steps to blunt (but by no means eliminate) the large increases. A further concern is the Three Waters reforms. While the Central Government seems determined to continue on course with the Three Waters reforms, there is much opposition. If 3 Waters is stopped, or diminished, will PNCC need to go back to its Nature Calls proposals? These proposals entailed considerable costs for ratepayers (which would be on top of the large increases proposed for this year). Complicating the picture are the absolutely massive increases in property values that have occurred in recent years, reflected in last year's revaluations. A big part of the problem here is the uneven way the revaluations manifest themselves. For many property owners (including myself) that has meant that most or all of the increase in value has come in the valuation of the land. For example, on my valuation, 96.4% of the capital value is in the land, even though the house itself is insured for a rebuild at around \$600,000. This would not be a problem if rating was based on capital value (as I understand is the case for about 70% of local councils in NZ), but because PNCC continues to use land value this creates large inequalities and unfairness for some ratepayers. The council acknowledges that this is the case for people with sections large enough to be subdivided. A careful examination of properties also reveals that older houses, relative to newer ones, are also disadvantaged in terms of the ratio of land value to capital value on a property.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? By not increasing the total sum of fixed charges, but reducing it slightly overall, the magnitude of total rates increases have been blunted, somewhat. However, what needs to occur is a move to Capital Value rating, in line with most NZ Councils. Simple justice and fairness demands this. I cannot understand why the PNCC has not yet made this change. We have been promised a rates review for a good number of</p>

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years now (at least 5 or 6 years, I believe), but it keeps getting postponed. What is the problem?? Where is the sense of fairness that New Zealander's are so noted for?

Do you have any other feedback?

Clearly, PNCC and other local councils are heavily dependent on rates for income. It seems obvious that local government needs a broader revenue base. There are many interesting ideas floating out there. I urge PNCC to proactive in lobbying for change. This might make the annual rates increase exercise far less contentious.

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Your contact details
Name David Osborne
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I object to the rates increase.
What changes would you make? I would like a rumble strip installed outside my house because of widespread flouting of the speed limit at this point in the road. This would be 1.5 meters wide be made of river stones and in concrete. There is a similar one in the next street. I would be happy to pay for it.
Do you have any other feedback? Yes, my income last year was 21k gross. It is fixed. Some weeks in the past year I have to rely on a large sack of rice as my only food, but I live in a million dollar home on a 657 m section. I don't want to move. The extra \$437 rates increase will just take even more joy out of my life.
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From: Fiona McNair
Sent: Sunday, 17 April 2022 7:47
To: Submission
Subject: Rates increase

I am 100% against a rates increase. I would rather see several projects reduced than see rates increased. Poverty is real in Palmerston North, many households are struggling to pay the current rates bill and cannot afford an increase.

Please reconsider the amount you plan to increase rates.

Nga mihi

Fiona McNair

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details
Name Richard Greaney
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Please see attached submission
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Richard Greaney

Palmerston North 4412

Re: 2022/23 Annual Budget Consultation

Dear sir/madam

I recently received a leaflet from you that made me aware of the proposed changes to rates in 2022/2023. I wish to give my thoughts on these changes.

The leaflet begins by telling a story of rising prices affecting PNCC, work being delayed, higher interest rates, increased energy prices, and supply chain issues. It explains how you have attempted to contain costs as best you can but can no longer continue with the current, yet annually increasing income you receive from ratepayers, and need to raise 8.3 per cent more income to remain viable.

That being the case, it seems appropriate to name this submission 'where is the money supposed to come from?' as it describes the fiscal situation you find yourselves in.

Trends in Palmerston North Rates 2016-2022

Below is a breakdown of the rates I have been paying on my property since 2016. I have lived here since 2006, but my records do not go back that far.

Year	Annual Rates (approx)	Change from previous year	Change in CPI from previous year	Difference
2016	\$ 2,040			
2017	\$ 2,124	+4%	+1.8%	+2.3%
2018	\$ 2,208	+4%	+1.6%	+2.4%
2019	\$ 2,528	+14%	+1.6%	+12.9%
2020	\$ 2,616	+3%	+1.7%	+1.8%
2021	\$ 2,528	-3%	+3.9%	-7.3%
2022	\$ 2,728	+8%		
2023 (proposed)	\$ 3,466	+27%		

The first thing you will note is that, in every case except 2021, rates have increased. Price increases are a part of daily life, however, you will note that my annual rates increase has exceeded the annual CPI increase in all cases except 2021. It is noted that PNCC chose to defer a proposed rates increase due to the inevitable hardship the entire country faced during the societal restrictions of 2020, and this is reflected in the above data.

However, it does illustrate that PNCC appear to have been increasing rates more than cost of living increases for some time. Essentially, every time this happens, homeowners sacrifice a small amount of opportunity so you can do something more with their money.

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Household income and expenses

In the leaflet, you described PNCC’s fiscal challenges due to increasing costs. Since the beginning of 2022, I too have experienced increases in the cost of food, power, fuel, insurance (vehicle, home, contents, health, life), mortgage rates and vehicle maintenance. Unlike PNCC, I have no choice but to fund this with a negative increase in income.

Year	Change in income from previous year
2016	
2017	+3%
2018	+1%
2019	+4%
2020	+2%
2021	+0%
2022	-16%

Except for 2021 (where my income did not change), my household income increase is always less than the annual rates increase, as a percentage.

You will also note I have had no increase in income in 2021, and am facing a significant reduction in 2022. In essence, this means the percentage of my household income that is used to pay rates to you has nearly doubled since 2016. Where is the money supposed to come from?

You started your leaflet by acknowledging a very real fact – that prices have been increasing for most things we do. This happens because everyone passes on cost increases to the next person. This trickles down to the customer, which is always where it stops. The customer’s only avenue is to seek a pay rise from their employer, but realistically, they will likely say that they cannot afford it due to rising costs.

My chart above illustrates the reality as a homeowner and ratepayer in 2022. Your costs have increased. So have mine. You’re asking me for more money. Where is the money supposed to come from?

Fairness of current rates system

Regarding the proposed rates increase in 2022/2023, what you are proposing is absolutely sickening. My rates in 2021/22 are \$2727.75 and in 22/23 are proposed to increase to \$3466.60. I realise that, while the average increase will be 8.3 per cent there will be some whose rates increase by more than this. However, if the average is 8.3 per cent and I’m paying a whopping 27 per cent more, there must be a lot paying considerably less.

I understand there are some whose rates are proposed to increase by more than \$1000. This is disgusting and something PNCC should be ashamed of.

I’m also aware that rates values increase depending on land value increases. My land value has increased significantly since 2016. My land is worth more money on paper, but my financial situation does not change one bit as a result. Having a property valued more than it was two years ago does not mean the bank reduce my mortgage payments or my insurance premiums drop. It means nothing changes. It doesn’t mean I have acquired an additional \$738.85 per annum as you appear to

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assume I must have. Even if I were to sell my house, I would need to purchase another house at today's crazy market rates, so the 'potential sale value' is a moot argument.

My land value has increased on paper, yet nothing tangible has changed for me. But for some reason, I will potentially be charged over \$700 more per year, and receive no additional value in return. I don't receive better quality service from PNCC than anyone paying less of an increase. I just get the honour of knowing I'm contributing to the bottomless pit where rates money goes, without even so much as a thank you letter or receipt from PNCC. This seems like a very one-sided equation at best, and borders on theft at worst.

For some reason, PNCC deem land value to be the sole determinant of people's wealth. I find it somewhat contradictory how you acknowledge the reality (reminding people that those experiencing real financial hardship can request a rates subsidy) while playing the pretend game that on-paper land value increases mean people have more money to pay you.

You say that this is a fair system for determining rate liability. It is not.

A fair system would be one based on actual, not theoretical wealth, or ideally, based on actual consumption of services from PNCC. It might assess people's liability using factors like total household income or number of occupants per household.

I realise what I am implying here is that tenants would pay rates as well as homeowners. Why shouldn't they? They utilize the same services as homeowners do. Why does the size of someone's section have anything to do with how much PNCC resource they consume?

Lack of consideration, guidance and resources from PNCC regarding subdivisions of sections

You say 'Properties with the largest percentage increase are those with large sections that are capable of subdivision.'. This is, I believe, a throwaway comment made in attempt to shift blame away from the rates liability formula and toward landowners. I say this for two reasons:

1. PNCC has, to my knowledge, done absolutely nothing to encourage homeowners to subdivide apart from wishing for more houses in the city in the 10-year plan.
2. Just because a section happens to be 'large' does not mean it is easily subdivided. Many large sections in the city have large houses or buildings right in the middle of them, which would need to be completely demolished before the section's subdivision capability could ever be realised.

Owners of so-called 'large sections' are ordinary people trying to live. You are essentially punishing them for choosing not to demolish their house and subdivide entirely at their own expense. This is not something I believe PNCC would do on purpose, hence why I believe the real reason for the disproportionate rates rise is an extremely flawed rating system accentuated by unrealistic rises in property value recently.

If you want to increase money, then just apply a uniform rates increase across the entire city. If you want to encourage subdivision, then think it through.

For those whose sections are perhaps more suited to subdivision, where are the subdivision Q&A evenings and seminars? Where are the waivers of resource consent fees for such developments? What about access to free consultations on the most effective way to achieve it?

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If you want the outcome, you must put the effort in. This is not something people are going to just do because you hope they will.

I, and many homeowners living on 'large sections', purchased their house for the simple reason of living in it. I appreciate that PNCC has a strong focus on town planning and urban development as part of its role in the city, but I am just someone living in a house he happens to own. I have no aspirations of moonlighting as a property developer. I have a day job already. Co-ordinating a subdivision and new build is beyond my current resources. I would need assistance. A lot of it.

I bought my house in 2006 and nobody had any problem with the size of the section back then. If you have now decided my section is too large, then come and talk to me and let's discuss what support I and others in the same situation I am in will receive from PNCC to help make subdivision a reality.

I would imagine there is a significant number of people living in the city who wouldn't mind having a smaller section to maintain, but like me, lack the resources to make it happen. We are hardworking professionals who happen to live in a house. We didn't buy homes because we needed more property development in our lives. But you need us on your side. If you sting your allies with a ludicrous rates increase and hope they will do it off their own back, you will lose their support.

If you want to encourage subdivision among owners of large sections, the worst thing you can do is significantly reduce the amount of cashflow they have available to make it happen.

Current Land Values

PNCC rates appear to have been set based on land values at the time of valuations in 2021. It is well-known today that houses are no longer selling for the figures in valuations, but are selling for less. It is unfair to take an uncharacteristically high peak in property and land values and use these as a basis for determining individual rates liabilities.

Exceptional Economic Circumstances

You say that residential land values have increased more than business land values have, so as a result homeowners will pay a greater share of the total rates than before, adding "There is very little we can do to change this". I disagree. You can tighten your belt, just like you're effectively telling us all we must do. Or... you could apply a blanket increase of 8.3% to rates on all properties in the city, no exceptions.

These are exceptional times we live in currently. The challenges Palmerston North homeowners faced in 2020 have not gone away, yet the amnesty on rates increases is but a distant memory. To act as though 2020 was the toughest year we faced makes a mockery of the current financial challenges New Zealanders face when it comes to making ends meet.

2020 saw central government provide a wage subsidy to eligible citizens. The economy was in a relatively buoyant position, food and fuel prices were nowhere near current levels, and interest rates were at an all-time low. Two years later, residents are feeling the financial impacts of many global events and receiving no economic relief from anyone. PNCC also has no room for sympathy and is vying to become one of the biggest contributors to increased economic hardship for many families.

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It should also be noted that, since this time, PNCC has expended funds on meaningless endeavours, such as rebranding of the entire council, repainting rubbish trucks, and purchasing unnecessary ornaments in the city. If you want to use rising costs as an excuse for increasing rates, at least stop doing pointless things that offer zero benefit to the city.

I urge you to reconsider the way you are structuring the proposed increase. What you are proposing is a significant increase to the cost I and may others would need to pay - \$739 over the year, or an additional \$28.42 per fortnight, more for others. This is unreasonable and I cannot afford it.

In a year when my income has dropped, where is that money supposed to come from? It will mean I will have to make sacrifices. It's not fair, particularly when PNCC have historically been increasing rates well above CPI increases.

Although my income is far greater than the threshold for the rates subsidy, suppose for a minute that it wasn't. Suppose I was made redundant tomorrow and was granted the full government rates subsidy of \$665. I would still be paying PNCC more in 2022/23 even with this subsidy than I am currently.

You need to rethink how you will tackle this problem.

Yours faithfully

Richard Greaney

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Brendon McNabb
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think if it was realistically 8.3% I would not comment. The public looking at your consultation document will be well led astray. They will think their rates will go down. In fact the rates increase for the majority will be closer to 13-15%. I would expect better from this Council.
What changes would you make? Flat rate increase of 8.3%. Concentrate on the core services only for this rating period and possibly the next dependent on how the economy recovers after Covid. The Coty will manage without the extras and beatification projects in the medium term. Core services only please.
Do you have any other feedback? The Facebook comments should be taken into consideration as well as many are relevant and would probably give an accurate picture of how the ratepayers feel about the increase. I am sure if they looked up their new ratings before commenting the posts would probably be even more angry.
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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name John Mullinger
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I abhor land based rating. It is unproportional to the amount of services used and the ability to pay.
What changes would you make? A rating system based on the number of people living in a house would be by much fairer than land based rating. Even capital based rating would be fairer.
Do you have any other feedback?
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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details

Name
 Aaron Fox

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Since we are living in straitened times, I consider that a budget which proposes delivering the same levels of council service with some minor improvements is profligate. I see no evident of attempts at cost savings in this document. Instead, attempting a business as usual approach will not only increase the rates burden on the community for no appreciable benefit (more services for more rates, or less services for less rates), but the temptation exists for the council to look for cost transfers - such as industrial or roading developments undertaken by third parties. Some hard decisions need to be made now, as year two of the Long Term Plan simply cannot not match the new reality. I object to the reduction of the discount offered to rural and semi-rural properties, since this discount already reflects the minimal services which the council delivers outside of the city. The UAGC as it was represented an unfair cross-subsidy by rural and semi-served households of city dwellers, who benefit most from the services which the council offers. A reduction in the UAGC does not represent a reduction in services for those in semi-rural and rural areas of the city. My abiding concern is that the council is presenting a 'balanced budget' on the basis of a greater than anticipated annual increase in rates. What happens next year? And beyond that, when the auditors of the long term plan in 2021 gave an adverse opinion on the plan after 2023?

What changes would you make?

Please take a very hard look at what the council offers today. There are some difficult conversations to be had with respect to non-core services. Money allocated to, for instance, economic development, city shaping, city growth, heritage or eco-city could be reduced or halted for the next year or more. As an example, is it true that the budgeted income from 'economic development' is \$126,000, and the expense is \$2,345,000? That the conference centre costs twice as much as it earns? That city marketing will bring in \$100,000 at a cost of \$590,000? And that international relations and economic events will just cost the city \$666,000? I refuse to pay increased rates to subsidise this sort of behaviour. Delay the PNITI spending - there is no government funding allocated in the foreseeable future to justify this project. I find it hard to support \$51,000 of public sculptures trust funding. Or between \$2 and \$4 million on city shaping, when this is restricted to a small area of the centre city. Look at those assets which could be sweated. At least the budgeted expenditure for military commemorative events will be less for 2022 with the Covid19 restrictions on Anzac Day events. Consider what a lean and efficient council operation could look like. Consider other ways to achieve some of the council's aspirations - asset-based community development and sponsorship for place-making initiatives, for instance. Reconsider the city-centre transformation and the proposed cultural and civic masterplan. Are these really necessary, right now? If people can't afford rates increases, can they afford to come to town for retail and recreation? Please take a fresh look at the definition of the city - stop, for instance, talking about improving traffic flows by

moving heavy vehicles out of the city. The last time I looked, our rural communities where the heavy transport will reappear are nevertheless within the city boundaries. We are all part of the city. Slash the \$200K for growth planning. Mention, for instance, of growth in the North-East Industrial Zone is redundant - the council has, after all, partnered with KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi on developing an intermodal freight hub on, around and beyond the NEIZ extension. Should this proposal proceed, there is no more NEIZ or NEIZ extension to be developed. Extending industrial development beyond the old NEIZ is quite another District Plan debate, and the community's acquiescence should not be taken for granted. Don't budget for this until the proposal for a brand new NEIZ area has been consulted upon and approved.

Do you have any other feedback?

Take a long and hard look at rates based on current land valuations, when the predictions are that property values may stagnate if not drop outside of the main centres. Equally, be careful with the predicted growth for the city when inflation, an economic downturn and shortages of staff and materials may act together to choke further development. The comments about growth in respect of contractor availability consider shortages in a time of growth, but do not contemplate retrenchment in a time of inflation. Revisit and challenge the assumptions which underpinned the Long Term Plan - indeed, why was this not done before annual budget was released for consultation? For example, those assumptions which are discussed in relation to Covid 19 now seem aspirational rather than pragmatic. Instead, accept the risk that inflation may exceed council income - this is the reality of the current economic climate - and plan for it. Do not hope to borrow our way out of it. Make some of the harder calls now. Business as usual is already no longer an option. The council's leadership right now will help determine how the city survives the predicted economic turbulence. The decisions made today will equally help determine how the city will recover and grow thereafter. As an aside, I certainly appreciate the timings of some of the hearings sessions to enable submitters to present outside of working hours. I think that the council could go one further - hold sessions out in the community, and on weekends. A couple of points from the supporting information: Just what is '2139 - Delivering Residential and Industrial Growth Planning' all about please - \$200,000 to ensure that 'Resources are available to advance District Plan Change proposals through the RMA process in a timely manner'? What changes, and why should they be timely? District Plan Changes, aside from KiwiRail's proposed requirement, should take as much time as community consultation requires. What is '210-Urban Growth - NEIZ - Wastewater' and a 'greater NEIZ programme which will be under contract prior to end of 2021/22 with construction to commence in early 2022/23'? I find that the consultation documentation and supporting information do not give me the confidence that the council is realistic in its assumptions and forecasts. This in turn does not convince me that the proposed rates rise is justified, and that the business as usual approach adopted in these documents is not not valid. I recall that the council's long term plan received an adverse opinion from the auditors in 2021. This adverse opinion was based upon the fact that the long term plan is not financially viable beyond 2023. By 2024 and 2025 the council is in danger of breaching its own borrowing rules. None of this doubt is evident in the annual budget documentation, none of the caution which should be present in the documents with respect to excess expenditure, rating or borrowing is present. An excessive rates rise in a predicted year of a balanced council budget is bad enough. What happens in the coming years when the limitations, uncertainties and errors in what Mayor Smith admitted in 2021 was a 'Claytons' long term plan become painfully obvious? Much of the council documentation which arrives in our letterbox tells us how well the council is performing. Please show us how you can do better, without bleeding us dry. My tone may appear frustrated or aggrieved at points, but this is merely an expression of my abiding concern for the financial future of the city. Please deliver us a budget which we can all afford, comprises which we can understand and accept, and activities and initiatives which can be justified today and into the unpredictable future. Councillors, I don't envy you your task.

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Cancer Society Manawatu Submission to Palmerston North City Council Proposed Cloverlea Park Development and Proposed Annual Budget 2022/23

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ABOUT THOSE MAKING THIS SUBMISSION:

Cancer Society Manawatu is a non-profit organisation which is committed to reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in the Midcentral District Health Board region of Manawatu, Horowhenua, Tararua and Palmerston North.

We work with our communities to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer through prevention, raising awareness of the need for early detection and providing support. One of the aims of Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre (CSNZ Manawatu) is to reduce the rate of cancers in the Manawatu region caused by harmful exposure to ultra-violet radiation (UVR) and harmful exposure to smoking, both active and second-hand exposure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cancer Society acknowledges Palmerston North City Council for the essential role Council plays in the health and wellbeing of our community.

The Cancer Society of New Zealand works to raise awareness about the ongoing harms caused by smoking and over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). We are one organisation in a complex environment where we need the support of Council, schools, workplaces, community and health care organisations to achieve our goal of improved health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. It is only by working together, using a health impact lens on our decision-making, that we can hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by smoking and over-exposure to UVR in our community and our country.

This Cancer Society submission focuses on:

- Acknowledgement of the need for funding for shade and ongoing smokefree education being recognised and included in the Draft Annual Budget
- Acknowledgement of the Parks and Reserves team: Council staff are to be acknowledged for the shade audit report of our community parks and reserves that has recently been completed and is being presented to the next Play, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting
- Acknowledgement of the commitment made to planning of play spaces in the higher deprivation areas of our community eg Awapuni Park, Savage Crescent, Cloverlea Park, and the need for funding to be allocated in the Council budget to ensure that shade is an essential part of this development.
- Cancer Society recommendations for Cloverlea Park Development include:
 - The use of relevant Smokefree & Vapefree Environment, Sun Protection and Play policies to guide this process.
 - A plastic-free natural and accessible play space based on play spaces that express and provide for Rangitāne and Pasifika cultural needs
 - Challenging and interesting adventure play equipment
 - Shade over spectator areas, shade over all play areas especially toddler play area, and spectator/caregiver area
 - The use of existing trees for shade, future planning of shade is included
 - Drink bottle refill stations.
 - Promotion of organised play activities and events either hosted or held at Cloverlea Park and other City council owned facilities during the high ultraviolet radiation season to promote the SunSmart and Smokefree messages.
 - The display of sun safety signage to help promote sun protection behaviour among playground visitors.

Rationale

Each year, approximately 25,000 people are diagnosed with cancer in Aotearoa, with cancer being a leading cause of illness, disability and death in New Zealand. The number of new cases of cancer diagnosed nationally each year is expected to rise to around 50,000 by 2040-an increase of nearly 50% from 2018. (1).

2,738 New Zealanders were diagnosed with melanoma in 2018, including 51 Māori. 310 New Zealanders died from melanoma in 2017, including 3 Māori. New Zealand has the second highest melanoma incidence rate and the highest death rate in the world (2).

Tobacco smoking, excess weight, drinking alcohol, unhealthy eating, workplace risks, physical inactivity, chronic infection and harmful ultra-violet radiation (UVR) exposure are the leading preventable and modifiable risk factors for cancers. (2).

Supporting Comments

The role of Palmerston North City Council

Palmerston North City Council plays an essential role in the health and wellbeing of our community. COVID-19 has further highlighted the importance of primary prevention methods taking place in the community to enhance community health and wellbeing, especially for those who are already disadvantaged, and reduce the burden on our health system.

Nationally, our Council is seen as a leader in the commitment to the goal of Smokefree 2025. The Council aspires to being a role model in healthy lifestyle choices. The progress we are making in reducing the incidence and impact of cancer, through the commitment made to Palmerston North community wellbeing, in the Auahi Kore Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2020, the Sun Protection 2010 policy, the Active Community Plan, the Healthy Community Plan, and Connected Community Strategy, continues to put our region on the map for a healthy future (3-7).

In the PNCC Healthy Community Plan 2018-2021, Council recognised that it has an important role in building healthy communities, creating the conditions for people to make healthy choices and working with partners to promote health and well-being. (8).

Shade

According to Te Aho o te Kahu Cancer Prevention Report (2022), skin cancer is caused by overexposure to UV radiation and is 90% preventable (2). Damage from UV radiation builds up across our lifespan. Preventing episodes of sunburn and overexposure to the sun's UV radiation in childhood and adolescence is crucial to reducing the incidence of skin cancer in later life. Using shade is one of the key recommendations to reduce our chances of developing skin cancer

Te Aho o te Kahu Cancer Prevention Report (2022) recommends the creation of healthy outdoor environments that provide protection from excessive UV radiation, and calls on local government to develop and implement comprehensive UV radiation protection policies, including increasing availability of and access to good-quality shade outdoors. (2).

When considering types of shade, Christina MacKay's review of the Palmerston North Lido shade sails in the Built Sunshade in New Zealand Public Spaces (2016) report, illustrated the importance of considering the protection factor of shade materials and design. MacKay concluded that the Lido shade sails did not provide "enough good quality shade to protect all the spectators and sunburn was still occurring at swimming sports". The shade sails gave a protection factor of 5, while for all day use in summer MacKay recommended that shade needs a protection factor of PF15+. The low level of protection is caused by the flat landscape being very open to diffuse UVR from the sky, the use of a shading material that transmits 14 - 15% of direct UVR and the amount of open sky in view between and around the sails (9).

Playgrounds are important settings for shade, as they are spaces where children and their guardians can spend larger amounts of time during peak UVR hours. Children are perceived to be more vulnerable than adults to the adverse effects of UVR. Over-exposure to UVR in childhood is positively associated with both melanoma and keratinocyte cancer development in later life. (10).

The Cancer Society recognises that it is not cost effective or desirable to cover all play equipment or play areas. Some sun exposure is important for maintaining healthy vitamin D status (11), and built shade can be expensive and potentially ineffective if not done correctly.

According to Te Aho o te Kahu Cancer Prevention Report good, quality shade fabrics can reduce UV radiation exposure by up to 75%, and trees with heavy dense canopy can provide up to 90 % UV radiation protection (2)

Dobbinson, Simmons, Chamberlain et al. (2020) determined that only 40 percent of Aotearoa playgrounds provide adequate shade protection, and children and adolescents in Aotearoa are often not adequately protected from exposure to UV radiation in outdoor recreation spaces (12).

The commitment to provide shade at local parks gives PNCC an opportunity to promote a healthier community and shows it believes safety is important for those using its recreation spaces.

The need to use an equity lens on shade planning

Anderson, Jackson, Egger, Chapman & Rock (2014) highlighted the need for socio-economic status (SES) to be factored into shade audits of our community parks and reserves.

The study highlighted the disparities in the available shade in playgrounds in urban Sydney, leaving many families who use them without sufficient protection from the sun. The study drew attention to the inequities in shade availability for those living in lower SES areas. There was significantly more shade covering activity areas in playgrounds of higher SES areas, with these playgrounds making more use of natural shade than playgrounds in lower SES areas. Environmental sun protection is particularly important in lower socioeconomic status (SES) areas, as families on lower incomes can face economic barriers to improving personal sun protection such as the costs associated with buying appropriate sun protection. (14)

Gage, Wilson, Signal et al (2019) discovered that this was also true in New Zealand, where playgrounds in more socioeconomically deprived areas have less shade than those in less deprived areas (15). The researchers concluded that providing effective shade in playgrounds would help reduce children's risk of sunburn, skin cancer, and heat stress, and increase play times. The display of sun safety signage may also help promote sun protection behaviour among playground visitors.

Shade Trees

PNCC vision for the city's trees aims to create a citywide green network that celebrates our local and imported biodiversity and contributes to a healthy and attractive city, its surrounding villages, the Manawatū River and its green corridors. (13).

Trees are a lower cost way to provide shade and offer a long-term solution. They can add to a sense of place, improving the attractiveness of an area to socialise in, and add to the green space. Planting trees will not only provide some shade but will add a natural play element as well as help address the challenges of climate change.

Playground design

An Australian 2020 study Exploring children's perception on park features described children's preference for: challenging and interesting adventure play equipment; a pond and water play area; trees/greenery and shade; open spaces, climbing spaces including trees, nature and rocks. Aspects that were not enjoyed related to the playground equipment. The children commented that the equipment was too small and not challenging or interesting enough and sometimes not well maintained. They also spoke about a general lack of amenities such as taps, toilets, and rubbish bins, too much empty space with not enough equipment or planting and overall poor maintenance in regards to the landscaping and presence of rubbish. (16).

Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa (2021) Maori voices of play: Insights concluded that e taiao (natural environment) plays a key role in the way we once played, the way we currently play and the way we want to play in the future. Utilising a Te Ao Māori lens alongside play enables a shift toward an indigenous taiao/environmental focus for wellbeing.

The Maori voices of play: Insights report described Mara Hupara as "natural educative playgrounds based on long forgotten Māori traditions. Hupara were an important resource for ancient Māori, they were utilised in social protocols, game play, skill, strength and conditioning exercises. They were also used by tribes in psychological healing practices and as spiritual sanctuaries. Because Hupara encourage being in tune with nature and connected to the whenua, they are deemed to have life giving properties and are often considered rongoa Māori.

Mara Hupara have an increased sense of relevance today, in a world committed to finding alternatives to mining and fossil fuel-based products. There is a growing interest nationally to incorporate Mara Hupara into the design of playgrounds, outdoor classrooms, and in recreation and leisure centres. For the playgrounds, parks and reserves of Local District Councils, the benefits of nature play, being cost effective in comparison to their plastic equivalent, especially when utilising repurposed rākau and having a reduced impact on the taiao/environment all make this approach very important when considering playground design. (17).

Water Fountains/Drink Bottle Re-Fill Stations

Supply of drinking water is both a civic and public health issue. Obesity is now the second leading cause of cancer death after tobacco. It is well established that excess sugar is a major contributor to weight gain, obesity, diabetes and tooth decay. Sugary drinks are the main source of sugar for children and young people. Sugary drinks are cheap, readily available and accessible, and are one of the most widely advertised products.

Provision of water fountains helps to address the obesogenic environment by providing our community with a cost-free alternative to the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, and they can also reduce the environmental and economic impact of packaged drink containers. Auckland City Council, in partnership with Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS), Auckland Transport and Watercare, have used water fountains and refillable water stations to encourage the use of reusable refillable drink bottles to also help turn the tide on Aotearoa's emerging plastic waste challenge. (18).

Event Management Recommendations:

- That in accordance with our community wellbeing policies, Palmerston North is promoted, as a healthy smokefree and sunsmart city, particularly to our community, organisers of play activities and in the spaces used for play activities.
- That the Smokefree and Vapefree policy and Sun Protection Policy is promoted, with the following recommendations:
 - Ensure that smokefree and vapefree signage is in all areas identified as Council facilities, venues and events
 - Events either hosted or held at City council owned facilities during the high ultraviolet radiation season to promote the SunSmart message.
 - Information & appropriate sun protection such as sunscreen and temporary shade be provided.
 - A SunSmart plan be a fundamental part of event planning for the high UVR months.

Conclusion

The Cancer Society of New Zealand works to raise awareness about the ongoing harms caused by smoking and over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). By working together, using a health impact lens on our decision-making, we hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by smoking and over-exposure to UVR in our community and our country.

To address the increasing burden of cancer that our community presently carries, it is vital that shade is continued to be seen as essential part of playground development by PNCC, with funding allocated to ensure its implementation, and to ensure the ongoing work in smokefree education.

This is the time for our council to continue building on the sunsmart and smokefree commitment to reduce the incidence and tragic number of deaths from cancer in the Manawatu region. We all have a role to play in finding a solution, and the Cancer Society offers support to the Council to do this.

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Your contact details
Name chris tocker
Organisation Feilding high school
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think the council should take some leadership in the fight against inflation and hold rates at the current level.
What changes would you make? more emphasis on infrastructure, plans for roading to cope with rail hub!
Do you have any other feedback? The glacial progress with roading projects over the last 5-7 years has been surprising to say the least, eg James line 18 out months for 600 meters of roading. Victoria ave, roundabout on tremaine.
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Your contact details**Name**

Alison McLean

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The proposed rate increase is far too high especially when you factor in the new valuations for Palmerston North increasing the land values. Some of us face a 12% increase with the above factored in. This is just not acceptable in Palmerston North at this time of rising costs and high inflation.

What changes would you make?

Get rid of social housing in the budget - it has no place in local government policies, my rates shouldn't be covering this it should be left up to central government. If Councillors really want this policy maybe they should change jobs and work in Wellington because they are not working for the people of Palmerston North. Complete capital works projects for 2021-22 - Don't create new projects until these have been completed. The priority should be water, roading, sewage upgrades along with seismic strengthening and refuse collection are more important than city centre transformation, cycle ways, heritage conservation in these economic times.

Do you have any other feedback?

To me this council has lost its way especially in these economic times. This council seems hell bent on making themselves "look good" than any concern they have for the voting rate payers of Palmerston North. To those Councillors that have never owned a business please remember its not your money you are spending, its our money the voting rate payers of Palmerston North. Please reconsider some of the ridiculous and ill informed decisions you have made and adjust the budget accordingly.

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Your contact details
Name Aaron Tyacke
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Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I don't believe you have the best communities interests in favour
What changes would you make? Micromanagement of tenders and constant reviews of costings, allow less monopoly of tenders. Advance information provided so that false information provided on tenders can be caught out. Cut pay of councilors, no meals/outings provided (no regular workers get those luxuries). Pretty much dont just sign off these inflated payments, plan things better and look at if you can get a better deal. you could hire 10 bloody people reviewing tenders, looking for cheaper alternatives and save millions.
Do you have any other feedback? Open book financials of exactly what money is going to which businesses for what task. I would like to know how much money Higgins receives from PNCC
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18 April 2022

Bruce and Marilyn Bulloch

We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Submission on 2022/23 PNCC Annual Budget Consultation

The Budget – Large Rates Increases Concern

Our main concern is the large rates increases that are proposed in this Annual Budget. In our case our rates are proposed to be increased by a very large and disproportionate amount.

With the current land based system, and as the owners of a large section, our rates have always been high. We get no more services or benefits compared to our neighbours on smaller sections. The annual fixed charges do not compensate for this disparity.

In the 2020-2021 year our rates were \$4,283. The proposed rates for the 2022-2023 (as valued at 16 March 2022) will see our rates rise to \$5,608. This rate increase amounts to a 30% increase in one year which is unsustainable. This rate increase is mainly due an increase in our land value, which has gone from \$470,000 (September 2018) to \$1,045,000 (September 2021).

The disparity in rates bills caused by the current land-based rating system are also very large. Our rates are 78% more than the average rate-payer on an Average Single Unit Residential Dwelling (p.14 of Annual Budget 2022/23 Consultation document). The example for a Higher Single Residential Dwelling (same reference) indicates a 3% reduction in rates for upcoming year, clearly a deceptive example in comparison with our projected 30% increase.

Worse still, we will be paying twice as much as 2-person household further along our street whose new rates are calculated to be \$2,830. This dwelling is 3-4 years old while our house is approaching 120 years old. Our current Capital Value is \$1,160,000 versus this property's Capital Value of \$910,000 (a difference of \$250,000).

Suggested Changes to Budget to Address Rating Disparities

Palmerston North City Council should move to a Capital Value based rating system as soon as possible. The City Council has already resolved to undertake a study of this matter earlier this year. Failure to resolve this matter before the rates were set for 2022/2023 was constrained by available resources.

Another reason for the failure to address the rating base disparity was a seeming desire by this council to force landowners to subdivide larger properties in order to solve the housing crisis problem. Owners of large properties are doing the environment a favour with their large amount of vegetation cover, including large trees. These larger properties are environmentally compensating for the smaller properties which are mainly a cover of concrete, tar seal, and tile roofs, with a tiny patch of lawn. Vegetation cover is important for ambient temperature control in this era of rising global warming.

The system which allows councils to put up rates beyond the rate of inflation without consideration of the economic circumstances of ratepayers and social consequences is a broken system. Ratepayers should not be forced off their land. We recognise the need to maintain infrastructure and public facilities, but equity needs to be addressed.

Funding of Neighbourhood Support.

We were disappointed to see the elimination of any funding to the Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support Organisation in the Council's Strategic Priority Grants. This decision is very short-sighted and may lead to the dissolution of this grass-roots organisation. The funding helps support the employment of a Field Officer who in turn supports the group members in maintaining their membership databases, and also enables the formation of new groups or the resurrection of lapsed groups.

Neighbourhood Support has proved its value in the past such as in the 2004 flooding when neighbours came together to evacuate their houses. The groups were also very valuable over the past two years when neighbours banded together to help each other during this time of the COVID-19 epidemic. Neighbourhood Support groups have a very important role during a civil defence emergency. Civil defence is already under funded.

The groups are also very important to help combat criminal activity as has been proven multiple times in our street. The maintenance of the groups also adds to social cohesion in a time when real social interaction is diminishing. Concern has been expressed over young people's lack of social connection in particular. People in general are relying too much on electronic media to communicate, rather than person-to-person contact.

We suggest that the \$103,000 allocated to Welcoming Communities should be reduced or redirected to fund the Neighbourhood Support Organisation. We need to support people who are already living in the city.

Unsatisfactory Public Library Opening Hours

We make good use of the Central Public Library and appreciate the excellent services on offer, but think that the opening hours should be extended. We understand that the library opens at 9:00 a.m. on weekdays but you cannot borrow books until 10:00 a.m., which is an inconvenience if you are trying to make a number of visits during a single trip to the CBD. It is possible that we are unaware of this being changed because now we do not go there during the 9:00 to 10:00 time slot. We believe that the library should open for all services at 9:00 a.m.

We are also unhappy about the closing from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. under the orange COVID setting. Is this possibly just a special arrangement over Easter? Additionally, we would like the library to be open to 8:00 p.m. more nights during the week. Palmerston North was, after all, "Knowledge City".

Sale of Public Reserves and Parks

We are not happy to see the Palmerston North City Council's ongoing intention to dispose of public reserves and parks for the purpose of solving the housing crisis, by either building on these public lands or selling these public assets. Easily accessible public spaces are vital for community well-being and physical health. Open spaces are not waste spaces, but passive recreational spaces. More and more often we are seeing these passive green spaces described as under-utilised, which is used as the justification for their repurposing or sale.

We support all programmes in this Annual Budget which support the preservation, acquisition and maintenance of public reserves, parks and green spaces.

Programme 1935 Cats – Public Education and Colonies Management

We support the allocation of \$15,000 (page 50) for this programme. The Palmerston North City Council updated their Animals and Bees Bylaw in 2018 with a new rule on Cats Part 4. Section 8.7 a. requires that cats over 6 months of age are microchipped. Also Section 8.7 b. cats over 6 months are desexed (with exceptions).

In the past few weeks, according to a report in the Manawatu Standard newspaper (Friday 8 April, page 4), the local Palmerston North SPCA has been overwhelmed with unwanted kittens. The article was headed "It's part of being a responsible owner".

It is obvious that these bylaws are not being adhered to. So money spend on public education on this matter would be worthwhile, otherwise the Bylaws would be ignored. Pet owners would claim ignorance of the Bylaw. We would like to see a Bylaw including a night-time cat curfew.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Brian McPherson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Your Annual Budget is grossly misleading for 22/23 residential owners. Line 1 states Total rates increase of 8.3per cent ! Page 6 with examples of property types and valuations appear quiet different from our current rates valuation and well above an 8.3 price increase. Our rate increase may rise \$200 more than 8.3% if the examples are agreed on
What changes would you make? Cut the costs back to 5%
Do you have any other feedback? Is this big increase supposed to make a large number of over 60 year olds sell their homes to make way for younger families? If your answer is yes where do you expect us all to live? When we looked at retirement villages several years ago we were told "probably have to wait 5 years to get in". It would be nice to have a discount for all the services we don't use and what about sorting out the boy racers who plague our suburb up to 4 times a week anywhere after midnight.
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Your contact details

Name
Joe Erkens

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
to expensive

What changes would you make?
looking at possibilities using more Council staff to do the jobs

Do you have any other feedback?
change Rating System as suggested in my submission. If required I will be able to explain more in detail.

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Mayor and Councillors,

In the past the PNCC issued a leaflet/booklet about the cost the PNCC was going to charge as a discussion document. Now it seems that the PNCC has decided to supply a leaflet titled: What are my Rates 22/23 (and how to have your say)
Is the PNCC expecting to get less submissions?
I have taken only a few ones to respond too but possibly many more are possibly overcharged.
When is the PNCC going to investigate if using private contractors has worked out cheaper?

Rates increase

Time and time again it seems possible for the PNCC to make a budget which is much higher than the rates-amount received from the Ratepayers.
The PNCC started informing the ratepayers that they need the money because of increased interest on borrowing, higher construction cost, supply chain issues, fuel and energy and other increases.

We as ratepayers are faced with the same (7-8% inflation) and more and on top of this the excessive increase the PNCC request more for the rates. Many people may have only received limited increases in their income. People on fixed income, pensioners and other beneficiaries, are worse off because they have received a limited increase which is much lower than the cost of inflation.

The PNCC starts explaining that because of revaluation of the properties people have to pay more. People with larger properties will have higher rate-increases because of higher land values.

This is utterly rubbish. This is the way the PNCC likes to have it.

People have over the years payed off their mortgage, sometimes with their last pennies for the month, and were now going to enjoy their house and garden. But the PNCC have other ideas.

A lot of those owners are couples but a there are also a large number of single people. Why do those people have to sell or subdivide their property because the PNCC has the Rates work-out wrong?

The workout of the rates should have changed many years ago.

Why should a couple or single person have to pay as much for waste, recycling, water, etc. as students or others with seven or more in a house?

Those couple's or single people may not use the PNCC waste system or have very limited waste and use all other services less.

Instead going ahead with this unfair system the PNCC should have considered charging only half the residential land-value for the Rates calculation. Beside this the PNCC should have started looking into the possibility of changing the "work-out" for rates many years ago.

That way the "rates-take" could have been fairer for a single person and for couples.

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A number years ago the PNCC decided to reduce the rates on commercial properties by approx. 50%. Now the people who make money from those commercial properties have a double benefit lower rates and reduced rate-increase and this all has been created by the PNCC. The PNCC is working/fair to all ratepayers? I don't think so.

Also most cost created by those businesses are carried by the Residential Ratepayers. Why

Homeowners make no money from residential properties but have to pay the bulk of the Rates because of the way the PNCC has structured the Rates take workout.

The forecasted increase of 8.3% is a joke because many people will find the rates have increased much more for their properties.

Nightshelter

There is taken NZ\$100.000 for a feasibility study for a night shelter. Why?

In my view this should be funded by the Government and supported by the Government through the Social Welfare System. The Government has spent billions of dollars propping up businesses who could not "survive" without a helping hand. The Government should give a helping hand to those in need of temporary accommodation.

Neighbourhood support

The PNCC has decided not to fund this organisation.

Maybe the PNCC can explain how to work on a safer city if we do not like to put money into this. We have also not sufficient cameras to monitor what is going on.

With increased criminality the PNCC should rethink this decision very carefully and not only reverse this but increase the amount we as Ratepayers contribute.

Joe Erkens

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
Attachments: submission_to_palmerston_north_city_council_and_regarding_10_year_plan_and_and_rates_increases.docx

Your contact details
Name Liz Cross
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? You're going to have to make some changes there ! I've just worked out that our rates are due to rise by almost 33% while our income for the past two years is significantly reduced
What changes would you make? Cut any spend that is not vital for now. Remove from the proposed spend any items that we can do without for the present and come back to them when the economy has recovered from the Covid hit.
Do you have any other feedback? Yes. Read attached submission
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Submission to Palmerston North City council regarding 10 year plan and rates increases

Regarding rate increases .

The role of local authorities is to lead and represent their communities. They must engage with their communities and encourage community participation in decision-making. This means that the proposed budget is at this stage still just that "proposed" and may and should be reconsidered in light of the community reaction and input.

At this particular time, we have just come through the dramatic effects of Covid 19 on our community not just in terms of health but also in terms of finance. Many people have been affected by a loss in income over the past 2 years, some very significantly. This has particularly affected those who are self-employed and in small businesses - a 3-month lockdown can often mean a 3 month+ loss of income which is quite devastating and is taking people a long time to recover from.

It should also be noted that during the Covid lockdowns the salaries of government workers, and I assume this includes members of council, have being entirely unaffected. There was no reduction in income while in lockdown, working from home or not able to work due to illness or other circumstances. It may be that this has meant that these workers are unaware of the impact of Covid on a large portion of the population. They are able to sympathise with small business owners and their staff, but have not actually felt the sting in their own pockets.

Increases In the cost of living in all areas are obvious now bank interest rates have gone up meaning mortgages take a bigger chunk out of earnings, rents are up, available rentals are down and homelessness is increasing. Everyone notices that their food bill in the supermarket is significantly more than it was last year and yet wages have not increased. For many people not only is there no spare money but there's just not enough money to survive each week.

The visible impact of this reduced income can be seen in places like Just Zilch where the queue has increased significantly over the last 2 years and makeup of people in that queue has changed too.

When drawing up the financial plan for the next 10 years councils have obviously not been aware of what was coming in terms of the impact of Covid.

I feel it would be appropriate to have a rethink on rating increases in light of this. Flexibility has been required over the past 2 years by so many people in order to get through the difficulties that we have been faced with day to day. To work out a new way of living and working under restrictions. How to keep a business going on the smell of an oily rag. I think that council need to now take time to be flexible in their approach to rating and hold back on the proposed large increases.

A reduction in rates income will obviously cause a financial deficit and therefore a reduction in in the number of things that can be included in the 10-year plan. I would suggest that, at this time, the "vital to have" is separated from the "nice to have" in terms of things that the budget will allow to go forward with in the next few years.

Obviously, anyone living in the city is concerned to have good drinking water (which we have at present), to have our sewage and other waste dealt with well, and to keep roads safe and whole for people in cars, on cycles, scooters and on foot.

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We already have so many delightful things in Palmerston North to enjoy – our parks are amazing, we have lovely places to walk, cycle and play, pathways that are maintained by the council for all our enjoyment , but I would suggest that, in the current climate, we cease to add to these “nice to have” items and just concentrate on maintenance of what we have at the moment.

I think that council would do well to reduce spend overall, to prioritise spending to the “that which is vital “for the moment and hope that as we go through the next couple of years things will improve and we will be able to get back to adding to the lovely things that we all enjoy.

Sensible people reduce their spend when their personal budgets are tight. A sensible council should do the same.

Be flexible. Please cut spending plans. We just can't afford the extras for now ■

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Your contact details**Name**

Gary & Elizabeth Owen

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

This budget and the affect on my rates is not particularly great, however I know a lot of people are going to be quite badly financially hit.

What changes would you make?

The budget should be reviewed and any "nice to haves" where work has not commenced or contracts let should be removed. The focus should be on necessary work particularly infrastructure or work required to meet seismic (library building), health and safety (recycling and rubbish disposal improvements) or increased capacity requirements. For example where an existing pipe line needs to be enlarged to enable in-fill housing or industrial construction. Should any surplus come about it must be used to retire debt as it is rather obvious that interest rates are going to rise rapidly and will become a heavy burden on the budget and therefore the rate payers in coming years.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Murray Wheeler
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I have no problems with the proposed budget for the PNCC and I believe it is a well run and organised Council and staff that we have. The city has many great features that we all enjoy and that must be paid for.
What changes would you make? The only concern I have is the proposed rate increases that have been signalled. The LV on our property went from \$250K to \$630K in three years and that increase is ridiculous. In the same time frame our Value of Improvements decreased from \$135K to \$130K and considering we had spent over \$110K on improvements since buying the property 15 months ago this also was ridiculous. I did object and the LV remained the same but the Value of Improvements did increase to \$190K. I wanted the LV not to be so high but this did not happen. If these high values are to be the value at which rates are struck then the system needs to change so the end results are fairer. From your website I see that the proposed rates for our property will be \$3848 an increase of \$962 on the current rates or a 33% increase. If this happens the PNCC will be dealing a low blow to rate payers and for a lot of us the increase will be far too much. What happened to the proposed 8 to 8.3% proposed increase. You need to work your figures so that this is the sort of increase you strike. It is all very well to say you can claim rebates or the like but most of us would not qualify for them.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Beryl Perrie

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Grossly unfair , in equitable, unfairly targets home owners, who have lived in established dwellings , and historic larger sections which was purchased decades prior. I am 85 years old, and have lived alone in my home for 40 years . When I bought this property, for myself and my children, this was a "normal size section". Due to its shape I have always been aware , it has not be subdividable. My home is in a location, that is very convient for me, due to my partial sight, I need easy access to shops, that I can walk to. I already qualify for the Full Income rates rebate, as I am on the pension. But this subsidy will be grossly inadequate, if the proposed rate increase is to be confirmed. My rates would increase from \$3616 to \$3916, at 8.3% proposed rate increase. My superannuation amount has not gone up any where that percentage . Also as stated in the PNCC leaflet, the % rate increase could go up even more, because of my larger section. IT seems very unfair, that families or couples now can build new houses, and family homes on much smaller sections , because that it the only land available. So a home that has more volume of people, and generally higher income, but has a "smaller" section, will pay less rates. How is that fair , that an individual will have to pay more, that a family with more people, who will use more of the PNCC facilities. It seems the PNCC are targeting land owners, rather than the value of the house It is not fair that individual people in tennanted property's (not the landlord), pay no rates, yet use services One reason you give for the need for increased rates , is increased prices, eg energy costs. So have I got these increased costs.

What changes would you make?

Proposed increase in rates , should be standard , so the percentage increase, does not go up , just because you have a bigger size section, that in particular , has been in the hands of the owner for many decades When a person sells a section, that then can be subdivided, only then would it be fair to charge rates, because there are now 2 family's on that section. Not one Rural properties are also an issue , one family on small farmllet, why should they pay more, because of land value Consider more user pay services.

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Library , Recycling Consider seriously looking at a new system in how rates are assessed, not just on land value .

Do you have any other feedback?

1)Do not attack Land owners . 2) My Gross income last year was \$25, 517. Please explain to me how I am going to afford to pay near \$4000 just on rates. The costs and stress involved , for not only myself , but other people similar to my situation, to pay these rates, or consequences for having to budget even tighter , just to exist, will ultimately have impacts and more costs to PNCC to provide services to these people. We are your voters.

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Your contact details
Name Deborah Hilson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I cant understand how such an increase is justified. Mine is to increase by approximately \$360 - what extra do I get for this? My work colleagues is going up by approx. \$800 and mine by approx. \$360 - our properties are very similar and the services to the properties is no different so how to you justify the difference - times are hard for people and it is hard to understand the huge range of different increases being applied. Where are people supposed to get this money from for no increase to services.
What changes would you make? Stop wasting money on things like planter boxes - do things once and do them properly so they don't require continual fixing.
Do you have any other feedback?
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2022/23 Annual Budget Submission

Eric Constantine

PNCC Rec'd 19 APR 2022 **Saturday March 26th 2022**

IN HOUSE

19 APR 2022

PNCC

Signature

I find myself increasingly unable to trust anything this council says or does and I have little confidence in council's email system believing it susceptible to misuse. Council, over a number of decades, has consistently restricted public access to rating information for its own ends rather than that of the public therefore limiting the ratepayers' ability to make substantive submissions.

I do not intend to comment on all budgeted items confining myself to supporting those councillors who have/are supporting significant reductions in many areas and are prepared to review the proposed rating plan.

By now all members of council could be in receipt of a PDF page emailed some time back. As a result the latest QVNZ valuations have produced the most ridiculous variations in rates possible.

1. It is my submission that the latest QVNZ valuations be discarded and that council investigate the use of the previous valuations to arrive at a sensible, intelligent and progressive application of rates.

Council is not obligated to use QVNZ valuations.

The ratepayers of Palmerston North did not cause the present predicament, that is down to Central Govt, the Reserve Bank and the Banking system and please bear in mind that the 2007 Rating Inquiry itself had no faith in QVNZ valuations.

2. While the reduction in the UAGC was to be expected the childish increase in the proposed Rubbish and Public Recycling, amongst others, was clearly intended to minimise that reduction (for clarity UAGC plus fixed charges **only reduced by \$122 from the 2021 rates) while at the same time avoiding increasing the variable rate (which for clarity actually "**reduced by some 30%+**" from the 2021 rates to protect the wealthier properties **when it should have in fact been increased significantly**) (I awoke one morning with a curious thought, was the advance warning of a proposed rating change intended to garner campaign contributions and voter support for the upcoming elections from such properties? Not a thought that can be dismissed readily).**

3. The continuing vile method of concealing the true nature of rate examples from the public highlights council's continued contempt for the public as does the heinous proposal to fill the pockets of both councillors and staff at the expense of many of the less affluent coping not only with the pandemic but also considerable increases in living costs. These actions only continue to diminish any integrity council may, collectively, believe it to have.

If councillors feel no shame for their present and proposed actions I feel it for them.

As previously mentioned: This doesn't make sense. LV rating is a progressive one, while this looks progressive the impact over 2021 rates does appear unreasonable when looked at in closer detail.

The following trials were carried out on the sample properties ranging in the latest

land values from \$235,000 to \$2,370,000. **149-2**

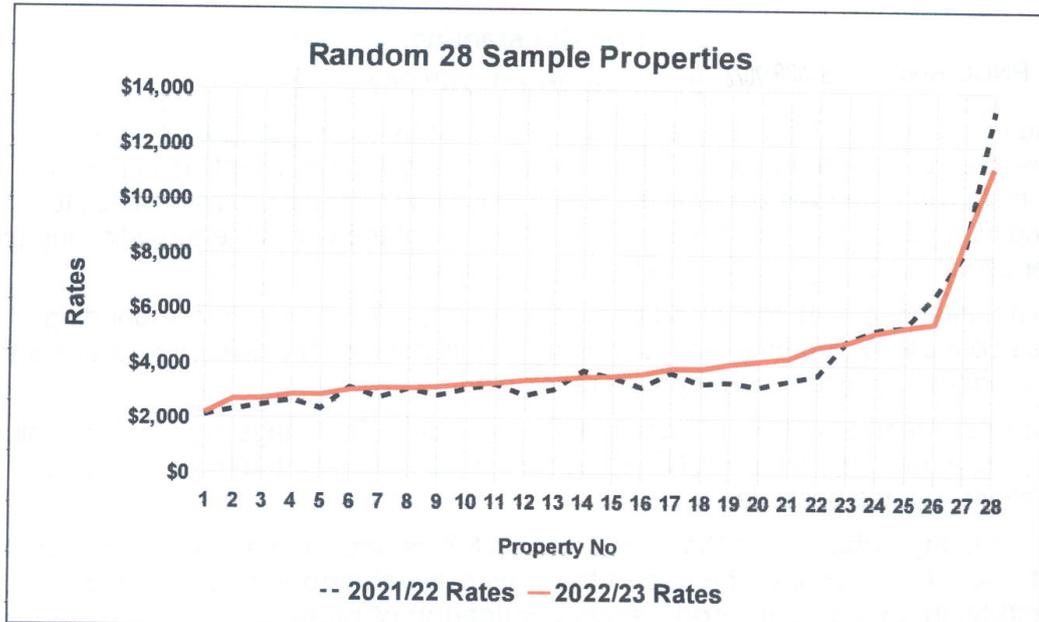


Chart 1.

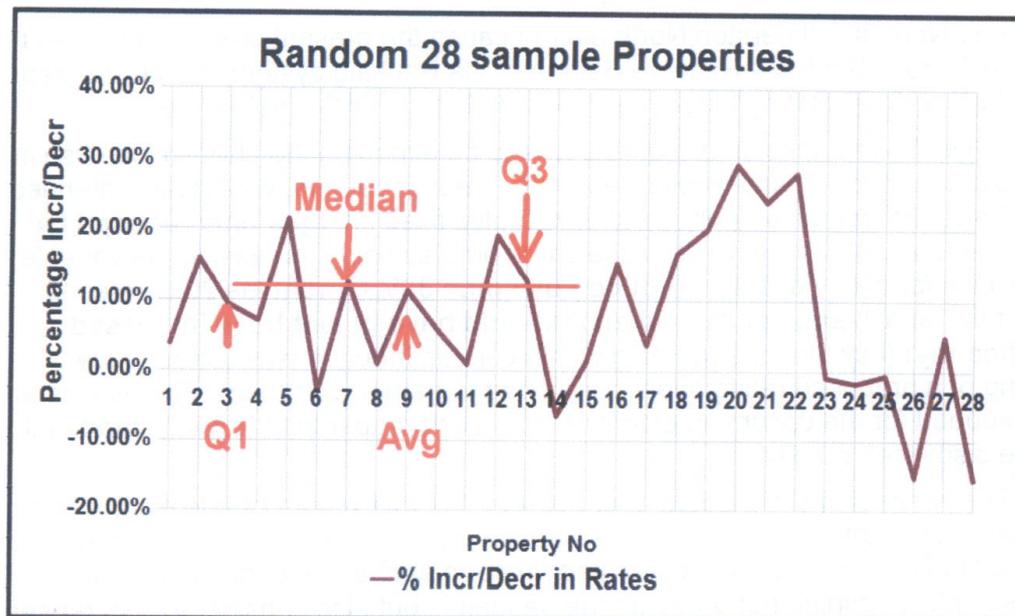


Chart 2.

Q1 to Q3 don't really tell the full story do they? But that's statistics for you. For the record properties 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 are all in Hokowhitu and have reduced rates of varying degrees. Out of curiosity this wouldn't be some devious means of promoting CV rates would it?

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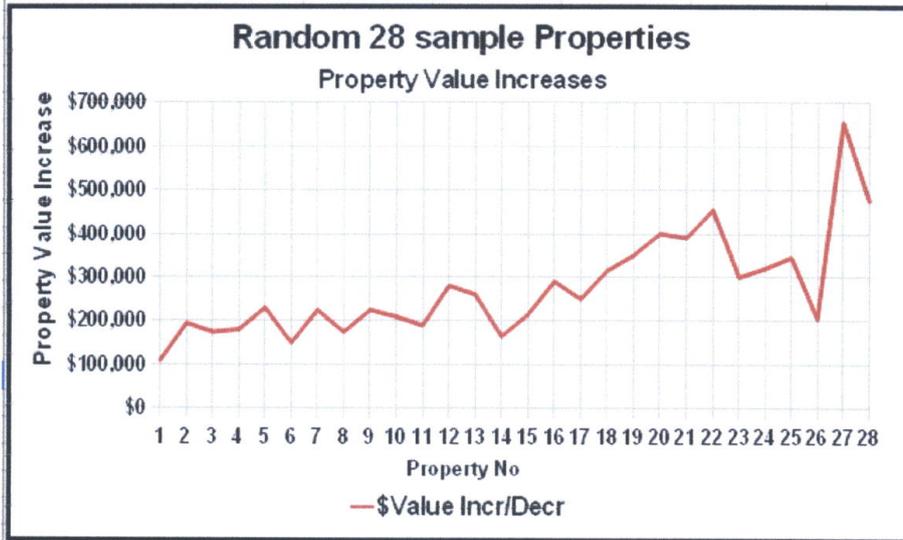


Chart 3.

Comparing charts 2 and 3 it should be noticed that properties 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 apart from having various rate reductions also have significant property value increases. As is the usual case Hokowhitu properties are being handed significant rate reductions compared to property values at the expense of the less affluent.

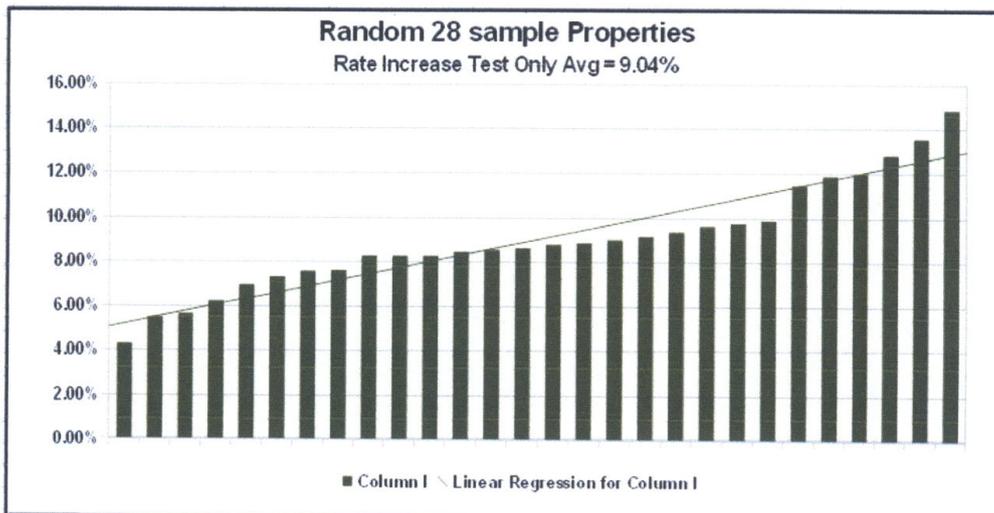


Chart 6.

I tried to find a more progressive rates chart but this is the closest I have come to at present. It does, however, display a somewhat better progressive nature using the previous valuations. The average came out at 9.04% over the 28 properties.

I hope someone can do better.

It would, in my view, be extremely irresponsible for council to use the values provided by QVNZ especially as those values are not expected to survive for very long.

Eric Constantine

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Your contact details
Name Catriona Pirie
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I appreciate that increased costs need to be recovered, but large increases in lower socioeconomic areas will put greater financial pressure on these households.
What changes would you make? Impose greater rates increases on properties in higher socioeconomic areas.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name ray alcock
Organisation just a good kiwi bloke international federation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? the rich get richer, the poor get poorer. i trust it will clearly state how much revenue was received before the revaluation and after the valuation for domestic rates
What changes would you make? new enlightened, in touch with real people councillors
Do you have any other feedback? can i be the new ceo please?
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Your contact details**Name**

Carolyn Timmins

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I am saddened at the percentage allocated to mayoral/councillor remuneration in comparison to allocation to other necessary areas. With many of our ratepayers subjected to ongoing pay freezes over the last 2 years or job losses, and the huge cost of living increases families are facing (food 7.6% increase, fruit & veges 18% increase, fuel 26% increase, power, insurance increases etc), it is hard knowing that our mayor is paid over 22% higher than the national average, our councillors are paid over 38% higher than the national average and local council staff are paid over 45% higher than council staff in other districts in NZ.

What changes would you make?

I would like to see a reduction in the rate increase, to take some pressure off already stretched families and low income earners, reflected in a reduction in the amount set aside for mayoral/councillor remuneration. If the majority of our local ratepayers are facing hugely increased costs of living with minimal to no pay increases, then our councils should be respectful enough to take the same nil pay increases themselves, or even a pay reduction, given they are already substantially paid in excess of others in the same role throughout the country.

Do you have any other feedback?

I note that the highest allocation of money is given to recreation. Given the limited natural resources Palmerston North has in relation to other cities (lakes, parks, etc) it is important to have safe and well maintained reserves and outdoor public areas where families can be active and enjoy some fresh air. I do wonder though, if this should be the highest priority, given the state of some of our roads, footpaths, street lighting, etc. Although sport and recreation is important, I don't believe it is of higher priority than public safety and maintenance of vital resources.

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Your contact details
Name Daniel Strawbridge
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I do not see why my rates should go up by 25% when I do not receive any more services than before. My house value may have gone up but not my income and with the increase in every living cost this is not sustainable. Increases are inevitable but they should be averaged across every home, not targeting low value homes that have now come up in value.
What changes would you make? Increases must be the same across every rate payer not targeted to low value homes that have gone up. You are targeting the most vulnerable by doing this.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Nicola Warren

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

In times of financial uncertainty our family reigns in our budget. We expect our elected PNCC officials to do the same. The budget needs to be scaled back to remove the 'nice to haves'. A significant number of Palmy ratepayers will not have income increases keeping up with the increased cost of living due to inflation and the associated increased tax burden (groceries cost more.... hand over extra GST on that thanks)

What changes would you make?

Put an immediate halt to the following 'nice to haves': * Albert st river entry makeover - it can wait. * City centre transformation. It's not going to actually impact the number of people attracted to the region... word of mouth from happy residents will take care of a lot of that. * Heritage related thingee. Sure - sounds interesting.. But having enough money to pay for the groceries sounds better. * Social Housing. A minefield I know. But since when did it become a council function to bail Central Govt out when their housing policies fail and a housing crisis exists? Palmy residents are paying for social housing twice - once through taxes and again through rates. Better to keep the money for infrastructure so when Central Govt is ready to invest more in housing in Palmy we're in a position to respond quickly as we have funds available for the necessary supporting infrastructure. If you must create social housing then consider a sustainable model such as for every 1 social house built another 'for profit' house is built which will be charged out at market rate. The council will then own an appreciating asset, help to address the city's rental property shortage which will reduce the demand on social housing, the houses will pay for themselves thereby reducing the burden on ratepayers, and it will help beautify the city (as long as you make them look nice enough 😊) which will attract more people here.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Maria king
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I feel any increase to the budget is too much on the current economic climate
What changes would you make? I feel the focus on rate payers dollars should not be on expensive and frivolous art works around the city. Not should it be on social housing . It should be focused on infrastructure, particularly considering the rate at which the city is expanding and all the extra rates they will collect from all the new builds but a systemic failure to increase at the same rate.. Infrastructure capability . Storm water is a huge one. Flooded streets are not an alternative to having adequate storm water drains . The drains are so old and small that when we have heavy rain not only does the water push storm water back up pipes causing peoples drains and toilets to flood at the property end.. it causes the streets to flood.
Do you have any other feedback? I also think that before his dress of thousands of dollars are spent on contentious ideas like the planter box debarcle.. it should really go to rate payers for a vote.. it is our money after all that is contributing to financing these. I also disagree with the 100k allocation to create a labour inspired working group to ascertain how much you should be involved with social housing projects. KO is in place for this. And whilst the council does have certain social housing to maintain it does not need to take on the financial burden of any more .
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Your contact details
Name Steven Vindriis
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it's ridiculous. Land areas in the poorer parts of town such as Highbury have gone up because it's all people can afford. The area hasn't got any nicer but rates going up by around 30%.
What changes would you make? Spending needs to be brought under control. Creating a temporary solution to the planter boxes while a proper design is created seems crazy. Just leave the planters there until you find a proper solution. Karen Naylor had some suggestions but they were rejected so not sure it's worth trying to find specifics. Learn to live within a budget.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Michelle Copeman
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Too much expense when everyone else is tightening their belts in our current climate. You seem to have gone in the opposite direction!
What changes would you make? Remove such large pay increases to staff - no other NGO is seeing pay rises in this vicinity so why use our money to do this? Trim back your spending for this financial term to essential spending only - your city will appreciate that you understood lots of us are struggling at present - seems you are very out of touch with your community.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Jayden
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The proposed budget is absolutely ridiculous the raise of my rates my 30% is absolutely ridiculous. The price of inflation has gone up 8 as should the council Should follow. Instead of spending rates payers money on planter boxes which last all of a year. Use it towards something useful
What changes would you make? Drop the increase of rates. Use the money towards things that would be useful for the PN community. Fix the roads and drainage around certain areas. More security cameras to the increase of crime.
Do you have any other feedback? Get a grip and get your head out of the dirt and have a look at the real issues around PN. You don't need extra money when you can't be trusted with the current money you have. Pull your head in
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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Catherine Perry
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? A lot of airy fairy spending that is not warranted at this time
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? I am absolutely appalled at the state of our roads. for example Tremaine Avenue is a disgrace The name "Pot Hole Palmy" is very fitting How you can justify exorbitant rate increases without maintaining basic services such as acceptable roads defies logic
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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details

Name
Tim Kendrew

Organisation
Palmerston North Community Services Council

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Please see attached

What changes would you make?
Please see attached

Do you have any other feedback?
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Submission on the Palmerston North City Council 2022/23 Annual Budget

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on PNCC's 2022/23 Annual Budget. The Palmerston North Community Services Council (CSC) was established in 1971 as a collective body for community and social service agencies in Palmerston North. Our vision is to see a strong, vibrant, and connected community sector in Palmerston North. Our mission is to empower community groups to participate in, and contribute to, the community and its wellbeing. Our membership consists of more than one hundred for-purpose organisations and individuals working in the local community and social sector, and we are proud to partner with the City Council in this mahi.

We are grateful for the City Council's ongoing support for the Community Services Council as an organisation, and for the City's community sector more generally. We enjoy a positive and productive relationship with both elected members and council officers, and we thank you for the assistance the Council gives the sector—both in operational support, and in building organisational capacity and capability.

In general, we are supportive of the Council's proposed budget, and we acknowledge the difficulties in balancing service delivery with manageable rates rises for residents and businesses. We commend the Council for taking steps to fairly balance the burden of rates across residents and businesses.

We also recognise that there will be a number of submissions expressing a desire to lower the rates increases on both residents and commercial properties, especially given that the consultation documents put a heavy emphasis on rates increases. However, we urge the Council to resist the temptation to make cuts to services to achieve this. In particular, we urge you to maintain current budgets which enable the important services being done by the community and social services sector to meet the social wellbeing needs for our city's people.

We note the draft budget proposes lowering the funding for the Small Grants Fund and Hancock Community House management fund by \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively from what was set out in the 10 Year Plan. In the grand scheme of things, these are very small amounts

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in the Council's overall budget – but to community groups, they make a significant difference. We ask Council to restore those to the budgets indicated in the 10YP.

Last year, as you consulted on your long term plan, we encouraged Council to keep the wellbeing of people at the front of your mind as you deliberate. One of the key statutory purposes of local government, of course, is to promote the cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing of communities. We encourage you again to keep that 'wellbeing lens' over all of your decisions.

Ngā mihi

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Tim Kendrew
Manager
Palmerston North Community Services Council

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Lyndall Holstein
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? It's OK, but things are incredibly tight at the moment and this is going to hurt.
What changes would you make? Could some things be smoothed a little? Why is there such a big jump in garbage services, along with increased cost to buy bags to start with?
Do you have any other feedback? You know what hasn't changed? My part time wage. What has changed: My ability to get extra hours at work. The cost of: Food, Swimming Lessons Petrol Electricity Daycare Basically everything else. We're hurting. Our friends are hurting. One of our neighbors is in a really similar position, but is unable to afford the extra proposed for her home.
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Your contact details
Name Jack
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Living costs are rising . Low middle class can not afford to keep paying high rates. So I'm not a fan on the new budget for raising rates
What changes would you make? Leave rates where they are . Focus on the community , life is changing or has change for lots of people in the region thanks to covid, support is where you need to be
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Samantha Hunt
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? The rate increase is unaffordable for most of us whilst I appreciate the cost of things have increased quite significantly wages have not increased and people are struggling to feed their families so this means they will likely have to go without more things to accomodate the proposed increase. Also why do people have to pay for services they cannot access like some rural properties in regards to water and rubbish collection? There needs to be some prioritisations made for the city what is needed for it to function and what is nice to have - there is a large difference. The conditions of roads for example are appalling as well as some of the pavements. But its OK we'll have a nice entrance way to the river????
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Your contact details

Name
Charlotte McNicol

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
I feel that it's extreme how do you expect young families to cope with these rises

What changes would you make?
Stop wasting money on things that don't add value or make tourists out of town visitors

Do you have any other feedback?
Listen to the rate payers

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Your contact details
Name Alice Hicks
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Horrendous. Would appreciate a call from a council member with an explanation as to why my rates are increasing by 24% - what for? What gain will I have? We live in a low socioeconomic area. We have people doing burn outs outside our house. We have people smoking weed all day surrounding us. We have neighbours who never clear their properties, mow their berms, foot paths that haven't been upgraded or tended to in years, don't register their dogs, who bark all day despite the 10+ complaints to the council. We have a street that should have multiple speed bumps years ago. Now I have to pay extra rates because the (completely unrealisable) "value" of my home has risen to a value you decided?</p>
<p>What changes would you make? I was told the rates increase would be approx. 8.3% - why are we not getting this? Why is mine so much higher?</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Renée

Organisation
Strawbridge

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The rates increase system based on house values are inequitable and will punish those who are already vulnerable, merely because house prices have gone up in poorer areas.

What changes would you make?

Everyone has the 8.3% increase regardless of how much their property is worth.

Do you have any other feedback?

PNCC, your proposed rate increase for our home in Takaro will be a massive 25%. How can you justify this???? How is that fair? Why should we be punished and pay a 25% rates rise (instead of 8.3%) for something that is completely out of our control like an increase in property value? We aren't suddenly getting paid any more because our property value has increased. We aren't using more of your services, than we usually do, because our property value has increased. It's completely unfair. Rich people whose property values have remained stable are receiving a smaller rates raise and even in some cases a reduction. One of our friends will pay \$100 less per year. This is absolutely disgusting and you will financially cripple people living in lower income areas like Takaro and Highbury where vulnerability is already high. We are already being slammed with the cost of food and petrol. A 25% rates increase is wrong and immoral.

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Your contact details
<p>Name Lisa McLean</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I think the rates increase is a really big increase to a lot of households (including myself) that are already currently struggling, not to mention that these changes always take effect in Winter when we are already dealing with an increase in power and heating bills. As you would have heard from others, it is not my fault my land and property value has increased so significantly. I do understand that things like rates need to increase, but these need to be baby steps that households/families can manage.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? I realise that the glass collection has stopped due to covid related issues, but I could totally live without this service. Even make it a monthly collection. I think people would be upset if you did this with the recycling service, but that too could be once a month and not affect me at all. As much as I love the work PNCC is doing around our region. Things like the lookout over Ahimate park is not a priority at this time. Unfortunately all enhancements around the city need to cease to keep rates reasonable.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p>
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Your contact details**Name**

Salina murphy

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Looks standard but not happy that by these changes means that this will cripple the home owners by rate increases well above a "supposed" 8.3%. Yes some of the budget looks exciting for palmy but at the expense of its own community!

What changes would you make?

Cut costs yourselves just like all households have to do to get through this tough time! Have less staff like all other business are forced to do at this hard time. Don't presume Palmerston North citizens will or can pay the astronomical increases in rates you proposed!!

Do you have any other feedback?

It's laughable that you market this increase as a 8.3% increase. I own 3 houses House 1 is a 18.19% increase House 2 is a 14.77% increase House 3 is a 10.72% increase This will mean a total of \$1295.85 more per year for us!! Just because I was smart and bought investment property doesn't mean I'm well off by any means at all!! Just an average kiwi trying to make a life for my whanau. This WILL affect my renters as I can no longer sustain an affordable rent for them. I see no gain for the citizens of Palmerston North home owners or renters! I do understand the need for an increase but make it equal and fair for ALL citizens one flat rate increase. We are all struggling here. I would rather feed my children, not charge astronomical rent to my tenants so they can feed their children a BIG rethink needed here PNCC

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Your contact details
Name Deidre Southee
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I personally feel there is a need for a large cut back in all spending. Every change in councillors results in more changes to the city environment which will only benefit a few. The recent street-scaping in Central Town is an eyesore and used by a selected few. The planter boxes again makes the city untidy. Why can we not get back to basics and just maintain what we have without making a huge increase in rates. Maybe we need a reduction in number of councilors- retaining those few that attend the majority of counsel meetings. Those that do not obviously don't have the time to represent the Palmerston North people. I feel we do not need all the renovations of the central city as money is been excessive spent. Please consider carefully and look at maintainence of existing structures. Stop purchasing outside art works and concentrate on necessities.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>More emphasis put on maintainence of what we have and not someone's great idea of a change that doesn't benefit everyone. Payment to councilors only if they attend the council meetings. Some penalties if they don't as they were elected by Palmerston North people to represent us.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details**Name**

Andrea Wishnowsky

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

I am not interested in prettifying the city at a time where costs are high and interest rates are increasing. Stick to the essentials and stop putting money into things which have no real functional purpose except to make things pretty... or vulgar like the "sculpture" which looks not unlike a giant gold butt plug.

Do you have any other feedback?

I am very disappointed to see we are being hit with a much higher percentage rate increase than your proposed 8.3% (which would hurt anyway), simply because of our land size and the fact that land value has been increased. I feel we are being penalised for not being pushed into subdividing our property because the council wants access to more land. We are looking at a ~24% increase, almost triple the proposed 8.3%. We are not using any extra services, or gaining any extra benefits over others in the city, so I think tripling our rates is ridiculous. Between this sort of increase and an increase in mortgage rates, I can see many of us having to make some tough decisions and changes just to keep our homes.

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Your contact details
Name Natasha Bell
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I'm very concerned that my rates will be increasing by 28%. As a single mother with a special need dependant adult and a teenager 28% is a huge amount especially when you consider the massive increase in food and petrol since last year.
What changes would you make? I would like you to consider not spending money on non necessary things. Don't get me wrong I love the new parks, how amazing the river walk etc is looking but I feel these things could be lower down on the list. It's all well and good that Palmerston North looks amazing but not at the expense a lot of residents are struggling to pay.
Do you have any other feedback? I don't really understand how council spends and prioritises it's money but I do know that an over 25% increase for a lot of low income families will not be good in the long run, I believe it will lead to more poverty, stealing, increase in domestic violence, more mental health problems and more strain on food banks etc
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Your contact details
Name Sonia Griffin
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Shite. My rates will go up \$1200 per year, \$200 per month. That's a substantial increase.
What changes would you make? Take out the luxuries. All you will do is drive out residents from the city.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Dan Gerrard

Organisation
Water Safety New Zealand

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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WSNZ Submission to Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan

Nau te Rourou, Naku te Rourou Kia Ora Ae te Iwi.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Plan 2022-23.

River hospitalisations and drownings are not a recent phenomenon on the Manawatu River/Awa. However, the significant number of drownings (see Link - <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300496746/manawat-river-drownings-have-explanations-aside-from-dangerous-water-conditions--reports>) over the December 21/January 22 period highlights the need for more to be done to prevent these tragedies.

Drowning tragedies cost the NZ economy around \$320 million per year (2018), and water related hospitalisations around \$83.6 million (2016). In addition, a drowning incident generates costs as it may require a response from several agencies including: Police, NZ Search and Rescue responders or ambulance and medical service.

Intervening early, or preventing the need to respond to a drowning, will provide cost savings to the New Zealand economy. Importantly intervening early also protects the community well-being, a local government responsibility under the Local Government Act, of the residents of our towns and cities.

In response to this summer's Manawatu River/Awa tragedies, a joint Iwi, Council, Horizons Council, Defence, Surf Life Saving NZ, Local Canoe Club, and Red Cross, and WSNZ work programme was established. The key work streams identified were:

- Response protocols when a Rahui is placed
- Review signage along the Manawatu River/Awa
- Water safety education programme
- Risk assessment Te mana O Te Awa (power of the river) Tikanga o te Awa Manawatu (protocols of the Manuwatu River/Awa) Manawatu

This submission relates to the risk assessment – and the pilot of Te mana O Te Awa (power of the river) Tikanga o te Awa Manawatu (protocols of the Manuwatu River) Manawatu.

This pilot is jointly funded by PCC and the water safety sector and comprises the following key steps:

- Stakeholder meeting to discuss pilot roles and responsibilities for the pilot
- An autumn, winter, spring and summer physical assessment of the River/Awa.
- A hui on the purakau of the River/Awa, and the lessons to be learned.
- A report with recommendations for change, accompanied by an implementation plan to improve water safety and drowning prevention.

Once the pilot is evaluated and lessons learnt incorporated, we would like Council, working with its partners, to invest in the implementation of Te mana O Te Awa through Council's annual planning process.

We would like to be heard in relation to our submission.

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Daniel Gerrard
Chief Executive WSNZ

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Your contact details

Name
Rod Pik

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?
I'd like Vogel Street to be made safer for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists - more than 500 people are in the same opinion- please see petition attached.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Please Make Vogel Street Safer!



 Rod & May Pik started this petition

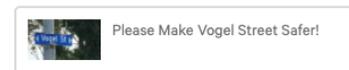
We petition PNCC Mayor and Councillors to urgently make Vogel Street safer for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists. Vogel Street has become a dangerous, busy road. We are particularly concerned about the safety of children and the elderly crossing it, and of young people on their bikes. There is just a single pedestrian crossing at the Roslyn shops, and nowhere else for local school children to cross Vogel Street safely. Drivers have to make risky decisions at intersections. Residents are unable to safely walk to the local park, schools or swimming pool.

This has to change now. With a high proportion of serious injuries involving walking and cycling in the city, and the planned regional freight hub along Railway Road that will increase heavy vehicle traffic even further, PNCC cannot afford to neglect Vogel Street safety issues. All practical steps should be urgently taken to make the street safe.

568 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!



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Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
XXXXXX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I live on Vogel street and I agree with making it safer for the school kids and elderly to cross the road there are so many near misses with the school kids crossing the road"
XX	Palmerston North		182	New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I'm signing as I lived near vogel street and it so unsafe. I barely crossed it as I never found it safe and couldn't cross with a small child."
XX	Hamilton			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"Its one of the worst streets in town to drive down"
XX	Palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I think the road needs a major over haul it has damaged my car tyres and rims numerous times and is dangerous the pot holes are huge"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"The pot holes in the road are a disgrace"
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I have grandchildren who have to cross from rangiora and vogel st, and has to guess at what speed cars, trucks and motorbikes are traveling, as 9 out of 10 vehicle's are speeding."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I drive down this road most days to drop or pick up my kids from school. The traffic at that time is crazy, and the potholes are a nightmare."
XX	Fielding		4122	New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Because you pay a fortune in rates"
XX	Wanganui			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"I live in Vogel Street, close to the Rangiora Ave intersection. Excessive speed is a real problem here, especially from boy-racer type cars, and the increasing volume of heavy transport vehicles, often travelling at speed, has r"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Agree for more crossings at vogel street"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-23	"I am living on Kipling street, just off the Vogel."
XX	Hamilton			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"9 out of 10 cars are driving above speed limit, which endangers our children crossing this road to and from school. Only one Pedestrian crossing exists on Vogel street. And the roads for vehicles are horrendous. I have ha"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Good on you got trying to make it safer"
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-03-24	"I cycle along Vogel St regularly with 2 8 yr olds. Please keep our community safe."
XX	Palmerston North		1149	New Zealand	2022-03-24	"Vogel street is a main access for many people. It needs to be safe for cyclists. It would help if you'd listen to the people."
XX	foxton			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"For the future"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"The road surface is a disgrace and needs to be fixed up. There are potholes and dips everywhere."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"I believe that many of our streets are becoming unsafe in PN with more and more trucks on inner city roads - often travelling too fast, and also fast cars."
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I want our kids to be safe"
XX	palmerston rth			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"That's not the only road that's becoming noisy and dangerous. Sure, houses have to be built metal has to be moved around town. But these are private businesses, and their huge trucks designed for American motorways"
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I travel this road every day to and from work. I have seen many near misses with children and cars. Something needs to change."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"It is not safe for my grand children to cross when coming to my place."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"We witness near misses everyday. Vogel St is a major problem to cross at most times of the day. Very difficult to get out of driveways safely"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-25	"Vogel Street is a disgrace"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I travel the road every day and it is in very poor condition like most of the main roads around Palmy"
XX	Palmerston North		4410	New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I live on Vogel and its quite busy now and not safe for children crossing"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Vogel street is stuffed and needs to be fixed"
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Too many idiots driving these days!!"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Not only is it unsafe but it has been poorly repaired in the past making it very rough. I know there is plans for it, but it needs to be actioned sooner rather than later."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"I think this is a really important issue. I have seen many near misses on this road."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"I agree! Vogel street is near my place of work. It is a dangerous road"
XX	Ruatoria			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"To support my niece and mokos"
XX	Dunedin		9016	New Zealand	2022-03-27	"The roads need to be safer"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-27	"It's a safety issue. This road needs consideration in regards to safety and the residents ability to come and go from their properties safely needs addressing."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-27	"make Vogel Street safer for everyone!"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-27	"I live off Vogel st and its a joke."
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Over time there has been an influx of what I term 'hoon Drivers' in Vogel Street. My belief is that they seem to think its cool to burn up Vogel and make a racket any time of the day or night, with total disregard for any other r"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Vogel street's surface is in terrible condition. It is normal to see drivers swerving to avoid the dips and potholes. More pedestrian crossings is a good idea and maybe traffic lights at the upper Main Street intersection will hel"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Vogel street is a childs death waiting to happen"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"I have lived here for twenty years and since the Railway Road extension has been constructed the traffic has become much heavier.The speed of traffic from 6am until 8am has increased and 60kph seems the minimum with"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Me and my partner are looking for a place to rent and roslyn is close to where we both work. We also have his daughter staying every weekend and want to keep her as safe as possible!"
XX	Palmerston North		4410	New Zealand	2022-03-29	"Vogel street has got very dangerous and if nothing is done there could be a very nasty accident or loss of life"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-29	"I cycle Vogel Street quite often, 2 - 3 x week, and it is very dangerous due to parked cars and also trying to turn into Featherston Street with lines of traffic behind. As a rate payer I feel PNOC has an obligation to myself and"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"This safety issue for pedestrians really needs attention"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"The Vogel Street road surface has been slowly eroding with the daily increase in trucks and trailers making their way up Vogel at all hours. They bump over all dips and create a loud bang. There are families with small child"
XX	Wellington			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"Vogel Street is a narrow residential street, not an industrial by-pass. Trucks should not be allowed on residential streets unless they are making a delivery in the street. Also PLEASE take all e-scooters off the streets. They a"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-31	"To help our community be a safer place for My children and my mokopuna👶👶"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-31	"I care about safety"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-01	"Vogel Street has been used as a main arterial route as Palmerston North has developed, yet it was never designed to accommodate the amount of increasing traffic flow that currently exists.I've lived in this area for 55 years"
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-01	"I support the petition"
XX	Papaiti			New Zealand	2022-04-04	"The future of our cities lies in well-planned, safe and beautiful pathways for people of all ages, walking or cycling, to navigate our cities everyday at all times of the day.."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-05	"The road has never been a good road to drive on"
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-04-05	"The road has never been a good road to drive on"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-07	"Potholes are terrible and so many kids walking to school there needs to be safer crossing options"
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-08	"Vogel St is so busy and vehicles don't even seem to notice children around. Even at the crossing they don't always stop."
XX	Palmerston North		5019	New Zealand	2022-04-14	"I work up on vogel street and it is dangerous now more than when I lived on it in the 1990's"
XX	Tauranga			New Zealand	2022-04-14	"Car-centric infrastructure is dangerous for pedestrians & cyclists. Active transport promotes better physical and mental health and is more sustainable."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-15	"Traffic in PN getting out of hand, less and less safe. Do not forget that even pedestrians pay the rates and deserve to be able to move about safely. After all isn't the current ideology to get us all out of cars and onto the foot"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-16	"I live near Vogel Street and use it daily. The congestion a dangerous situation at many parts of the day concern me. I raised the issues with a Council roading engineer who happened to be in the area a year ago. He said th"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-18	"Noone seems to be taking the issue seriously despite residents loud and long protests. The road and footpaths need attention before someone is killed just trying to walk around the neighbourhood"
XX	Wanganui			New Zealand	2022-04-18	"Because I know what it's like to live in a busy street. We are residential commercial and have trucks five and a half days a week. Also have young children that live in this street."
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-04-19	"I live off Vogel St on Tyne St."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-19	"I have family in area. And because there is a school with children in the area."
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-19	"We live and work in the area and see first hand how dangerous this street is. Worse when buses and rubbish/recycling trucks block people/drivers views.A zebra crossing on Milton street would be great too, with the way par"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-19	"The road around Palmy needs to be safe for people that live in all neighbourhoods period"

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Your contact details
<p>Name Carole and Andrew Hoffman</p>
<p>Organisation Harcourts</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? We are very concerned about the proposed rates increase. Our current rateable land value is \$260,000 with annual rates of \$2950. The proposed rates are based on a new rateable land value of \$675,000 and rates of \$4039. This is a 37% increase all based on paper values. We have been in our home since 1991, there is just the two of us and how can a rise of that level be justified when nothing else has changed from this year to next except an estimated value. We are being penalised for owning a large section in a lower valued area of town where we do not enjoy some of the benefits that other suburbs do.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? We realise that property values have dramatically increased however there needs to be a cap on the increase. I'm sure other owners in the area will be in the same predicament and will not have the income capacity to cope with such huge increases.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p>
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Your contact details
Name Paul Finnen
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Please don't raise rates more than inflation. With the interest rate climbing I think Palmerston North will become to expensive to live and work. We will have some people leave and not many come to live here.
What changes would you make? Increase across the board of 8% maximum.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Martina Carroll

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Not great, still spending in unnecessary areas. You've mentioned covid affect supply and costs so perhaps this is still a time to have a reserved budget till supplies increase and prices go down not to mention lack of tradies make large projects drag on

What changes would you make?

Trialling free rubbish bags will not stop idiots. If it repeat offending, perhaps try mail drops in areas of concern. Noted properties should face fines. Why should I have to further strain my finances with increasing rates to pay for this stupid idea?

Do you have any other feedback?

Rates. You've already heard that vast amounts of people are over your proclaimed 8%. I can't see what has made mine jump so much when the neighborhood is sliding into slums. Grasses over knee height, piles of rubbish in public places and rusty eye sores I have to live with.

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Your contact details

Name
Wendy Stewart

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I am a single mother who owns my own home in Takaro. I think it's unfair that due to the size of my section that my rates should increase to the amount you are proposing. In the Facebook live session I watched I noted that it was mentioned about the new property values that QV had put out last year which I think should have no relevance to the increase because that is out of my control and I'm not looking to sell my house. The cost of living has gone up and you're proposing to take more from us for services that aren't increasing. You should be ashamed of yourselves for causing undue stress to so many people already trying hard to make ends meet.

What changes would you make?

Don't increase our rates

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Helen Mill
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Outrageous. Over \$500 increase?! For what?!
What changes would you make? 200 would be reasonable but the cost of living is crippling middle class families and this is just another substantial increase for what benefit? 500 is horrendous and we feel like all that is happening is the same roads being fixed over and over and stupid planter boxes being put in stupid places.
Do you have any other feedback? This is too much of an increase!!
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Your contact details
Name Monique Perkins
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? I do not want rates used to pay for fireworks or speedway
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name MartiA.Alico
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Increase is not fair for middle class. The living cost has increased already eg food, insurances and utilities. But my salary has not increased! Yet you want to increase the rates because the house values have increased? I not selling my house and I intend to live in Palmy for the rest of my life. So what advantage does it have for me? Stop building stuff because not everyone use it! Stop giving free stuff in the expense of others! Teach people to work!
What changes would you make? Reduce giving free stuff eg social housing , social support. Only give free support to people who are willing to do work so people get encouraged to work!
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Owen
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Rate increase is too high.
What changes would you make? Reduce your proposed rate increases. You have raised in accordance with an unsustainable property market which is softening and prices declining. Rethink your proposal.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Jessica Larsen
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Increase is far to high on my property. The fact the qv just increased the land value should be enough of an increase for the council to work with. Mine has gone up incredibly and is not sustainable long term.
What changes would you make? Decrease the amount of councilors we have by at least 1. No more perks, the rest of us working our asses off do not get paid lunches or travel or anything like that. Stop donating to the arts/organisation that does our sculptures. We have enough.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Janene
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? On behalf of my dad that is on a pension. This increase in rates for him is astronomical and possibly looking at him being pushed out of his home he has lived in over half his life. How are pensioners supposed to afford this rates hike when they don't get much. The cost of living is going up daily and pretty soon everyday living is going to be so hard it causes poverty.
What changes would you make? The rates do need to go up. But why single out houses. It should be the same low increase. Not some by 30% and some at 8%.
Do you have any other feedback? Look at the bigger picture. Most houses that are subdividable, should the owner wish is elderly people. My dad for one wouldn't subdivide his house he has a garage on his back yard and can't subdivide. We have tried to years ago and it is something he wouldn't do.
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Your contact details

Name
Derrylea Hardy

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

If Council requires such exorbitant rates increases, then it's spending is too high and efforts must be made to bring spending into line without such increases. I have just looked up projected rates for my property for 2022/23 and actually cried at what you are proposing - my rates will go up to over \$5400. That is so much higher than what we currently pay, which is already very high, and it will make things very hard for us. How can you honestly expect people to come up with so much more money, on top of increases in food, petrol, and everything else. You are pushing people into poverty!! I have a large back yard, which I assume is what you are using to justify such a huge rates increase for my property. However, my property is not subdividable as there is no access to the back yard. So there is no way I can sell off some of my land to raise income to pay your huge rates bill. This is so incredibly unfair and actually almost gave me a panic attack.

What changes would you make?

Please reconsider your approach to how you calculate rates. It is extremely unfair for people to be expected to come up with this much extra money for just one thing, ie rates. Council must reduce spending so as not to put such inequitable burdens on home owners.

Do you have any other feedback?

Please find another way to balance your budget without putting such a huge financial strain on home owners. We have to live within our means, with price increases everywhere. Council should have to do the same. The amount of land people have on their property should not be how rates increases are calculated. Bare land is not increasing costs to Council, so should not be accruing large increases. If people put additional dwellings on their property, or extensions on their homes, then perhaps that could justify a rates increase. But for properties with houses that are unchanged for many years, there is no justification for such huge rates increases. We simply cannot afford it. I'm very worried now about what we will do, and what other items we will have to cut to make up the rates increase. This is extremely unfair. I feel very let down by Council.

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Your contact details
Name Gregory Bell
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? We are in a time of high inflation, we should be trying our best to keep inflation down and slow it down. This rate increases is above inflation so driving inflation up, my personal rates is going up 32% which I find unacceptable.
What changes would you make? Pet projects should be put on hold
Do you have any other feedback? The council needs to accept that it is having a negative effect on the economy by driving inflation up
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Your contact details
Name Geoff Watson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>Overall, I think it is reasonable. An increase of just over 8% is at the high end and I think it is very important to ensure that those on lower incomes have generous provision for rates remission as many families are experiencing financial hardship at the moment. I also support keeping commercial rates as low as possible. Many businesses are just holding on after three years of Covid so it is important they are not burdened with a large rate increase. I am pleased to see the ongoing commitment to the city's heritage. There is growing recognition of the importance of our heritage and with local history a major part of the new history curriculum in schools there are some promising opportunities to tell our stories to the young generation.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Without knowing the details of the proposals to refurbish Te Manawa etc it is difficult to make direct comment but I would certainly hope that there is ongoing support for our library, Ian Matheson archives and Te Manawa. These resources are going to become more important as things progress.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>Very good to see the commitment to social housing and I would like to see this continue. To the extent one can tell from the outside I think the council is doing a good job managing community and economic development. I certainly appreciate the genuine commitment of councillors towards heritage issues.</p>
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Your contact details**Name**

Janice Sharan

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The auditor's report is damning and embarrassing. It concerns me that the report advises the council is set to exceed their budget after year four, and exceed the debt limit cap set for Local Government. We already pay some of the highest rates in the country. As stated in the report, costs are rising for everything, I don't know how some people will be able to afford the proposed rates increases, what is the plan when this happens? I feel the council are spending far too much money on "nice to haves". Palmerston North is not a tourist town, we can't turn it into one by funding extravagant amounts of art projects and spending so much money on promotions and marketing. Although I'm not against the art and beautification that exists already, I don't think we are in the position to keep spending money on these things and the amount of sponsored advertising I see online for Palmerston North is ridiculous. The accessible parts of this budget also just seem like nice keywords rather than concrete ideas on how to make the city safer and nice to live in. How many people have the time to read this let alone the ability to understand it?

What changes would you make?

Cut back on the nice to have/ beautifying/ tourism projects. Put a hold on salary increases for the council's higher paid workers (e.g. \$100,000 +) and redirect those increases to the lowest paid workers.

Do you have any other feedback?

What happens if on top of all other rising costs, households cannot afford these rates rises?

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Your contact details
Name Shelley Hanlon
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? My main area of concern is the rates increases. The budget document states that "the rating system has been designed by the Council to try to allocate rates between ratepayers as fairly as possible" and your Facebook post from today states that the Council is proposing a rate increase of 8.3 per cent. How then, is it fair that our proposed rate increase will be 32.4%? How is that fair? You've mentioned that if the land value has increased significantly that it would result in a higher rate increase but why should we be punished and pay a 32.4% rates rise (instead of 8.3%) for something that is completely out of our control like an increase in land/property value? That increase in value doesn't result in something tangible for us while we live there. We aren't suddenly getting paid more because our land/property value has increased. We aren't using more of your services because our land/property value has increased. As a home owner, I don't mind paying my fair share but an increase of 32.4% is completely unfair.
What changes would you make? The proposed rates increases should be fair for everyone across the board and they are not. Why should one household's rates increase by a whopping 32.4% and, as you're mentioned in your budget, some households will pay less rates. Rates should be the same cost for everyone or based on household income. Basing rates on the increase of land value is wrong and it's unfair.
Do you have any other feedback? "It's hard out there for individuals, families, organisations and businesses, with petrol, mortgage rates and the price of food and other goods increasing". Those are the words of the PNCC taken from the opening paragraph of the budget. Now tell me, convince me, given everything that is going on - why is it fair to increase our property rates by 32.4%?
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Your contact details
Name Shaun Ruddle
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I oppose the rates increase.
What changes would you make? No increase in rates.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name

Claudia Dianu

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

1. In terms of updated land values - which are now reflected in a significant increase in rates (14% for my property), please bear in mind that market values now are below the rateable values: A simple increase in valuation does not justify a proportional increase in rates, significantly over prior last years' increases, that can be seen as operational inefficiencies and poor budgeting. 2. Whilst most of taxpayers will acknowledge the need for some activities to be included in DAP, we also need to be conscious of the current economic climate and the need of not adding to the cost of living crisis. I believe a thorough review of priorities of projects that are not infrastructure essential should be undertaken. We are not operating in normal economic circumstances where most of what we want to achieve is included in the plan and rated for. It is also the time to "activate" Council's reserves rather than increasing them from \$671m as per 10YP to \$809m as per draft budget 2022/23. 3. LGA recommends financial prudence in that expenses should be covered by revenues i.e. Council financial activities can therefore break-even: however, Council is planning for a net profit of \$6m. Surely rates can be reduced to reduce the profit and still be compliant with financial prudence required by LGA. and acknowledged in the Draft plan as a balanced budget benchmark. The way it stands, the draft plan shows that Council "overcharges" its ratepayers for its services i.e. rates are higher than they should be to break even.

What changes would you make?

1. Capital Projects like City Centre transformation and Albert Street River entrance need deferring to later years as they do not present real benefits in the actual economic conditions. These will reduce interest expense on borrowings, hence contributing to a reduction in the proposed rates increase. 2. In terms of operational projects, prioritisation and efficiencies are key to a prudent budget: Therefore, I would propose a thorough review of the priority of: • projects like Preserving City Heritage should be reprioritised in an economic crisis and pandemic, together with: • a review of priority projects within Connected Communities activity from a "nice to have " to a "need to have" • a review of

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Community Events funding i.e. to be funded mainly by end- user or external grants with a minimum funding via rates.

Do you have any other feedback?

The draft budget really needs a review line by line as the rate affordability is not sustainable.

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Your contact details
Name Samuel Kauwhata
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am not happy to see my rates increase by so much. 2/10.
What changes would you make? No increase to rates, non-essential services cut. Less funding to Trust Arena and arts projects.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Daniel
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? 26% increase in rates opposed to the 8% that was indicated. Cut things out of the budget that aren't necessary right now i.e. the misguided planter box bicycle lane plan
What changes would you make? Listen to councillors that are wanting to cut the budget and investigate what they are proposing??
Do you have any other feedback? You lot feel extremely out of touch with the public, you actually listened and stopped the proposed increase on parking rates in the square. Why not take the same approach with all issues and listen to the people that voted you into those jobs
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Your contact details
Name Mark Inman
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? All the areas seem appropriate, but it's hard to tell how efficiently projects are run or whether funding goes on supporting bureaucracy as is the perception. The extra 2m or so for attracting and retaining staff may not be working - there always seems to be turnover and new people. Some of the salaries advertised are eye-watering compared to what a small business in the city is able to offer.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Fewer adverts and promotions about common sense things such as how to use a path in The Esplanade and what items can be used instead of plastic. A review of safety and security in the city to ensure that the perception of both is increased. Spend council funds in the local area wherever possible Hold employees to account for their time and contribution, so that projects are accurately costed and more likely to be delivered on time and budget. Cost out meetings based on time and people involved.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? First of all, overall I think the council does a reasonable job. - there are some pockets of excellence. I also see pockets of waste and inefficiency and I think this is what is driving my decision to place feedback. This is my personal feedback as an individual. You set a maximum target for rates increases overall at 8.3%. The rates on my property are set to increase by 29.2%. No other well run company or organisation would be able to raise prices like this without a substantial improvement in product or service. If you need to do this, then something is wrong, especially during the highest inflation in 3 decades, at the height of a cost of living crisis and when your local businesses are fighting to survive. I presume this is something to do with property valuations? I bought the house in 2008. It may have become worth more, but doesn't mean there's more in the pocket. Even if you decide it's a sound basis for a huge hike, then the services you offer must be increased too. I am normally an evangelist for the council and I recognise that you need to increase your income, but this seems excessive by any reasonable measure.</p>

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Your contact details**Name**

Amanda Hansen

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Absolutely not necessary and ridiculous!!!! After the last few years of covid and all those disruptions, prices for everything going up substantially, years of neglect by councils and yet we can have artwork and the like which costs us ratepayers thousands and thousands as well as councillors on big money does not go down well at all with me!!!

What changes would you make?

Actually look at what NEEDS doing and MUST be done for safety and only do that. Cut councillors pay packet down and ensure they are working hard and have more public consultation/voting.. no more art work and unnecessary "things" this is absolutely ridiculous in these times.. you are meant to be working for us not just deciding let's do this and they can pay! Many things needed upkeep and monitoring but lots have gone past that stage due to not being up kept/cared for so it ends up costing us so so much more due to people not doing tjere job and ensuring the upkeep of facilities/roads was being kept up with!

Do you have any other feedback?

Only do what must be done! Cut councillors pay packet down and the amount of staff! Public consultation/voting on things!

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Your contact details
Name Kate Wischnowsky
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Ridiculous increase to rates. People are struggling. Petrol increases. Grocery increases. It is going to make people's lives hard. I am not really sure why it is going up that much. People's wages do not match these kind of increases. They are not going to be able to afford them.
What changes would you make? Don't increase them as much
Do you have any other feedback?
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River Stop Awapuni

c/- Annette Nixon and David Chapple

We would both like to speak to this Submission on Thursday 12 May, 9-11
or 3-30 – 5.30

CREATIVE AND LIVEABLE CITY STRATEGY

River Stop Awapuni arose from the Awesome Awapuni informal group when PNCC were proposing cycle lanes and a reduction of parking for business customers in 2019. This group comprises business owners, representatives from the two Churches on College Street in Awapuni Village and community enthusiasts. We benefit from the support of PNCC Council officers linked with community development / placemaking in an advisory capacity.

Achievements and Comments

Early advocacy and consultation for Village roading plan. Solutions negotiated for maintaining a maximum number of car parks. *We requested an opportunity to review these changes with Council Officers to provide feedback about what works well or needs further improvement. We welcome an opportunity to have this meeting.*

Church parking areas *continue to be made available for business owners.*

Boho Cafe Parklet. *This has provided a very successful area. Thanks for repositioning the rubbish bin away from eating area.*

Planting plan for fruit trees in existing gardens. *Trees were purchased by PNCC but planted in other reserves in error. We await replacements*

Shared planning for St Matthews Anglican Church's Plant and Fun Fair, 6 October 2022.

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LOCAL HISTORY WEEK annual event held in collaboration with Awapuni Community Library to continue a project to gather and present local stories. *Last November 2 further stories were recorded by Peoples' Radio and archived with City Library. We appreciate funding available and received for our 2021 Local History Week event.*

PNCC completion of signage discussed in 2019 *marking the presence of Awapuni Village is a deep disappointment, an unnecessary distraction and a project that has failed to meet community expectations. Public art / signage is expected to be correct and a significant statement about, in this case, the presence of the Awapuni Village. I'm not sure what back to front lettering has to say about PNCC and its regard for community enhancement.*

Signage between Awapuni Village and Manawatu River – *Many cyclists travel through Awapuni Village. We believe many more, along with pedestrians and dog walkers would be encouraged to access the River walkways if there was signage at the Village to direct them to make the connection.*

Reduced SPEED limits through Awapuni Village – *We note Highbury Village has raised PEDESTRIAN Crossings as devices to reduce speed in the area. Awapuni Village would like a similar device to be developed for the College Street crossing by the Majestic Garage. Speed reduction continues to be a request from many voices.*

Bus Shelters – several were removed when the cycle lanes went in. When will replacements be made? *College street between Maxwells Line and Botanical Road does not have any bus shelters.*

Place Making – *Seed funding and continued support for projects in suburban centres is regarded as a valuable incentive for action.*

Seating – *We lost one seat when a car crashed into the fish & chip shop. A replacement for this one, plus at least another at the Awapuni Community Library are requested. One was promised for St Matthew's site, to be placed near the crossing. Parklets with seating achieve great community interaction and are supported.*

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Public Art – We are very keen to see more Public Art in the Village. *We support the Development of Policy to direct Council decisions on acquiring / supporting new public art including murals.*

Presbyterian New Church St Mark's site – The Church has indicated this area is surplus to requirements and have asked PNCC to consider using the site for community facility development. *We support PNCC forming a Policy to plan for land acquisition for the development of community facilities to meet increased population growth, social and neighbourhood needs. This predominantly green field site offers a unique opportunity. Please keep it in mind as a potential new library and community hub site.*

Awapuni Community Library – We very much appreciate the work of the Librarians, recognising the important local information and networking roles they provide. *A new library to meet the demands made on Library Services is overdue.* Holiday programmes for example do not have enough space to operate effectively alongside library services. We know Community Kitchens are an essential activity around which food preparation, food security and sharing can bring great benefits and neighbourhood connections. We recommend that a Community Kitchen become part of the planning for a new Awapuni Community Library / Community Hub.

New matters that were brought to our notice in the last year:

We would like to join other voices asking for RIGHT Turning Arrows in the signal phases at Botanical Road / College Street. At present this intersection does not have RIGHT Turning Arrows as part of the Traffic Light system. Consequently vehicles turn at Ferguson St roundabout and then along Kingston Street to enter College Street at a non controlled intersection, creating congestion in a narrow residential street.

We have been asked to advocate for funding support for PN Neighbourhood Support to enable them to continue carrying out the neighbourhood connections and communications they provide for public safety and well-being.

Walkways between College Street and Winchester Street and between College Street and Newbury Street (both routes to the Awapuni Community Centre) –

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Both walkways are "dog leg" in shape. You cannot see the end when you enter the walkway. We hear that people are scared to access these areas especially at night (limited lighting is also an issue) but also in daylight when they cannot see what / who might be coming towards them. A solution is to develop the planned but not executed access to Awapuni Community Centre from Panako Place, as a short, straight walkway minimising anxiety, adding convenience and providing choice.

These two existing walkways also have issues of graffiti (currently evident), lack of regular removal of plant debris and rubbish, lack of lighting. What are the levels of service that apply to such areas and how often are walkways surveyed for compliance?

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Name Bronia Wanoa
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I don't agree with my rates increasing so drastically, especially in a time when the cost of living is going up at the same time. There doesn't appear to be an increase in services from the rates increase, and in fact with covid affecting the last two years the amount of community events have been reduced too.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Elizabeth whiterod
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Ridiculous increases to rates when the cost of living is astronomical. My rates have increased by 32%
What changes would you make? Remove the improved audiovisual equipment. Use zoom like everyone else Halve the lido contribution and have them increase prices Cut rate increases to 2%
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Nicole Abraham
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? We are facing a nearly 30% increase in our rates. That is a huge amount of money to just pull out of no where. Many people are unhappy about this. 8.3% was bad enough but to find out it's a nearly 30% increase. It's unfair. Pot holes everywhere around town. Council wasting money around the city. Now glass services have been suspended and now you want to increase more rates we have to pay. Taking food out of my children's mouth!
What changes would you make? We are facing a nearly 30% increase in our rates. That is a huge amount of money to just pull out of no where. Many people are unhappy about this. 8.3% was bad enough but to find out it's a nearly 30% increase. It's unfair. Pot holes everywhere around town. Council wasting money around the city. Now glass services have been suspended and now you want to increase more rates we have to pay. Taking food out of my children's mouth!
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Name
Krystal Uncles

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Think more about what the city needs to improve and become a place people want to visit and enjoy living.

What changes would you make?
Keep rate changes as low as possible and fair across the city.

Do you have any other feedback?
The proposed rates increase for my small 2bdm property will be an extra 300 odd dollars a year. On a sole income that will make things even tougher than they already are. The increase in the rate able value of my property does not reflect the true nature of the property. My home is not flash by any means and needs a lot more work to bring up to something resembling re sellable for which I will have even less money to do. Why should some people have to pay more purely because someone deems their property more valuable? We all use the same facilities, roads and services provided by the council so why pay more?

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Name
Rachel Withington

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

The way that the rates are apportioned so that some households aren't as disproportionately affected.

Do you have any other feedback?

We are shocked to be facing a 31% increase in our rates for our small house in Roslyn. Although our land value has increased this does not mean that we are using any more resources or services than we have in the past, we don't gain anything from having an increased land value. We are a young family who are expecting our first child in the middle of this year and we are facing paying an extra \$750 in rates with this proposal. We don't know where this extra money is going to come from with rising interest rates, rising general living costs, and a reduction in income. I also really feel for other families who are in even tighter situations. This will no doubt be disproportionately affecting properties in lower value and lower income areas which have had the largest increases in land value, this really needs to be considered. You have acknowledged that it is hard out there for families following the Covid-19 pandemic however, increasing household rates by 8.3% (and much higher for some households) completely disregards the struggles that families are facing, and will continue to face. This shows a lack of compassion and understanding.

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Your contact details
Name Graeme Tong
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>Yes my land value has increased and I understand that this will have a lead on affect on rates. What I am struggling with is the consistently stated 8.3% increase and ask how this gets to 32.5% in my instance. There must be a better 'levelling' method than this. Also in reading comments there are a number of other residents with the same concern. I also read earlier that if your property was capable of being subdivided then this could increase rates by upwards of \$800 pa. I'm unsure if my property meets this 'criteria' but regardless it seems an archaic way of taxing the people with regards to something that may not happen - ever. Surely Council has enough tools already through consenting fees, development contributions then new rates against the subdivided property to cover this event.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>I know folks will see my name and say "he was always against cycling" (not true) and will no doubt discard the following comments. I am staggered at the amount of capital going on around the City in regards to cycling - don't get me wrong, some of it is good but the 'passion' with separation is a mystery. And Pioneer Highway/Main Street what a shambles - nay an embarrassment.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I understand that capital projects are funded from rates and that only the interest cost hits the operational budget (rates) so I will leave that other than to say with new facilities come ongoing maintenance/operational costs. It is obvious from the state of most new projects from past years that these costs aren't being funded and in some cases potentially leading to costly renewals. Other long term projects eg: Transport Network, Civic and Cultural Precinct etc seem to be redone with every 10 Year Plan. I appreciate we need to keep current but please, if you are going to develop a new plan be prepared to fund it in the next term rather than spend several million dollars every three years doing it all again.</p>

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Your contact details**Name**

Cushla Tutaki

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Oh think it's ridiculous. This is the time to be making necessary changes not cosmetic to the city to make sure everyone stays afloat.

What changes would you make?

Remove Cuba st upgrade, square upgrades, entrance to Albert at river walkway (why was this not made more accessible initially??!) Yes prioritise necessary things (housing, development, animal shelter) park the cosmetic and actually put your hand up, admit you for some things wrong (plastic cycle way monstrosities, square from Main Street - church st) when your rate payers have been telling you so and actually show your town you are listening.

Do you have any other feedback?

This is a really insensitive move by PNCC. Clearly some of the more stupid expenditure is now costing rate payers even more through this next financial year (stupid plastic planter boxes?!). This is the time to show your residents you have a heart - yes to social housing yes to the animal shelter but the square and Albert st I'm really struggling to understand why this must happen now (post COVID) when this was done not long ago? As a household that is now on one income due to the pandemic and are living pay check to pay check some of the proposed expenditure is completely insensitive and unnecessary. Let's get real PNCC - make the must do changes and park the optional, would be nice, extras. Read the room.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
Attachments: proposed_rates_increase_2022-2023_-_opposed_by_greg_pryce.docx

Your contact details
Name Greg Pryce
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Contained inn attached document.
What changes would you make? Contained inn attached document.
Do you have any other feedback? Contained inn attached document.
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To the Palmerston North City Council

Re: Proposed rates increase 2022/2023

It is extremely frustrating to see a 12.5% rate increase for our property! The bias towards land value unfairly affects property owners who own larger sections. The increase in property values is obscene and is determined by 'others' indirectly through the action of buying and selling, speculation, government fiscal policy, and low bank interest rates. Our unproductive piece of land has more than doubled to \$790 000! This has resulted in a \$560 increase on two fixed incomes and we worked damn hard to own a nicer home. Setting rates using this mechanism is ridiculous and biases larger dwellings on undividable sections.

The PNCC only ever communicated the maximum of 8.3% to residents which would match inflation but still somewhat excessive. An increased of +12% suggests you are either, over taxing ratepayers, or your system is inequitable, or both. If you are taking an additional +4% tax (and some ratepayers are significantly more) then the PNCC is gouging households because the system is not fit for

SINGLE UNIT RESIDENTIAL					
LOWER		AVERAGE		HIGHER	
Land Value 2021/22 \$185,000 Rates you're currently paying: \$2,474		Land Value 2021/22 \$243,000 Rates you're currently paying: \$2,842		Land Value 2021/22 \$280,000 Rates you're currently paying: \$3,077	
Land Value 2022/23 \$360,000		Land Value 2022/23 \$468,000		Land Value 2022/23 \$540,000	
Your rates under the existing system would be: \$2,843	Your rates under the proposed changes would be: \$2,703	Your rates under the existing system would be: \$3,283	Your rates under the proposed changes would be: \$3,161	Your rates under the existing system would be: \$3,576	Your rates under the proposed changes would be: \$3,467

purpose. I suggest you maintain the current rates paid and adjust your budgets accordingly, have a progressive system and apply a secondary rate for larger properties, or cap the land size to a

maximum payable value to meet current expenditure.

Often the PNCC is tone deaf to the economic struggles within the wider community and assume that if you live in a reasonable area then people are financially secure and frequent increases are easily accommodated. This is not the case for all residents – especially those on fixed incomes or many renting that will face having to absorb a significant price increase. Our dwellings are not collateral assets to increase revenue for vanity projects. The earthquake strengthening is another dubious excuse to upgrade facilities unnecessarily or over-capitalise heritage buildings. The PNCC is an institution to represent all residents, and like any household, they have to cut their cloth to fit their circumstances. It is particularly galling to read of a massive overspend on the CBD concept plans and the rhetoric surrounding building aspirational projects for a future Palmerston North yet there is little in the way of restraint when economic changes require prudent management. Being fiscally

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responsible does mean postponing non-essential projects even if they are programmed and already budgeted.

In conclusion, the methodology for calculating the new rates is seriously flawed and the proposed increase is excessive. Democratic engagement in local body politics is very poor so please don't assume this lack of engagement or apathy amongst voters is tacit approval of the proposed rates increase and the continuation of subsequent increases as previously indicated. This ratepayer is strongly against this increase.

Mr Greg Pryce

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Emma Timmins
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Too much money spent on council and mayoral remuneration. Too much of an increase a large majority of rate payers are government employees, teachers nurses, and army who are on a pay freeze and the cost of living (I.e. petrol, food and mortgage rates) is going up but pay isn't
What changes would you make? Don't believe that money should be being spent on art sculptures and planter boxes on the roads given that there are other areas that need the money
Do you have any other feedback? Given the information around the issues with the water and sewerage I'm surprised that that isn't where the highest percentage of the increase/rates are going to.
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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details
Name Richard Wilde
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 9am to 11am Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Without a lot of studying of the various documents it is difficult to balance the percentage funding for the seventeen activities which are allocated ratepayer funds which amount to \$63.14 per ratepayer per week. For example, the allocation of 11.72 of funding to Transport seems a bit light given that some of our roads and footpaths are quite rough. However, in this submission I'd like concentrate on the income part of the budget. Certainly there can't be a budget without an income to support it, and I'd like to make some suggestions about the method of allocating rates in Palmerston North. To summarise here I would say here that the system of allocating rates based on land value (formerly 'unimproved' value) without regard to the ability of the ratepayer to meet the demand is unfair, and penalises older ratepayers and beneficiaries on fixed incomes. To be sure, a small amount of rate relief is available for some but the income threshold is very low. To provide some detail to my assertion I will attached a document to his submission explaining my thoughts.
What changes would you make? Regarding my earlier comment re transport, The budget for Transport of 11.72% of budget could be supplemented from trimming and re-allocation of some of the 14.63% allocated to Active Communities. Presumably the ratepayers receive some income from events at the Central Energy Trust Arena in the form of gate takings from stockcar events and sports fixtures. User pays? Reserves, sportsfields and swimming pools are all worthy activities but what funding goes to recreational groups. No recreational group I am a member of receives any ratepayer funding.
Do you have any other feedback?

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Yes. Getting back to Transport: There have been some notable successes with shared pathways, particularly the new footbridge and the riverside pathways, particularly the cycle/walking path to Linton. And despite the criticism of the planter boxes in Pioneer Highway, I think these are a good investment to improve cyclist safety on a major arterial road, but maybe in the future they should be replaced with steel bollards which would occupy less space. Regarding roads and footpaths. Some roads are rough. For example the manhole covers along Featherston Street are up to 2 or 3 cm below the road surface, either from sinking or from successive layers of asphalt building the road up above the steel covers, all to give a rough ride in a small car. Footpaths: many are rough. For example along the south side of College St between Batt and Cook Streets, tree roots have raised the paving slabs to form a tripping hazard to foot traffic and giving a rough ride for e-scooters. Ramping up with bitumen needs to be carried out to partly eliminate the hazard.

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Towards a fairer system for levying rates on Palmerston North City

I want to concentrate on the income part of the Annual Budget, i.e. the method of generating rates.

Currently and historically the Palmerston North City Council have calculated the residential rates from the 'bare' land value, and in recent years with additional fixed rates applied uniformly across the whole city. This method of Land Value (LV) rating contrasts with Capital Value (CV) rating that is used in both Auckland and Wellington and probably other cities as well.

LV rating creates anomalies and unfairness amongst ratepayers. One of the underlying principles of taxation is that income tax is levied according to the ability of the taxpayer to pay the tax. This is illustrated by a sliding scale of tax rates, so those on large salaries pay overall more tax, although up to a particular low level of income everyone pays the same rates with the higher earners paying greater amounts above the threshold.

City rates are just another form of tax. However, LV rating does not use the above principle of income tax levying with the result that older retired ratepayers such as ourselves are at a financial disadvantage with LV rating, compared with wealthier ratepayers living in large expensive houses on the smaller sections which are now more common.

Older, retired ratepayers on fixed incomes are often living on older properties which are commonly larger and with a modest house with vegetable and flower gardens, lawns, trees, and maybe even fruit trees. These sections also provided room for children to play and the householder to grow vegetables and grow fruit. We have such a property and have gardened and grown our own fruit now for over 40 years. Now, with changes to the methods of valuation, to what it seems is to encourage subdivision and infill, older folk are in danger of being chased out of their family dwellings by "enforced" subdivision with their former property occupied by two large multi-storeyed apartments or houses.

A fairer system of rating is CV rating where the rates are based on the value of the whole property as is done in Auckland and Wellington, so that wealthy ratepayers who can afford to pay more rates and who live in large expensive houses with multiple bathrooms etc pay a fairer share of the city's rate burden. I suggest that PNCC seriously consider changing the rating system to CV rating.

Alternatively, should the council persevere with LV rating for owner-occupiers then the rating factor (rate code 1001) which is used to calculate the largest component of the rates (excluding the fixed components) should be determined from a sliding scale (for example, from 0.003 to 0.008) depending on the household income. This should not be too complicated.

I notice that on the PNCC website that proposed rates increases for some of the properties that I looked at for the 2022-23 rating year ranged from -2% to +24% resulting in a rate reduction of up to \$66 for some ratepayers in newer-developed properties with capital values well in excess of ours, but also increases of up to \$850 for others living in older properties, often not subdividable owing to the position of the dwelling.

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Your contact details
Name Aaron How
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? Our proposed rates increase of 31% for our family home seems very disproportionate to the increases proposed for other areas in Palmerston North. It has been noticed that lower value areas of the city are worse affected with the rates increase and although this can be explained as bringing the land values in line across the board, this brings living cost to an unmanageable level for those inhabiting the properties. Furthermore, the rate values increase does not stop at the property owners, but extends further to those renting, resulting in a city with high living cost and very little to be provided when compared to other cities of equivalent rates and comparable size. I believe the increase should either be lowered or distributed more evenly across all properties in the city. Thank-you for your time and consideration, Aaron
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Your contact details
Name Amer Jaffal
Organisation PVT
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Fri 13 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? overestimated and unacceptable in the context of unstable housing market, extremely high inflation and interest rates
What changes would you make? status co
Do you have any other feedback? provide good service to fees you're collecting. I have been asking for dysfunctional storm water drain to be fixed for 2 years yet no action
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Your contact details

Name
Shiloh Dobie

Organisation
Shiloh Dobie Design

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Hi, You note that Palmy is “now” feeling the effects of the pandemic on this website page. I note in response, that businesses such as mine, have been acutely feeling the financial impacts of the pandemic from day one. As we are finally coming through it, business owners like myself have been absorbing the following for 2 full years: significant sick leave costs, much higher material and supply costs, longer timeframes for projects (and thus longer before a business sees the money that has been worked for), security being offered to employees, business owners putting themselves last in the order of paying themselves a salary/wages, staff shortages, and managing staff wellbeing, and others. The average employed person (not a business owner) is finally seeing incredible inflation across petrol, groceries, cost of materials and now rates. As a business owner, I’m now getting stung from all angles, after doing my very best to keep my contractors and subcontractors engaged with work throughout the pandemic. I do not support the following costs: \$2.03m in Remuneration - why are you increasing Rem costs for a group of people who have received some of the greatest level of job security in the country during the pandemic. \$135k - City Heritage work - Is this really necessary for this year? \$466k - Half a mil for a construction project is not a “slight” increase. While we only have \$100k for community relief from COVID-19. In general, I’m seeing more niceties and construction projects than are needed. While work on parks and other community spaces is fantastic work - it is not a necessity when people are struggling to fund their grocery bills.

What changes would you make?

Listed above.

Do you have any other feedback?

The hearing dates are all batched together in the one week. It would be better to spread over a couple of weeks. Both myself and my partner are away on work that week.

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Your contact details	
Name	Clare Wismans
Organisation	
Hearings	
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?	
Your feedback	
What do you think of our proposed budget?	I think the increase needs to decrease to take into account the RV increase
What changes would you make?	Myself, my husband and my daughter are one of the many young middle class families living in Palmerston North. We both work full time job as a soilder and a teacher we work incredibly hard in jobs that benefit our city to provide a great life for our daughter. As with most middle income earners we do not qualify for any govt assistance. We are lucky to have disposable income that is used to support small palmerston north business by shopping and visiting cafes. With this increase we will no longer have disposable income, we will no longer be supporting small businesses. This increase has a massive flow on affect.
Do you have any other feedback?	Please, consider going back to basics, with the current price increases affecting every family don't increase rates, make cut back do the bare minimum until your community can catch a break. Our house values have increased however we have less money in our pockets then ever before and our house values are already dropping again.
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Your contact details

Name
Helen burke

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The average family is struggling. We are and our rates will go up \$1000 per year. I don't get any extra income, everything goes up to buy, and just because the house price goes up, doesn't mean enough to quantify 1k added money per year to find we brought our house at the right time, got what we could afford, lucky cause we couldn't buy now if we didn't buy when we did. And since the rv has gone up, which are apparently going down again, we need to find \$20 per week, for a family of 8.

What changes would you make?

Not increase so much, a fixed amount for wvverone, and not a huge one. Ours is over 25%. We simply can't afford anything but bills.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Nicole Sara
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? I would just like to know if there is anything we can do to decrease our rates? My property has an increase of well over 8.3% (closer to 25%) and this is such a huge jump yearly. I understand the need for increases but keeping them more in line with the amount you proposed (8%) is much more reasonable and understandable.
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Your contact details
Name Callum Van der Oest
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it will create a ripple effect of putting people into poverty. Think about the elderly on a pension barely getting by, this will be the nail in the coffin. Think about the landlords that will increase prices of rentals. The first home buyers that are living off noodles to stay on the property ladder. The council needs to step up and improve services before increasing rates for home owners. Everyone is still getting on their feet from the effects of covid, don't kick us well we're down.
What changes would you make? Look at this again in the next financial year. By then people should be in a more secure position to take the hit.
Do you have any other feedback? Improve roads, foots paths, parks and the overall appearance of the city.
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Your contact details
Name Barbara King
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Like councillor Naylor said, there are too many wastes in this budget. I am embarrassed by our council and their frivolous spending. Get real, we are a laughing place,
What changes would you make? Everything which has been said by too many other people, our property might go up but it is not cash in our hand for council to spend. Our property has gone up ridiculous amounts. Make real valuations.
Do you have any other feedback? I feel like my home is not and can't be in Palmerston North. Just get real council! Plan within your budget. We have too!
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Your contact details

Name
Karen Keenan

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Congrats on the amazing work done with parks and walkways, and with the Papaoia housing project. The costs for roading, water filtration and Lido water filtration are massive, but I guess you have looked at options for this. I think your vision statements are fantastic but bear in mind that there are plenty of great parks and reserves facilities now established, and that a 'connected and safe' community will be less and less likely to occur with a (financially) stressed population, and that all kinds of cuts you can make across the board (in areas such as marketing, strategic investment, conference centre, museum, marketing, and so on) might be helpful.

What changes would you make?

I wouldn't worry about widening Ferguson street for now. 'Transforming ' the Albert Street river entrance sounds great but more of a 'want' than a 'need'. More hardship will come on to people from inflation and mortgage increases than rates increases, and you already acknowledge this. Would be great if you could off-set any of that, but I don't really see how.

Do you have any other feedback?

I think the council should put an article into Palmy Proud magazine re: cycling and cycle lanes. If council has not been behind the project using plastic planter boxes down Pioneer Highway, they should make sure this is well known. Also, it could be a good article/chance to promote the benefits of cycling, and need for cycle safety (perhaps a comment that if people aren't able to safely negotiate a large, brightly coloured, immobile object, then are they safe to be driving on the roads at all). What happened to the long time ago project of green bikes. Any chance this could be resurrected? I also think council should make it very clear what has happened with the rates revaluations/restructures. At the moment it seems to many people that council is making 20-30% more income overall in rates. Apparently this is not the case, as because of revaluations, they are taking 20-30% less in other areas (commercial?). So overall council income will only increase by around 8%. I think this is very important for council to do this, as many people will be actually struggling hard later this year, with inflation/cost of living rising and mortgage interest rises, and there will be a lot of inflamed tension and stress towards anything done by a council that is perceived to be taking 20-30% more than they were. I think it's really key for the council to show that it is the commercial sector which is benefitting here, not the council. I think that would lessen otherwise hostile feelings towards the council; because the likely economic situation for many people as this year goes by will be quite tough. Sorry, I wrote the above before reading the draft document, so please just take that as a general uninformed opinion. I think the work that's been done on PN parks and

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reserves is fantastic, a real treasure. Lots here already to appreciate. I'd like to know who has paid for all the scooters. Is that something from the council or from elsewhere?

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Your contact details

Name
Ranvir Singh

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Dear Mayor and Councillors, Thanks for the opportunity. See attached my feedback on the PNCC rates for 2022-23. I hope you find this of some use to reconsider the proposed rates and make them fairer. Thanks Ranvir

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on the PNCC rates for 2022-23.

I listened carefully your Facebook live public consultation session on Tuesday 12th April. Following that I had a quick look on the revaluations and proposed rates for some example properties in few suburbs.

I list below changes in CV, LV and the proposed rates for these example property locations.

Examples of PNCC Proposed Rates 2022-23

Suburb	CV Increased	% CV Increased	LV Increased	% LV Increased	Rate Increased	% Rate Increased
Hokowhitu	\$550,000.00	81%	\$550,000.00	102%	\$1,070.60	23%
Hokowhitu	\$310,000.00	66%	\$175,000.00	54%	-\$65.75	-2%
Awapuni	\$315,000.00	84%	\$315,000.00	140%	\$738.85	27%
Whitmore Road	\$350,000.00	90%	\$160,000.00	94%	\$118.80	8%
Te Matai Road	\$410,000.00	61%	\$175,000.00	52%	-\$56.79	-3%

It appears clearly, as was highlighted in the online session, that most of the proposed increased rates are allocated to sections/properties with increased LV in their revaluations.

In contrast, properties with relatively similar increase in CV (e.g., Te Matai Road example, CV Increased \$410,000) has been allocated reduced rates for 2022-23. I assume here that this increase in CV is not due to the property renovations but increase in property prices (as is the case for increase in LV).

I wonder how the council sees this. Should not the rates be allocated as per CV, instead of LV? It is also not clear why the PNCC has decreased the uniform charge rates from \$500 to \$300?

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It appears the proposed rates in this way affect disproportionately properties with large sections. Why charge more the large sections? They provide perhaps more green space and biodiversity values in our urban environment.

Why should only properties with the increased LV get most of the burden of the rates increased? I understand the point of an increase in LV (so should be the point for an increase in CV). However, any increase in LV/CV means not much until the property is sold.

I think the proposed rates increase should be shared more fairly by all property owners, especially in these inflationary times with costs of living increasing for everyone.

I hope you find this feedback constructive to reconsider the proposed rates for 2022-23.

Thanks, Ranvir Singh

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Your contact details
Name Leerae Holden
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback? My feedback is this. I'm horrified and angry to discover that my rates will increase \$611.65 how on earth do you expect the average household to afford this ? This is awapuni !! I'm not in Hokowhitu or Summerhill and I'm living in what increasingly seems to be a crime ridden , potholed, boyracer infested suburb. and I feel entitled to make this statement having lived at my current address for 17 years, I also work in this suburb at Whakapai Hauora. I'm a registered nurse and single breadwinner with a teenager daughter at home. My wages haven't increased, infact primary health nusres are not included in the recent pay increases DHB nurses have received yet you expect me to pull this out of where exactly??. I work hard in an increasing demanding health environment to pull in enough to make ends meet. I was born and raised in Palmerston north but im at the stage where I'm seriously considering our future in New Zealand with Australia looking a far more attractive option. Please reconsider these extreme increases this is unacceptable and unsustainable for myself and others attempting to survive with the cost of living skyrocketing. Thank you Jane Holden</p>
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Your contact details
Name Ashleigh Dam
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it is reasonable
What changes would you make? Unsure
Do you have any other feedback? Love the planning going ahead. Its great to see Palmerston North getting beautified and modernised. Love the new river access ideas and what you have done at the esplanade and memorial park. Thank you
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Your contact details
Name Clive and Fiona Bardell
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>Dear Councillors, It is with a lot of anxiety that I write this email with regards to the rates rise. I know this will fall on deaf ears. When the RV's came out, we were bowled over at the new value on our home and not a happy bowled over. It is just money on paper, something that we will never see in our pockets. You advised when the new RV's that we should not worry as this was not going to put rates up. Well hullo, not only have you lied, you have out-done yourselves in your greed. Rates have never been about land. It is about services. Tell me, what extra services are you supplying to our property that justifies a \$1000.00 rise in the rates. Absolutely none. Please don't be dressing this up by saying we have land that can be subdivided. You do not have the right to force people to divide up their homes just so you can double the rates collection. I do not want neighbors living on my back door step. It is bad enough that others in our street have done this, causing congestion with cars parked on the road, noise from new neighbors moving in, and boy racers doing burnouts in our street. To subdivide – More fees that have to be paid to you!!!! Money we certainly don't have. With all the awareness around mental health, you are forcing people to either pay up or change the way we live. On that front, you are extremely out of line. The increase in population that Palmerston North has experienced over recent years, you have failed by not forward thinking to future proof our amenities. Now, you are trying to play catch up (poor management over the years). I personally have never voted in local govt or politics. You wonder why we don't vote. It is not apathy. My non-vote is a vote in itself. I don't believe the words that come out of your mouths. And you have more than proved your untrustworthiness with your actions to fleece us all with your greedy desire of money. Don't punish us for working all our lives to pay for our home to only now be staring at retirement wondering how on earth we are going to afford these incredibly high bills when we no longer have an income to pay for it. You well know the Govt superannuation is not enough to live on. We are not wealthy people. But there a lot who are worse off. How will you justify putting people in poverty so you can line your pockets. Clive and Fiona Bardell</p>
What changes would you make?

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Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Stu waters
Organisation Ngawai farm
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>As a rural rate payer at xx xx road we are very concerned about the proposed rates increase and the impact this will have on the rural community in the PNCC area. Our business is already facing increases to costs due to the current economic state of the country. The increase in rates would be an additional cost on top of this. As an industry farmers are also facing additional environmental restrictions that we must adapt to meet which is an additional cost to stay in business. Our rates look set to increase by three times due to the large increase in land values (which is out of our control). Our land use has not changed and we continue to farm sheep and beef on the property however the rates go up and we still receive the same services. We hope you take this into consideration when you make the decision and look forward to your reply. Thanks, Stu Waters</p>
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Your contact details
Name Sarah Chand
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? My comments are specific to the proposed rate increases. I would like to know why as rate payers we are being charged for uniforms and it's \$500!! I'm assuming it's staff uniforms? This has no benefit or impact to us. Also regarding the kerbside recycling - I would have expected to see a dramatic reduction in this cost due to the fact that you've temporarily suspended the glass recycling services. Why are still paying for this?
What changes would you make? Remove the uniform charges and reduce the kerbside recycling charges.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Kathryn O'CONNOR
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Any rise to rates is not a good idea! Time are tough enough and PNth rates are already high.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Name

Nathaniel Grigg

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Simply sounds more like a want list rather than an actual budget I think that a really hard look at what can be deferred for a year or more. The city can't take the burden like this much longer especially given the "exceptional times" that we are currently in. A lot of nice-to-haves need to be shelved for the short to medium term.

What changes would you make?

In the current economic climate hard choices have to be made, we have already had to tighten our belts individually, why don't we have to do that now collectively? the city will survive if we do, it won't if this unrestricted spending spree is allowed to continue. I am long past 'giving up a cup of coffee a week' I have no more luxuries to give up, except internet, power, and gas, i suppose I could give up meat and move to a full rice/pasta diet for the family too. Why is there an 8.3% rates increase? you were wanting to do 24% over 3 years, but the new QVs have burst the coffers, so why is an increase on top of that still required? This unnecessary increase is personally going to cost me just shy of \$300/year yet the total revenue collected from me would still be up \$900/year. so that extra '8%' is actually going to be 1/4 of my additional rates. sounds like you've already claimed my 24% increase. enough is enough. In fact our actual increase over the current rates is 40.07%... Where do I find this money, pray tell? What hope is there for the city when a single income middle? class family is 20% higher than the "average" rates breakdown you provided? I.e. If you have to increase rates because interest on debt repayments has increased, then why are you spending more on demolishing existing housing stock to build more? I understand the why behind it, but I don't understand why in this current economic climate where building costs are through the roof, and shortages on said products are ever increasing, and lastly you don't have the capital to pay through to nose to fund it, so you should make do with what we have in the interim. You have already done well with the increase in the council owned housing stock in other redevelopments in the past 12-24 months. My real concern is how many families are you going to un-home to home some more people in said new stock? I.e. since the council flats are means tested and the payments are capped this means your ROI will be terrible(i

can only assume) this is why you are leaning on the ratepayer. The extra \$22 per week you are proposing to charge me, will destroy what savings I have, so when you increase again next year I will basically be forced to sell and will end up on the council housing list with my wife and 3 kids. so how many of these new single units will be paid off in 12 months, because if it is less than 5, you are running in deficit. Your remuneration budget is out of control. As it has been pointed out reducing this by \$2million will still give you a 9.2% increase over current budget. This is significantly more than most people are getting, how much has minimum wage gone up since inflation has been at it's current levels? Health and safety requirements that you want to spend \$1m on should be done from existing capacity, even if it "takes longer". pay someone more to do extra duties. This is definitely nice-to-have spending. because if the health and safety in the council is in that much disarray there are much bigger fish to fry. While I understand the want, employing a specialist heritage planner should not be on the budget, at least in the short to medium term. Why not open the floor to a voluntary or part time roll, especially if you want the panel to be voluntary, why not do the whole lot, I am sure there would be people interested. The massive proposed furniture budgets are crazy, literally, we redid our whole office at work for less than what you probably allocate one person. perhaps a rolling upgrade approach where needed would make more sense than some nice to haves, or entire upgrades at once?

Do you have any other feedback?

There is so much I want to say, but don't know how to put it into sufficient words. Now is the time for necessity spending not pop culture/decorative spending. With the large increase in new housing around the city, how were you ever going to cope with the 'needed' expenses before they popped up? Surely the massive influx of subdivided properties and new developments are padding the coffers at least \$3k/piece could soften the blow. The 'General - Single unit residential' charge under the proposed scheme is on par with my entire rates bill for last year. (literally \$45 difference) just thought this was worth a mention. Some things are ridiculous and outside of your control as well, such as the sum needed to bring existing housing stock up to current healthy homes standards, my home doesn't meet these standards, and it never will as I am unable to pay for it as I am paying for other peoples houses to be brought up to the standard, the irony in this is beyond belief. Like I said this is outside of your control. Other landlords obviously recoup this from rent, but the fact that you need to lean on the ratepayer puts further emphasis on my earlier point regarding the new flat ROIs. My honest 2 cents is that if the council were a business it would have been belly up years ago. The honest concern of a father of his family: How do we as a single income family continue to live in our house beyond 2022 we only bought it 2 years ago and we already have to look at giving it up because the council is literally forcing us to own nothing, we were blessed with how we came across this property and now I'm staring down the barrel of nearly triple figures PER week (will be next year if this madness keeps up). It worries me for other fathers and other families, regardless whether you own or rent. this massive jump in rates is going to hit many families, not just hard, but too hard. As I prefaced at the start what will Palmy look like if you don't get the spending in check now? a mass exodus of people? a mass refusal/inability to pay rates? Then what will happen to the city once it has been left up the Manawatu River without it's paddle? It's time to stand with your city, not above it.

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Your contact details
Name Louise Angland
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? This increase is criminal and not justified when financially many people are struggling. The council is already cutting back on services they provide rate payers and earn substantial salaries to do very little for our city.
What changes would you make? Freeze rate increases for this year to allow people to recover from losses due to Covid restrictions.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Michael Tile Vamaua
Organisation
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The rates increase is totally unfair.
What changes would you make? Spread the increase evenly across ratepayers.
Do you have any other feedback? My house is falling apart, we can barely afford repairs and now my rates are going up more than 10% And I know many more that are far worse off than me. Please rethink the rates increase as this will hurt many.
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Your contact details**Name**

Barbara Little

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

My budget is already stretched, I can ill afford to pay more. I already receive the rebate annually as my income is tied to 80% of fulltime minimum wage.

What changes would you make?

Increase the rebate threshold/allowance to subsidise the increase for low income households.

Do you have any other feedback?

Unfortunately for myself because of injury, I have been living solely of ACC, the cost of everything is on the increase my income is based on last years minimum wage with the increase to this years adult minimum wage starting July. Not looking promising for future job opportunities as I have complex L&R elbow injuries. Once my child turns 18 in 5 more years my income will be even less.

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Your contact details
Name Kirsten Malone
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Your budget is completely inappropriate for the financial situation we find ourselves in. Learn some austerity. Rate payers cannot afford this.
What changes would you make? Remove the superfluous cosmetic vanity spending. For example. I live just down the street from the Albert Street river entrance. There is nothing wrong with it that needs fixing at the moment. Leave it alone. Now is not the time to waste money on planter pots or wider streets that look pretty. The Square is fine as it is. Have some priorities. Social housing, for example, is essential.
Do you have any other feedback? This budget is preposterous. Our rates are proposed to rise by 16%. How do you justify that? Inflation is bad enough at the moment, without council thinking they can raise our rates by double that. It is unjustifiable. Worse than that, at least we will be able to pay it, Hokowhitu is a fairly affluent suburb. Raising Takaro rates by 30%? Ludicrous, for a suburb that is nowhere near a wealthy one. Just how do you expect people to be able to pay this?? Do you realise we are just emerging from a pandemic and people are struggling? Rates should NOT be rising more than inflation, let alone two or three times more than inflation. This budget tells us council are completely divorced from reality.
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Your contact details
Name Harvey Jones
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I support the following items in particular: #2057 Riverside pathway and wonder why the Ashhurst-City connection continues to be obstructed. #835 Ashhurst Domain Biodiversity - this will be a major link to the western gateway project at the entrance to the new Gorge replacement road. #1450 Predator Free NZ project #2055 Envirohub and Resource recovery options are a great idea #1985 Splashhurst supported #1860 Urban growth Ashhurst reserves - We have limited reserves for recreation on the west side of town
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? Support the delay of #1435 City reserves waterfront lighting. This is not the time to increase rates in order to achieve a pretty waterfront. While I understand that the rating options have been altered this year in order to lessen the rates increase for some areas. Ashhurst is likely to experience an 11% increase in their rates bill this year, with other inflation increases a challenge to many households. I encourage the Council to focus on essential needs of the city at this time rather than what would be nice to have. Ratepayers just cannot afford all that people may want!
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Your contact details
Name Faith durbridge
Organisation Na
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Disappointed in the rates increase for xxx xxxx st. I have the priviledge of living in my home into older age but i am blind. The council saw fit to remove all my on street parking even though we.made.many submissions requesting a parking space. I am now 92. Crossing the st even aided is impossible as the traffic flow is high and the weather definitely plays a psrt. My independence has been severely affected. I can no longer attend events where i was collected as the drivers have to park opposite leaving me to crossing the road. My driveway is steep and not accessable. Secondly, our creek was maintained by council. After all its yours. Sludge was dug out, now its not. I can not manage to do that extra heavy work. So, youve taken away from me and yet you qant to charge me more. NO PNCC, ive lived here 92 years. Ive paid rates for 72yeats and this is the first time ive had to stand up and be counted and say i am very disapointed with your decisions.
What changes would you make? A parking space put front of my home to enable me independence. I would hope the next generation of councilors allow you to live independently as you age
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Suzanne McAllen

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

I am not happy with our proposed 45.46% rate increase (\$2,791.25 21/22 year, proposed increase to \$4,060.20 22/23 year). Why are we so high? We are at xx xx Ashhurst on a .2947 ha section. According to the Council we cannot subdivide our section. We cannot complain about the roosters that live next door that wake us up half hourly from 1AM and continue all day, because Ashhurst is a 'village' and we are zoned rural, yet subdivisions are popping up all around us? We have (150 or 200??) new houses proposed to go in across the road (although the Council only consulted with some of our neighbours about that, not us, so I don't know all the details - Proposed Plan Change F: Ashhurst growth areas, North Street). The road, Oxford Street is at a higher level than our properties and the Council never comes and clears the drains, so the rain off the road floods into our property. We have no footpaths or channeling or road parking. We have only just managed to get the speed changed from 100km to 70km years after it had been approved in Council plans - and now you are going to allow even more housing in this area? But, that aside - I do not understand why our rates are going up by 45% when you state an average of 8.3%. Looking also at other City Council's rate increases they are mostly single figure rate increases. I do not understand this. Yes, like the Council, we too are having to deal with the impacts of Covid on business and on wages, big interest rate increases looming, inflation and increased building material costs but my partner is not getting a 45% wage increase and I am not able to put my product prices up by that amount either - your rate increase is not helping us. Ashhurst is the forgotten suburb of Palmerston North City as it is, why should we pay a whopping 45% more in rates - it is not fair. Can you please look into it - xx xx Street, Ashhurst, 45.67% increase, that's not anywhere close to 8.3% and it's not fair.

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<p>Name Suzette Alderdice</p>
<p>Organisation Na</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? We live in a beautiful part of the city. But, the council (Higgins) did a pipe line upgrade 12 months ago, they agreed at a public meeting with council in attendance that the roads would be put back to good condition. Sigh. They are terrible. Secondly, we now have flooding everytime it rains under our gome. The drain that takes water from four homes has silted up. All it needs is a digger for 30 minutes. Because of this wr have a damp flooded home. Phone calls and letters to council have gone unheard.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? A drain dug out (your responsibility) Road repaired as promised to is all</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Finally, we have dangerous trees next ro our first one way bridge. We have called council to have it removed (which happened yearly but not this year. People.died because of the obscured bridge. Chop the damned tree. (I have reported this to council 17 times this summer)</p>
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Alysha Zentveld

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Any price increase right now is so unjust and impossible to imagine. I used the online tool and our annual increase is around \$700! We only just purchased our property about a year ago, we have three young children in school and childcare. We can't afford that! When costs go up, in theory this money has to come from somewhere - but I can't work more hours because I have children that require my time, and partner is already working as many hours as he can, 2.5 hours drive away from home because that's where better money is. This means cutting more costs than we already do! Please listen to the community. There are so many things that can be cut or reduced in order to reduce our rates costs. Us working families are stressed out and struggling to find money for the increase on food and petrol already, and now rates as well.. we are all tired, depressed. I fret thinking about the next time I have to re-fuel my vehicle just to be able to travel to work, let alone this rates increase. Please Palmy council, this is just too much.

What changes would you make?

Without being rude, those planter box style bicycle things you guys put on the roads are absurd and a waste of money. And surely there are other ways that costs can be reduced in our community.

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Your contact details
Name Zachary Oneroa
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The auditor's comments are concerning. While the services provided by the council are impressive the increased burden on the ratepayer is unacceptable. Many households will find the increased rates a high burden or simply impossible to pay.
What changes would you make? The council needs to consider drastic changes. Houses on large sections (>500sqm) traditionally were equipped with septic tanks as it was financially unviable for cities to provide piped sewage service. Rainwater tanks were also equipped to each individual house for similar reasons. History shows us that the rates revenue for these properties consistently fails to match the maintenance and replacement costs for their associated infrastructure. The solution is to encourage more intensive use of property (and I do note this is included in the budget) and to entrust the providing of sewage and water to the owners of new light residential properties. More intensive housing does tend to recoup the costs of its infrastructure replacement and maintenance.
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Your contact details
Name Doug Tietjens
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? Maintain rates as per previously. We do not support the increase.
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Name Gaeleen Ratahi
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? Yes I think putting up the Rates is very unjustified my Rates went up last year now they have gone up over five hundred dollars gosh my house is only worth 50 thousand but yes the land went up heaps my ex husband house is worth a lot more than my house which is a three bedroom home built in 1984 xxx xxx Avenue and he pays lest rates than me and you say that is fair I don't think so I paid my rates on time actually way before time and I get penalties this is very unfair are you going to put the Rate rebate up if not why not that should of gone up at least 500 dollars how do you expect people to pay this on a low income its unfair and unjustified
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Your contact details

Name

Margaret Tennant

Organisation

Palmerston North Heritage Trust

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

1. The Palmerston North Heritage Trust strongly supports expenditure on those items which, broadly speaking, can be characterised as 'heritage'. We are especially pleased to see the proposed appointment of a specialist heritage planner (we had assumed there was already a staffmember with such responsibilities), and would, as a group, be pleased to provide a member of the proposed voluntary heritage advisory panel. Informed advocacy on this front is essential, and a dedicated council officer is an excellent move. 2. The city's heritage buildings are not numerous, and more than one is in the process of 'demolition by neglect'. They are part of what makes the city landscape varied and they provide a constant, visible part of our 'memoryscape'. Measures such as the earthquake prone heritage building fund are critical. Ideally this would be increased. 3. With a new school syllabus now to be introduced, and with space in it for studying the local, it's important that Palmerston North's distinctive stories are not overpowered by a national narrative that does not necessarily reflect our local pasts and our present reality. Expenditure on the renewal of Manawatu Heritage is critical - it is currently a somewhat clunky beast, even though it contains precious material for connecting with our history. 4. Likewise the digitisation of cemeteries records is supported, with the hope that these records will be made much more accessible and placed on a digital platform such as Manawatu Heritage. 5. The development of sites such as Te Motu o Poutoa is also important to telling our stories - for school children and others. Expenditure in this area is supported by the Trust. 6. The City Library is a huge asset and one which always gets strong approval rating. It has a value beyond the monetary and a reputation which is immeasurably enhanced by the goodwill and expertise of its staff. Our dealings are particularly with its heritage staff and the archives and, again, there is a strength there which can't readily be monetarised. There seems to be no suggest of lessening support so we simply reiterate our support for this taonga.

What changes would you make?

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Only to increase expenditure in the heritage areas, which may not be realistic given other infrastructural demands and ratepayer resistance to increases in rates.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details**Name**

Kirsty Hughes

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I'm not happy with the rate increase. I am a single mum, who is facing a rate increase because the only house I could buy at the time has a large section. I didn't not have the luxury of which house I could buy, it was luck of the draw as to which seller accepted my offer. One income to pay for rates, mortgage and all other rising cost of living expenses is having an affect on my ability to afford the basic necessities. The rate rebate threshold is set so low, basically only those who are retired are eligible for the rebate. Rates are not reflective of whether you use the rubbish services, whether you use recycling frequently or how much water you use.

What changes would you make?

Supply each home with 52 rubbish bags a year to encourage them to use the rubbish collection service, or better yet, a small wheelie bin instead. Families that need more than one bag can purchase at their own expense. Raise the rates rebate threshold to support lower income families.

Do you have any other feedback?

The recycling bin clips was poorly managed. My street was completely missed and while I reported it at the beginning of March, it took until 19th April for any communication in response to my message. Blaming Omicron is pathetic, surely with the amount of staff and technology these days; this could have been managed from homes of those isolating while not having covid. Now the rate payer will be paying for postage for them to be sent out on top of the costs of having the whole city receiving them. Should have just posted them out in the first place. I sincerely hope poor management is readdress and rate payers money is allocated to people and services that can actually do the job they are employed to do, and done in a timely manner.

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Your contact details

Name
Sharlotte Batchelor

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

It is absolutely horrendous about of money you are proposing for increase rates when I haven't seen much in return. Streets needing potholes fill up, the plastic plant boxes in Pioneer Highway that I have seen more damage to the cars. On positive things it's great that our playgrounds are updated and safe for our tamariki. Currently with cost of living is going up due to the inflation and adding another \$400 p.a in my rates is ridiculous and I didn't ask for my property valuation to up. I really feel for home owners who are in living by each pay cheque or pensioners who are on super.

What changes would you make?

One thing I would like for my Street is speed bumps! So many vehicles are going fast to drop off kids at the preschool at Little Monkeys and the newly established playground by the community centre. Some day someone will get hurt from vehicles not driving slow.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details**Name**

Alannah Wynyard

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I see that some areas of the rates proposal have been decreased, but overall the increase is significant for our household. We are a young family with a new baby. Even without the increase of living costs nationwide, the proposed rates increase is more than any pay rise we can expect in our house in the next 12 months. Our rates are also much higher than those in Auckland, even if you factor in their separate water charges, which makes no sense in terms of infrastructure, percentage of property value, decile of the area, resources etc.

What changes would you make?

Manage resources appropriately to "survive" the upcoming recession using the financial resources/rates income as they are now. Minimize frivolous council spending I. E. Planter boxes.

Do you have any other feedback?**File uploads**

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Your contact details
Name Peter Holden
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Our rates increase is 21.2%, how on earth would people like us on fixed incomes (NZ Super) be able to afford to stay in our homes? Council and Government say they want to keep us oldies in their own homes, but you will be making it unaffordable! We are simply amazed that these increases are even being considered given the increases in living costs and hardships that we all face right now We are fast loosing confidence in this council.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? We are questioning why Council are even considering these exorbitant rate increases! The changes we would like to make will be on voting day! So, Fix up the road surfaces, control speeding traffic (we live on xxx Avenue). Spend less on window dressing and spend Ratepayers money on the essentials that matter!</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Kahn Wynyard
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I live in Takaro, and a 20% increase to my rates would put further stress on my family. I don't believe 20% is even near a fair number, just because house price increases.
What changes would you make? 2% tax increase, instead of 20%
Do you have any other feedback? If any room in the budget, please fix up Takaro. The suburb is poorly looked after and along with Highbury, could do some maintenance on the footpaths and other areas.
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Your contact details
<p>Name Jerome roberts</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? No value in it for me based on the increase of proposed rates. I care about stormwater drainage and safer quieter road on Vogel st. It's an urban area, not industrial bypass. The storm water is blocked constantly. We are blocked in at our section from prior subdivisions before we bought our house. Only to find with moderate run our house fills with water in the crawl space causing hazardous living conditions. Sort the bloody basics first and if you aren't, don't charge the people who won't benefit from your plans with 30% increase in rates. We all feel the squeeze from covid and first home buyers are not the people to target right now! I'll move back to Wellington if this is the experience provides by our council here in Palmerston !</p>
<p>What changes would you make? Stormwater investment. Quieter and safer roads for industrial thoroughfares. Free investigations into poor subdivision authorisations resulting int bad drainage of surface water from surrounding properties causing flooding and damage to houses with medium/moderate rain in lower lying sections</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Provide justification as to why 30% increase to OUR property. Or atleast the blanket rule/algorithm that our property is under...</p>
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Your contact details

Name
Sonja Sundberg Carson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think it's disappointing that our rates will be going up by about 30%, at a time when the cost of living has increased substantially across the board. I appreciate as a council there are many ways you want to make Palmy better, but I think going back to basics whilst the world is feeling the pinch of COVID-19 will do a lot more good, than non-urgent spending that can wait until the economy has stabilised - and therefore will be far less burdensome for the people of Palmy.

What changes would you make?

A focus on improving local infrastructure, like basic improvements to the quality of the roads (along with safety of our roads), and also a focus on stormwater issues. Time and time again with big downpours we see the stormwater system struggling to keep up and often getting blockages. So I reiterate the need for basic improvements across the board, and less on the "nice to haves".

Do you have any other feedback?

If there is any way to decrease this huge increase in rates, I am sure the region would appreciate it!

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Your contact details
Name Ted Frickleton
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>The enormous increase in rates in certain areas of Palmerston North, notably the lower socio-economic areas, are set put immense financial strain on households that can ill afford it, including my own. Wages have not increased, nor have the services provided by PNCC so where is the justification for such huge increases in rates? I am semi-retired, live a fairly simple but financially careful life as I can, to make ends meet but there isn't much left over most weeks. Being burdened with a grossly inflated rates increase will cause undue hardship.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Stick to the original proposal of 8.3% rates increase which would be less punitive on lower income households.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>Beautifying the city, such as through artwork, sculptures etc, is noble in theory but in these difficult times, money better spent on maintaining infrastructure such as roading and public amenities, which currently, throughout the city, are very wanting.</p>
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Your contact details

Name
Pennie Smith

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

its understandable increases need to be made, however with inflation and the proposed rate increase you are pushing more ratepayers into poverty, less able to meet basic living costs and look after their health. This does not make sense.

What changes would you make?

cap rates at 10% to limit the burden. revise projects planned for the next financial year and only focus on core services (roading, maintenance, key infrastructure upgrades) and defer non core business projects.

Do you have any other feedback?

if the ratepayers are unhappy where is the benefit to the Council in proceeding with projects that are of little practical benefit to the community. Do we actually want to "have big city benefits" if we can't afford to live a balanced life. lets be realistic and take into account many will be unable to afford your proposal in the 10 yr and Annual Plan. Our wage / benefit increases will not increase by this amount - EVER

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Your contact details
Name Shirley
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I'm writing regarding the proposed rates increase for my property which will increase by around \$880 for the year. This is not an 8% increase, being the number talked about in most information , but is more like a 25% increase. I am not against a rates increase because obviously we need to pay for services but such a huge increase is a shock. Most people I've spoken to have had no idea that their rates could increase so dramatically because the information given out has not sufficiently spelled this out. I can't think of any other service I pay for that has ever increased a charge so dramatically. I feel like this is unfair and outrageous and can't see how anyone could justify this.</p>
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Your contact details
Name Madeleine Speirs
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Proposed rates increases are going to affect every household in a time when the cost of living is already rising and putting households struggling to cover basic needs. Where do households on fixed/lower incomes find the money to cover these proposed increases? What do they give up? Heating? Food?
What changes would you make? A capped increase percentage.
Do you have any other feedback? What are the increases for? More unnecessary painted dots on the road? What improved services will ratepayers see for their money? After two years of families struggling through a pandemic this proposed increase is like kicking a sick dog!
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Your contact details
Name Esther Fou
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Rates increases are too high.
What changes would you make? Focus on core infrastructure and obligations under the Act. Reduce the non-essential spends.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Nathanael Sextus
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I think it is greedy. I live on xxxxxx St .. we have lots of state houses down our street and my rates have sky rocketed from 3k which is already ridiculous to 3.6k. There are way to many unnecessary things. You dont need avertisements and printed magazines. You can cut back on programmes.
What changes would you make? You don't need a 13 % increase to pncc workers,just do 5 to 8 percent to match inflation. You need to have an inquiry into the toxic negative culture and the mayor needs to be proactive into setting a good culture that attracts our workers.
Do you have any other feedback? 5 to 8 percent increase is fair on each property for the last three years. Don't go off the new RVs and then calculate the rates.. I'm already proposed a 20 percent increase on the silly way you have calucated it.
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Your contact details
Name Regan Beddis
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>The increased price for is sitting at around 25%, more than triple the percentage of the annual inflation. We are a family of 3, about to be 4, living on one income and struggling enough as it is. With the extra amount we will need to pay the rates, that money will need to come from somewhere else from our budget which will most likely be the food. The amount the rates have increased seems unfair and unreasonable in the circumstances we are living in today, yes sure the property value has gone up, but in saying that, if we sell we still buy in the same market and have a similar mortgage but paying a heavy increase in price for ALL of our bills. I could understand a 10% increase, but 25 is outrageous.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Lower the increase to something more reasonable, especially in the slightly poorer areas.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Stephanie Hedges

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm
Fri 13 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I am appalled to see that my rates are increasing by 25.97% due to the value of my property increasing. In a time when gas prices, the cost of living, food prices, mortgage rates, and more, are rising it is so disappointing to see that the PNCC is adding to this. My income has not increased, and the value of my land increasing doesn't have a bearing on the services that I use as I am not using any more than I was before. In fact, the services are decreasing such as glass collection being suspended and more plastics being excluded from recycling rather than increasing the services. The city is being "beautified" instead of being made usable with potholes and terrible roading in places of low income like Highbury as if they are less important than the rest of the city. It is thoroughly depressing to be living in a city where the value of my land increasing in ways that are completely out of my control affects how much I pay when I am seeing far fewer benefits as a citizen and ratepayer. I've looked at the annual plan and the 10 year plan and there are businesses that face lower rates increases than I do as a private citizen. Why are individuals penalised for things they can't control?

What changes would you make?

I'd enact changes to make the city more functional for our road users and public transport users such as better bus services in conjunction with Horizons regional council, filling of potholes until the roads can be relaid if/when needed, investing in better recycling services so our city's landfill isn't full of plastics that are not longer accepted, as well as investing in food scraps collection like in Tauranga for compost which can then be used in city gardens or sold back to the public for private garden use as a way to offset the costs of the food scrap collection and processing, landfill reduction options such as incineration in a carbon-neutral and/or environmentally friendly way as places overseas have developed and begun using.

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Do you have any other feedback?

More clarity and information around what the changes are such as emailing residents, more meetings and information advised on social media and in local newspapers, flyers sent out by post, etc. The timeframes are so short that working people who are trying to make a living to pay their increasing costs of living are likely not seeing the submission deadlines until it's too late.

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Your contact details**Name**

Andrew Crellen

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

A bloody joke is what i think of your budget. If you were running an actual business you would fold. Have you heard of leaving within your means or trimming the fat. I suggest you take a long hard look at the budget, fire your accountants, and get some successful business operators to look at it.

What changes would you make?

There should be a list of must haves and nice to haves. Things like any beautification or cultural crap is a nice to have if there is no money for it then you cant have it. A serious audit needs to be done on the entire council down to how many pencils you have. If there are any payrises it should only be for people who are below the living wage. Non for councilors or for developing more made up seats. How about selling all your vehicles and getting bikes for everyone, you have planter boxes to protect you.

Do you have any other feedback?

I think what will happen is when the council put this through and it will. Submissions wont make a difference. Your front line staff will take all the abuse from it which is unfair as you councilors will just go back into hiding untill the next election when suddenly you are visible. How about getting out more. How about releasing which councilors vote for or against the rises. Then we can see your true intent.

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Your contact details
Name Olivia Bardsley
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>Accompanied by rising interest rates and inflation of basics like groceries, the proposal of raising pncc rates for our household would be beyond what we can afford. I saw within the budget were also proposals for pay rises for pncc employees and upgraded furniture whilst there were cuts to funding community based charities and programmes. It is difficult to comprehend that through this budget proposal ratepayers will pay for those raises and new furniture and in return receive less. Might I note that majority of ratepayers are not receiving pay rises to match any of the increased costs of living or in this case owning a house in palmerston north. Prior to this proposal palmerston north rates were already very high in comparison to other ratepayers across New Zealand, I wonder where this proposal would rank us?</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Do not raise the rates Remove unnecessary budget spending ie furniture</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Lisa Sae
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The rate increase is far to great for low to middle income earners to meet. My proposed rates are over \$1000 more per year. Family living week to week simply can't afford this.
What changes would you make? If you must increase rates do it slowly over time.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Josephine Mary Snook
Organisation Social Justice Group, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Palmerston North
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? We wish to repeat our submission regarding the 10-year Budget and reiterate our commitment to social housing. We submit that the Council should continue subsidizing its existing housing units for new tenants and commit to providing further housing to meet predicted needs. Some part of the rate "take" be tagged for this purpose.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Sheenagh Tinkler
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Hi there. My rates are proposed to go up by more than 20%. I cannot afford this. I am a pensioner. They should be capped at 10%. The Council should stop building white elephant 🐘 vanity projects like the one on the Riverside walkway at the bottom of Albert Street.
What changes would you make? They should be capped at 10%.
Do you have any other feedback? Thank you for your attention.
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Your contact details
Name Claire Black
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>While I appreciate facilities being maintained and love the beautiful spaces Palmy has created however, the cost being spread the way it is proposed is horrendous. My rates have already increased significantly in the last year apparently due to my new garage and property upgrades. My garage is barley standing there is no new garage or improvements so your guesstimate on my rates is not a reality. To find out now that we are looking at a 32.4% increase on our rates is unmanageable and unfair. People care about their homes but wont be able to afford to maintain them with these rates. With all the rising costs everywhere and Covid affecting my job my wages have not increased to meet the increase. There is no point making Palmy Beautiful if those paying for the improvements cant afford to live here.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>An even increase and lower increase. If two people use the same services and one has an increase of \$200 and the other has same house size same land size same service and increase by \$800 thats not a fair balance.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I have read your comments about your flyers and online marketing. This has not reached a wide audience it wasnt enough. Even when I did come across this I read 8.2% and almost over looked the reality of 8.2% actually being 32.4% for me. Rates is some thing we have to contribute to but this is bullying.</p>
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Thurs 21.4.2022
2.00pm

SUBMISSION ON "PROPOSED" RATES INCREASE

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PNCC Rec'd 21 APR 2022

J+G. Ansell (Mr+Mrs)

We Ratepayers of Palmerston North City are objecting, in the strongest terms, to the gargantuan proposed Rates hike. You mentioned 8.3% which is bad enough — THEN, surprise surprise! QV came to your party and doubled land values under people's feet so many people, both direct and indirect Ratepayers (Renters) are facing up to and well over 20% rises!

Palmerston North 4414

You've been steadily creeping up our Rates here over the past years, to what we already believe is burdensome to us as Retired and on a fixed income so the \$177.40 extra for us (proposed) is another straw added to insurances, utilities and petrol and basics like food + medicine which are camel-back breaking.

We wonder what happened to the "Young heart, easy living" Palmerston North slogan? No "easy living" anymore.

Local Council's spending priorities should only be on Core needs of the population who pay your wages/salaries to facilitate these. The PNCC has stepped far beyond this.

We propose that the PNCC step back on the dollar signs dangled before its eyes by by QV's "engineered answer" dare we say "corruption", to give PNCC the justification to take more from us all and force hardship on people.

Savings can be made by:

1. Cutting outlandish 6-figure salaries to Council staff ~ unheard of now in the "real world" for the type of work.
2. Stopping funding sculptures from the public purse — they should be fundraised for by interested parties.
3. Stopping funding cultural and/or ethnic celebrations — they should be likewise funded by themselves, fostering pride, initiative, teamwork and resilience in them rather than teaching helplessness and reliance on government handouts (local and central).
4. And anything else funded outside the "CORE" City services you were established to provide citizens and businesses. P.T.O

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Another point also, the clear "policy" being enacted to Rate/Fine people out of their properties so "developers" can cut up the properties into slum-like sizes and build houses so close to others that you can hear the neighbours "turning over in bed" is a recipe for social disaster that the PNCC will be picking up the pieces of forever. Also the stormwater disaster with these sections, almost covered in concrete around the houses, with only token "postage stamp" areas left uncovered. The aquifers beneath the City are fed by water seeping down through the soil of gardens and open spaces - is this thwarting of rain into soil "environmentally friendly or sustainable"?

As we walk through the streets and see this we feel sickened. This is NOT how Palmerston North should be.

The cynic in us would say PNCC is happy with the above situation as it means "MONEY" in consents and more individual properties to charge rates for. Trouble is, a dog can only eat so much of its tail - then there's no tail left!

Please reconsider this rates hike - cut costs elsewhere and really consider where this type of decision making is leading to... a place where no-one will want to live if they have a choice.

I chose to come here in 1989, have come to love and value it but I can see it slipping away so fast, a City I call my own. We both feel so.

Sincerely,

Mr + Mrs Gordon + Jeanette Ansell

P.S. I came into the PNCC Customer area (just before 2pm). There were no Submission Forms - they gave me this sheet. I was then shooed out as "We're closed!" I went looking for a place to sit + write, found chair + small table in the Convention Centre foyer. Finished at 3pm. Looked up, everyone gone. Checked all other PNCC building office entrances on way home - all locked - everyone gone. Guess all staff still getting full pay - not like others!!

Don Kitchen

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PNCC Rec'd 21 APR 2022

I have been made aware of the proposed rates increase for the next financial year and I voice my displeasure at what has been proposed. I understand that rates do need to increase periodically but what has been outlined is far too much for one residential section. It would seem this may cause people to be forced off their land. I am on a fixed income and this is getting beyond a joke. I feel these decisions are being made by people who are simply out of touch with the reality of what most people are facing in this day and age financially.

Don Kitchen

Your contact details

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PNCC Rec'd 21 APR 2022

Name *

First name. Last name.

Janet Maxey

Organisation

If applicable

Postal address *

Email *

Phone *

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

We're running 9 hearings sessions. Please select up to 3 from the times and dates listed below.

- Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
- Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm
- Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am
- Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm
- Fri 13 May 9am to 11am
- Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Fri 13 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

What do you think of our proposed budget?

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Agree with all cut backs Karen Naylor has proposed. Should be cut back more as increases should be no more than inflation rate. Not being an accountant, nor the time am unable to comment further on specific cut backs. This is what you are employed to do. Why so much investment in social housing. This is more central governments responsibility, not local. Are rents going up for these tenants as rates for those of us subsidizing these people.

What changes would you make?

Cut back on consultations. Get back to delivering core services. Consult the ratepayers prior to spending millions on consultations which often ends up in the waste basket. Put on hold all the arty, nice to haves.

Do you have any other feedback?

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You can upload any supporting information or your submission here if you'd prefer to write it in a Word document.

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Related information

[Annual Budget](#)

Small city benefits, big city ambition

Council's vision for Palmerston North is for every resident to be able to enjoy the benefits of living in a small city, with the advantages of a big city.

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

PNCC'S revenue source is primarily ratepayer funded. I understand how limited the options to generate finance are. (Tamakuku and cutting down a few trees up Turitea don't go far) But there is a limit to how often you can go to the well, the most plentiful aquifer will eventually go dry. Sadly, the now departed CEO did little more than restructure the existing fabric, buy office furniture and perhaps feather her own nest to a new position. As a consequence many qualified and locally knowledgeable staff members have been lost. Equally sad is the fact that NO effort was made to retain valuable staff members. As a consequence you now have the highest percentage of employees earning over \$100 K in the country, but not necessarily suited to their job descriptions, but the best applicant available.

Three waters from central government has become a huge emphasis and corporate have invested heavily in its fruition (mainly in the expectation of a substantial payout towards our own water upgrade requirements). Once again, no surprise, but previously ignored or shelved by previous councils. Three waters is by no means guaranteed.

The current council cannot be solely blamed for many of the issues facing the city but it needs to be more circumspect in signing off budgets and allocations.

Question yourselves-Do we really need to do another upgrade of the square? Do we really need to upgrade Cuba Street? Do we really need to light up Fitzherbert Ave bridge? Do we need more sculptures along the pathway between the bridges with lights? Yes keep doing parks and walkways-people do use and appreciate them, they are great-but are artworks, murals and some purported upgrades essential.

When is the summer roading programme going to happen? Probably the highest number of complaints come about this sector but very little appears to have been rectified. Where did this budget go?

Another concern to me is that once upon a time council had an effective, not perfect, but none the less effective design team covering three water, roading construction, parks and trails etc. Does it still exist? I think not as it appears to be mostly outsourced to consultants-not efficient-not economical-not forthcoming-often cut and paste and not necessarily fit for purpose. All these things incur cost. Outside contractors or consultants are not the answer-like lawyers it is their job to extract the maximum possible from the project-in house resolution has proven when without to many constraints, they can be efficient and more cost effective.

The ratepayers, whether homeowners, tenants, corporate or otherwise cannot keep stumping up. Many, many people are already having a hard time of maintaining their current level of existence. To say this increase \$8-\$10-\$15.00 per week is minimal is not only naive of the world around you and the people who live in it -but quite contemptuous. With costs rising across all sectors (rents, food, mortgages, energy, fuel etc) it is all very well to be comfortable in your own circumstance, but try to understand a lot of people on the bottom rung thru to superannuants do not share the same level of resilience.

Everything around the rating structure that could be manipulated has been manipulated. Sadly no government has ever had the strength to cap local body rates at inflation. It has come to the point at which ordinary citizens can no longer absorb these escalations. There is potentially a new population of displaced people looming on the horizon.

People are hurting-dial back your demands-cut some fat off the pig and try to be somewhat more pragmatic about your expectations. Why should one organisation as in the council charge more than anyone's pay rises should they be lucky enough to have one?

Janet Maxey.

Subject: FW: Rates submission

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara O'Driscoll <>
Sent: Thursday, 21 April 2022 3:52 pm
To: Palmerston North City Council Info <Info.Info@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Rates submission

Good afternoon,

I have been on-line several times over the last month, since receiving the Council pamphlet, to discover what our expected rates are likely to be for our property at xx xxxx Grove and have not been able to find any projection.

Number of Lot is 11DP 31878 and Valuation Number is 14540 420 06

We have lived in this property for 50 years (from Feb 1972). We were concerned to read at the last valuation, that the house was only assessed as being worth \$90,000 approx., and the rest of the valuation (\$630,000 approx) was for the land. Because the property has not been recently sold we are presuming that a recent sale of # xx wxxxxx Grove was used at the time to estimate the total value of the property here at #xx, and we probably had no real reason to question the total estimated value of our property.

However, when we read now that the new rates will be based on land value as assessed by the City Council, we really do wonder if the big hike in the land value, and under valuing of the house and improvements to that land, as sent to us in the recent valuation, is not a rather dishonest way of assessing the rates.

This is just a comment that we think needs some consideration and we would like to submit this for further discussion.

Thank You,
Mrs Barbara O'Driscoll (for Dr and Mrs R.C O'Driscoll)

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Subject: FW: Submission on Annual Budget draft

From: Beth Tolley <>
Sent: Thursday, 21 April 2022 4:24 pm
To: info@pncc.govt.nz
Subject: Submission on Annual Budget draft

Hi

Thank you for being willing to pass this submission to the right department

Many Thanks

Beth Tolley

Submission to PNCC Annual Plan 2022

What do I think of the proposed Budget

My concern is to pass on to future generations a healthy environment. I am very disappointed and concerned that there is so little relating to climate change. The latest International Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] report of March 2022 says that earth is set to warm to 1.5° within 2 decades, and only the most drastic cuts in CO2 emissions will prevent an environmental disaster. The draft Annual Plan lists a number of challenges but climate change is not one of them. The Ecocity budget of 2.09% of PNCC spending is not in line with the damage unstopped climate change and loss of biodiversity will have on our lives. A drastic cut in emissions could cause social conflict and breakdown of community. So a just transition as well as a rapid transition to a low carbon economy is essential. This is a huge challenge for everybody. PNCC has an important role in alerting residents to how seriously protecting its residents as much as [possible.fo](https://www.possible.fo)

What changes would I like?

I would like PNCC:

Tell the truth and lead regarding climate change

- By highlighting the dangers climate change poses to the city and region in all its communications.
- By regularly report on parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere and what PNCC and the city are doing to lower it
- By recognising that the 2050 target for zero carbon emissions is no longer adequate. -
- By leading and encouraging in a variety of venues and situations talk, discussion and debate about what our options and pathways to lower emissions might be. A Citizens Assembly maybe useful as part of this
- By sharing with the public on the ground actions PNCC is doing that is helping lower emissions

To make lowering of carbon emissions a very high priority

- By assessing every PNCC plan or decision in terms of its impact on carbon emissions and encouraging citizens to do the same in their personal lives. The Annual Plan already includes the idea of passing infrastructure to succeeding generations. That thinking could be extended to include what sort of city environment we want to pass on.
- By continuing to support and increase that support for organisations such as Environment Network Manawatu whose work contributes to reducing carbon emissions and increasing biodiversity

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- By having a goal of reducing private car use within Palmerston North by contributing more to Horizons financially to enable free and frequent bus services from Horizons, spending less on roads and more on walking and cycling routes. [Thank you for working cycle lanes in Pioneer Highway. Maybe this work could be linked to the need to reduce CO2 emissions when communicating with the public]
- By supporting local food initiatives which not only reduce transport emissions but help feed people
- By planting fruit trees along street verges especially in poorer parts of town. This would need to be done in consultation in each neighbourhood so the locals value and protect the trees.
- By protecting and extending plantings of native vegetation such as wet areas and bush
- By adjusting rates to support struggling families. Increasing residential rates 11% while dropping commercial rates 3% does not assist a just transition to a low carbon economy.

Other Feedback

I recently discovered when walking through Edwards Pit Park that weeds such as ivy and tradescantia are flourishing putting at risk young trees and reducing the chances of self sown native seedlings from growing. I don't know if this is a problem in other native plantings but would appreciate it very much if the volunteer revegetation work is supported by ongoing weed control

Thankyou for the opportunity to make this submission

Beth Tolley

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Alan Dingley
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Continuing valuing rates on property value is unfair. \$550 is my jump which is around 20% which I believe is unfair. My pay certainly hasn't gone up at all. Justify the 20% rates increase please?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
Attachments: crj_wilson_-_pncc_annual_plan_submission_2022.pdf

Your contact details
Name Callum Wilson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Please refer submission document attached.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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PNCC Annual Plan Submission

Callum Wilson

21 April 2022

STOP RATES INCREASES

1. I make this submission as someone who chooses to reside, raise a family, run a business, employ people, and own residential and commercial property all in Palmerston North City.
2. I utterly reject the proposed 8.3% overall rates increase. The continued compounding increase in rates is grossly unacceptable and unsustainable.
3. I object to the changes in rating differentials; despite some commercial properties actually receiving a substantial discount by virtue of their comparatively low land value increase, there is no justification for loading proportionately further costs onto businesses by increasing the commercial share of rates. Businesses have been significantly impacted by Covid and face further significant increases to the cost of doing business; Council's role should be to support not further penalise the city's employers, product and service providers, as it's ultimately residents and ratepayers who will be affected by this.
4. The underlying issue is of course that council is trying to find ways to hide an excessive increase in rates. These increases have to stop! It is not acceptable to burden ratepayers with these increased costs based on very weak plans with poor justification. I call for a zero rates increase this year, and challenge councillors to instead begin a path of rates decreases.
5. Council's role is to serve residents and ratepayers as a whole, and under this Plan, it is failing to do so. Council, and many Councillors through their continued endorsement of excessive spending and fringe interests, have utterly failed in their duty. Council has been misguided in its self-proclaimed role of supporting pandemic recovery, and instead is contributing to cost

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of living increases and resource shortages for productive sectors.

6. Council acknowledges that economic conditions and cost of living is significantly worse than when the 10 Year Plan was set. So instead of the council using current conditions as a further excuse to increase rates, council must pull back on its rates and expenditure. Economic conditions provide justification for council to significantly reduce activity compared to long term plans, particularly as a significant proportion of spending is discretionary.
7. Unlike Council, which is simply able to *take* more money, ratepayers are often of more fixed means. Something has to give in order for council to continue to take. In my case this will be that, personally and in business, I will need to ensure that Council increases are offset by a reduction in my support to charities and community groups. In this way, Councillors and Council can be clear that they are actually taking from the sorts of groups they would often proclaim to be helping. I will not be alone in this course of action, so Councillors must consider whether that is the sort of consequence they are comfortable with creating. This of course is in addition to further hardship that rates increases will undoubtedly be contributing to.
8. In terms of specific items noted in the Plan as contributing to the rates increase; I foremost reject the notion that additional costs should result in rates increases. Council must live within its means, find savings, find reductions, forego some of its woke ideals, rather than burden ratepayers. On that basis, I object to each of the specific increases summarised in the Plan. Of particular concern, I object to proposed additional spending of \$1M on 'Health & Safety'; \$2M on salaries; and \$65K on rubbish bags to address non-compliance with recycling. (In this case, limiting the rates increase may enable everyone to afford rubbish bags!)
9. The additional Salaries and H&S costs of \$3M are of particular concern because council has shown inability to manage itself. In recent budgets there was an additional \$500K added to the people budget to "build the capability of our organisation". Now there's an additional \$1M more for vague or undefined H&S. We all know that no one will stand in the way of safety. But serious questions have to be asked how this is a new and separate budget item. What on earth is going on and why hasn't this been implicit in operations to date and has management been failing badly with this? In terms of Salary costs, council may instead need to look at why recruitment and retention is difficult. Given that it such a protected and well-funded employer, maybe there are underlying issues with Council being seen as out of touch, inefficient and unproductive which make it undesirable for motivated workers. It also appears to me that there is over-specialisation of roles; every role seems to require a separate position rather than developing much more productive and lean capability. Perhaps if council is forced to live within its means, rather than putting it's hand out for \$3M more, this year alone, it will find better ways.
10. There is opportunity for council to substantially reduce spending. Council must clearly separate its expenditure and operations into essential services and 'nice to have' services. The essential services must be better managed. Those 'nice to have' services must be further scrutinised in terms of benefit and value to all ratepayers and residents, and not progressed "at all costs". In times of high costs and constrained resources as at present, council must

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stop competing for these limited resources and at least hold back on works programmes that are not essential. There must be drive from Councillors to limit the scale of Council, not contribute to it growing as an unaccountable empire.

11. Council's budgets presented in this Plan are littered with highly questionable discretionary / non-essential items. While I don't have the detail to see what these entail, the titles alone are of significant concern. E.g., not content with the originally planned \$84K for "1442-Active Transport Behaviour Change", then Plan now calls for \$102K for this. My perception is that this is the type of item that should be entirely wiped from the budget. Council's core role should not be social change, let alone in tight economic times, let alone when contributing to an 8.3% increase, let alone when society is doing just fine at figuring out it's own active transport! If high petrol prices, availability of e-bikes and shared use scooters, cycle lanes, working from home, public walkways, etc, are not enough to create behaviour change, Council wasting \$100K on this item alone sure won't be. Sadly, I suspect many many other items would also not stand up to any scrutiny, and are evident of an out of control council and lack of scrutiny.
12. People have more enjoyable and constructive things to do than participate in consultation over constantly poorly considered spending and changes. Grossly unpopular decisions like parking changes and planter boxes highlight how out of touch decision making is. Councillors must do better to respect the wishes of the people they serve.
13. I reiterate my objection to the proposed rates increases, and call on Councillors for a rates freeze, and a fundamental change in approach to rein-in an out of touch and out of control council in a number of areas - particularly in these challenging economic times.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details

Name
Emma Ochei

Organisation
Manawatu Toy Library Association, Inc

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
Fri 13 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I understand it will always be difficult to ask ratepayers to pay more for their rates , and even more so in these particularly difficult times for many households and businesses. However Palmy is a safe, friendly and thriving city - and it is vital that PNCC plays its vital role in maintaining the quality of life we have here already , and also that Council continues to look to the future also in terms of community support and environmental initiatives. As a rate payer I am prepared to pay an increase of the approx 8.3% to ensure efficient and functioning council services. I would not support funding cuts to community or environmental programmes or initiatives. In particular I mention my support 1675 - a \$100,000 fund for community relief efforts post-Covid . I presume this would be an extension of the current Covid relief fund for community groups. Extra support for community groups is going to be increasingly needed, I believe, as we collectively work our way out of this pandemic. Increased need in our community for social services, coupled with pressure on all usual funders is already placing financial pressure on many community organisations.

What changes would you make?

2023 - Community Development Small Grants fund - back to \$62,000 increase. This is not a time to shave off funds for community groups - As a minimum I would ask you to reinstate to the Annual Plan figure - Ideally of course I would prefer this to be increased. This is a vital fund for operational costs for smaller community groups which provide community cohesion and community services to the benefit of all of Palmy's citizens. 1574 - Hancock Community House Management contract - reinstate this to \$63,000. I note I am speaking personally here since I am no longer at the PN Community Services Council . However, I know that \$63,000 represents great value for PNCC, given the services provided and efficient day-to-day operations of HCH provided by this contract.

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It is only fair that spending on this contract increases. We all know that costs for the service provider are increasing.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details

Name
Tyler Warner

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I strongly oppose the level of increase (8.3%), as I believe that in the current environment it is totally inappropriate to impose this level of increase on rate payers. The impact of the updated valuations on rate increases means that many residential rate payers will have increases of between 10% and 30% (and some even higher than that) which I think is quite unreasonable. This will increase financial hardship for some of our community. I find this unacceptable.

What changes would you make?

- That the proposed additional budget for employee remuneration be reduced by \$2,000K to enable \$4,859K additional for the 22/23 year. That the application / prioritisation of the additional \$4,859K remuneration to be determined by the CE.
- That the following proposed new Operational programmes are removed from the draft 22/23 Annual Budget, and are included in a list titled: "Considered but not included": Prog 2129 - Free rubbish bag per month to low income households - \$165K KN/LH Prog 2136 - City Marketing Campaigns - \$150K.
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- That the following programmes funding is reduced: Prog 1506 - \$640K - Community Events - reduce to \$544K Prog 2130 - \$135K Heritage Advisory Panel - reduce to \$25K Prog 86 - \$103K - (cap ren) Furniture replacements 9 - reduce to \$50K. Prog 20

Do you have any other feedback?

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I implore council to consider that many residents have not had a pay increase in more than 2 years due to covid. Increased interest rates at the bank and increased costs at the supermarket and petrol pumps are making us tighten our own belts at home we can only expect the same from our council.

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Your contact details**Name**

Andrea Anderson

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I do not support the proposed budget. With escalating living costs, this is a ludicrous time to spend money on unnecessary projects. Many people are struggling financially and this will only add further burden and stress.

What changes would you make?

Please only spend money on the ESSENTIAL services - waste, water, road maintenance, environmental protection. No spending on projects that only benefit a small group of people e.g. upgrading council chambers, council remuneration. No spending on UNNECESSARY projects e.g. city centre transformation, cycleways, events, city heritage projects, cultural projects, Albert St river entrance upgrade. What we have currently is fine. Reduce spending to active communities, arts & heritage, connected communities, libraries. Instead these groups should source alternative funding or increase their own fees/admission.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
<p>Name Bruce Duncan</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 9am to 11am Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I find the increase to rates to be extremely high. To raise our rates by, in our case, 29% is disgraceful. You as a council need to realise that salary and wage earners are hurting at the moment.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? If and only if, there was a legitimate reason to raise rates, this would be aligned with the cost of living. NOT 29%!</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? An explanation is required. This council must rethink their approach and consider the impact on rate payers of such an increase. I do not believe PNCC have considered all options and instead have opted to just penalize rate payers. I look forward to discussing this further. Bruce D.</p>
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Your contact details

Name
Nichollette Tatham

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think we should be cutting back on spending on “arts” at the moment and spend that money on the more important things for now.

What changes would you make?

As above.

Do you have any other feedback?

It’s frustrating as a ratepayer to see money wasted on things like the plastic planter boxes that were supposed to seperate cycle lanes, when there are people who are genuinely struggling to buy the basics. I would rather have money spent wisely in our region on the basics and cut back on any future art sculptures etc that are not as important at this current time.

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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details
Name Sienna Wilson
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Are you looking after my future?

PNCC Annual Plan Submission
21 April 2022



Dear Palmerston North City Councillors,

It's me, Sienna!

Seeing what's happening in the world around me, I've realised - that at the age of 12 months - I already need to start seriously thinking about and planning for my future.

I hear that you are planning to increase rates by 8.3% overall, and for some families a lot more than that! I wonder where these families are going to get that money from; what they'll need to sacrifice; and whether Council is spending it wisely. I also wonder what all this means for my future if it continues. This is a lot more than I should be worrying about at my age.

I'd like to buy my own house by the time I'm 30, so I've been doing some calculations. **Did you know that if Rates continue to increase at the 8.3% you're currently considering, the rates on a typical residential property would be over \$30,000 per year!?!** Even with inflation, that is staggering, and seems very wrong. You're welcome to check my calculations, shown in *Figure 1* following. But I'm sure you'll find that compounding increases have a very big effect and should be more carefully considered than they seem to be. The increases are out of control!

While I do enjoy playing in cardboard boxes, I wasn't planning on living in one; but that seems to be what will be happening if Council continues to strip more and more money from ratepayers. This needs to stop!

My understanding is that you, the Councillors, have an important role in representing the interests of ratepayers and residents now and for the future. That means spending on what is necessary and keeping the council organisation in check. This really doesn't seem to be happening! In fact it seems that so much in this Annual Plan is geared to serve the interests of the council organisation, and not the short or long term interests of residents and ratepayers.

I'm sure you'll hear from many residents and ratepayers that the proposed increases are unacceptable - even just based on the immediate increase in cost. At the age of 12 months, I'm even more future focussed, and am considering the long term effects of these compounding increases as they will significantly impact my future. The compounding increases are grossly unsustainable; the total cost is a disgrace now, let alone where it takes us to in future; and unabated, this will be an enduring shame to any councillor who supports such increases.

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Figure 1: Calculations showing compounding rates increases are unsustainable!

I challenge Councillors to make a generational change; immediately FREEZE rates, with next budget to REDUCE Rates. Make a positive difference for the future by rationalising and reducing the role of council. The status quo of continuing with questionable value projects regardless of cost, and all the while growing the council empire, is not a strategy for now, or the future.

I ask you to commit to decreasing rates, by 10%. If this were to happen for even just each of the next 3 years; then even with a return to 8.3% increase, in 29 years, my hypothetical rates bill would be just \$17,000, rather than over \$30,000. The difference in path that your present proposed increase is taking me and every other resident and ratepayer on is massive.



I'm told that the savings are clearly there to be made if the mandate required it. The Covid pandemic has shown that many businesses and organisations are able to make savings far in excess of that, so the Council, with so many items of discretionary spending, could surely achieve this. The wasteful and unnecessary spending is there to be cut, and the size and role of council can be practically limited to what is necessary.

So which is it; are you focused on the interests of residents and ratepayers, for this generation and the next; or are you presiding over growing the unsustainable and ultimately unaffordable council empire!? Will you truly do something for the future, or will you carry on rubberstamping the status quo of increases?

I truly hope you'll look after people now, and for the future, by immediately freezing rates.

Yours faithfully,

Sienna W, 12 months.

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Your contact details

Name
Corrie Atkins

Organisation

Hearings

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

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Do you have any other feedback?

I implore council to consider that many residents have not had a pay increase in more than 2 years due to covid. Increased interest rates at the bank and increased costs at the supermarket and petrol pumps are making us tighten our own belts at home we can only expect the same from our council.

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Your contact details
Name Jackie Wheeler
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am very strongly against the extreme rates hike. My property will go from \$6100 to \$8200. That is a horrendous jump. I can't help but think that the council are just trying to rate me out of my property. This is just plain wrong.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Clare Hynd
Organisation
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Too many nice to have things that should be stopped in these very tight times. All staff being paid above the living wage should have a wage freeze to help contain costs. Most people are really hurting financially and everyone needs to tighten their belts. There should be a hard look at all the roles in council and those that are not necessary should be cut. This is not a time for largesse. The rate increase must be kept to an absolute minimum
What changes would you make? Do road and footpath repairs. And keep the streets clean and tidy and the leaves out of the gutters No more cycle lanes and planter boxes, they are a big waste of money at this time
Do you have any other feedback? Do not increase the rates by the suggested amount . The budget should be cut so that the rate rise is half of what is proposed
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Your contact details

Name
Siann Aburn

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I understand there are significant demands and need for services but the current proposal needs reducing further to decrease the increased costs you are putting on ratepayers (in our case 47%). In a time where we could well end up in another global financial crisis then it would be prudent to reduce the “nice to haves” and concentrate on core business. This means reducing usage of expensive consultants, vanity projects, unnecessary rebranding or further developments to the cbd such as discussed in the article in the Standard this week.

What changes would you make?

Find a fairer way for those looking at 30% rate increases. These people will not be using any more services than they already are. Compare a smaller section with 6 people living on it with someone who has a larger section and higher increases but only 2 people, their use of Wastewater, rubbish /recycling etc is significantly less than the other but they pay proportionally more in rates. Concentrate on core council services like infrastructure, reading, water, rubbish etc and decrease wasteful spending particularly within council. Find ways to do things more efficiently and cheaper like the rest of us have to!

Do you have any other feedback?

As a rural resident close to town we have experienced a significant increase in land value which under your proposal means a rates increase of over 47%. Assuming that everyone in our area has received similar increases to the change in land values then the method you have employed to reduce the impact of these increases seems to be laughable as many perspectives will be affected. Facebook posts and media have shown significant numbers complaining of 30+% increases so we are not alone. We get no more for this huge increase and it cannot be justified or fair. Land value does not represent increased usage of any council services. The current rating system is inequitable. Maybe you need a 2 tier system to decrease the impact on those of us getting significant increases so to reduce the demand on us. Considering this supposed increase is only realised if we sell (

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and we now have a falling market) and does reflect any increased ability to pay. Older people on large sections are likewise being penalised.

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Your contact details

Name
Nikita Leeks

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I understand the need for an increase in rates to fund the projects presented in the proposed budget. However, I am concerned that the raise is higher than the majority of people can afford. We are in a time where the cost of living is rising rapidly, public wages are frozen and there is major concern in the community whether we can adjust to maintain what has grown to be a very costly living standard.

What changes would you make?

Could the increase in costs be made through smaller increments to support a softer adjustment period? Could we consider reducing the arts and culture budget so that emphasis is placed on affordability rather than the attractiveness of the city? It seems counterinitative to build a beautiful city that only the minority can afford to live in. Future space costs could be built at slower rates to ensure that we as a Palmy community can afford to live here first and foremost.

Do you have any other feedback?

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Laura Konijn
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>The proposed changes in distribution of the rates charges are inequitable and quite frankly ridiculous. When two homes of identical CV have a huge disparity in their rating proportion based on land value alone it seems completely unfair. Families with large sections but lower value homes paying more than people with brand new homes is just a joke. Pensioners who have had their homes on the kiwi 1/4 acre are now seeing substantial and unmanageable increases in the rating costs purely because they havent subdivided. The rating increases are substantial for some locations yet seem to be making up for decreases across other areas. 8% would be ridiculous in today's climate but many people are expecting increases above that. With the increase in house prices this makes the housing market for both renting and purchasing much less desirable. Feilding used to be expensive for rates and PNCC was considered fairer but these increases will see families like ours considering selling up and moving outside the PNCC boundaries.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Rating value (or as a city counselor recently reported on facebook as a property tax) should be based on CV. That is, the best way to distribute this cost across all people in the city would be to share that based not on land but on the overall value of a property. Million dollar homes should not be paying less in rates just because they have less land just as someone with a relatively lower value home shouldn't have a huge cost based on land value. The overall value would be fairer. It seems that using land value in this way was quite the way of gentrification where those with land had more money and paid more tax. Things have changed and the way the rates are shared out should also reflect smaller sections, more house.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>PNCC have historically been a council that is family friendly, affordable and with prudent use of finances to advance the city as a great place for everyone to live. We appreciate the work that has been done with parks around the city but are struggling to</p>

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keep up with the annual significant rise in the rates. It seems unfathomable that palmy will remain a family friendly place if things like planned increase go ahead and the palmy image will be impacted.

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Name Allen Macmaster
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>My chief complaint is the publicising of the 8.3% average rate rise when my own rates are projected to rise 25% and others I have spoken to also find this figure laughable. If this is truly the average then some other sectors/persons must be enjoying some healthy decreases. As this (potentially only temporary) increase in property values puts no more cash in our pockets to pay the increased rates it is simply another inflated cost dragging on our ability to enjoy our lives and lifestyles in Palmerston North. The increase is vastly above inflation and will be extremely difficult for many to manage as it will flow on to other costs (e.g. rents and therefore also costs of goods and services). This may deter people from shifting here.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>The proportionality of the rates increases needs addressing. Accepting there will need to be an increase does not mean accepting residential property owners should bear a disproportionate burden.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Name
Fenil Mistry

Organisation

Hearings

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Rubbish, how is my rates going up and my neighbours is less than mine. We have the same amount of land, other house is front and there are like no other difference and I pay more than him. This needs it be calculated again, seems like no one is happy with this. Ask the government for more money as they like splashing heaps put.

What changes would you make?

For some services make it pay as you use it. I don't use your arts and crafts, visit events, use your rubbish. Stop painting roads and doing silly stunts that brings no value to those that work work work

Do you have any other feedback?

I work long hours, feed the family, don't use much of your services as I don't have time. Need to find a way of removing the services I don't use, seems like a daytime robbery. This way you only pay for services that you use.

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Your contact details
Name Lucy
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? I just wanted to share that people are already struggling with price increases across the board currently as the cost of living is outrageously high. Interest rates are making mortgage repayments almost impossible for many people. Even though you've provided a breakdown of where rates money goes, it is already expensive and a further rise is going to cause real stress for many. We pay for kerbside rubbish collection, and recycling, in our rates but on top of that we have to pay for the bags the rubbish goes in as well. If it is at all possible to avoid putting rates up that would be preferable.
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Your contact details
Name Robyn Croker
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Leave the rates alone. We are only on one wage which is the minimum wage. This is putting more and more stress on us. The cost of living is so high now no wonder there is so many more suicides. Palmerston North city council you need to rain in your spending
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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Submission on: **PNCC Draft Annual Budget 2022**

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Manawatu – Rangitikei Province of Federated Farmers welcomes the chance to submit on the Palmerston North City Council Draft Annual Budget 2022. We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
2. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We support councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in their rating policies.
3. Federated Farmers is conscious that there may be significant ‘consultation fatigue’ out in the community, following the LTP consultation process and 18 months’ worth of significant central government proposals. Our members do not want their busy silence to be misconstrued as disinterest in the proposed changes. Given the challenging regulatory and economic environment we are currently in, we acknowledge this may result in a low response rate to the consultation process.

SUBMISSION

General comments

4. We note that 2022 is an uncertain year for all ratepayers, as well as Council. Inflation is rising, the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are unknown, and the future role of Council is uncertain. In terms of the proposed budget increase for 2022/23, we are of the opinion that lower costs, fit-for-purpose infrastructure and calculated spending is the best way that Council can assist the community right now.
5. Further, COVID-19, inflation and rising fuel and food prices are putting families under significant pressure. Our members as farmers also face additional substantial challenges, including labor shortages, compliance costs, supply chain problems and increases in farm input costs.

Rating burden

6. Federated Farmers continues to thank Council, elected representatives and staff, for the positive and open working relationship that we enjoy. We have appreciated working with a Council who has taken a reasoned and fair approach to how rates are spread across ratepayers.
7. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business and are a source of considerable financial pressure for all farmers. We therefore appreciate Council’s willingness to consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in a land value taxation system).

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8. We continue to thank Council for the use of differentials for the general rate, and continue to support Council's rationale for utilising differentials. We agree that a general rate based on land value does not produce a fair and equitable allocation of rates, therefore justifying why the Council operates a system of differentials.
9. Federated Farmers supports the cost recovery mechanisms that Council has previously used to collect rates, and in particular has supported Council utilising the UAGC and uniform targeted rates rather than rely on the general rate to bring in rating revenue. We are therefore pleased to see that the underlying structure of the rating systems is not proposed to change. We continue to support Council utilising a UAGC and uniform targeted rates for water, wastewater, kerbside recycling and rubbish & public recycling.

UAGC vs General rate

10. In 2019 Council made the decision to reduce to the UAGC from \$690 to \$500 per property, in order to provide some relief to residential ratepayers who are facing higher than normal rates increases as a result of the recent property revaluation. This rating change was supported by a change to the differential system for rural and semi serviced properties, to increase the amount of rates increased via the general rate, while ensuring that the portion of total rates from rural/semi serviced rating units remains the same.
11. At this time, Federated Farmers submitted that while we understood that the proposed changes were an attempt to somewhat maintain the Long Term Plan status quo in terms of total rate take from various rating groups, we were concerned about the long term impact of changes to the rating structure, in particular the likelihood that it would create a precedence or trend to reduce the UAGC in future years to keep residential rates low. The 2022 proposed budget confirms these fears.
12. The UAGC is a useful mechanism in that it helps to ensure that each rating unit contributes a minimum amount, thus moderating rates on high value properties. By using the UAGC less, Council is therefore somewhat unfairly shifting more activities onto the General Rate, and shifting the affordability problem onto ratepayers with higher property values, like farms. Farmers regulatory compliance is ever increasing and with it, the cost to farm. It is not fair or viable to continue to shift the rating burden to rural ratepayers when the good or benefit received from the service is community wide.
13. We ask that in future years Council maintain its use of the UAGC, in order to preserve the integrity of the current rating model.

Federated Farmers thanks the Palmerston North City Council for considering our submission to the Draft Annual Budget 2022

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Your contact details

Name
Barbara Mouat

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?
See below

Do you have any other feedback?

I just want to voice my concern at the increase in my rates as result of my land value increasing by \$330,000. While the value of my land has increased, the services which I access and pay rates for remain unchanged, and the increase in value would only benefit me if I sold. I am the sole occupant of the dwelling and my use of services is nominal. While Council can in no way beheld responsible for an individual's income, I would've thought they would have a moral obligation not to cause hardship for those on lower or fixed income. In my case an increase of almost \$850 negates the recent increase in National Super. One possible way to address this would be to increase the amount given as a rates rebate.

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<p>Your contact details</p> <p>Name Karen Adams</p>
<p>Organisation</p>
<p>Hearings</p> <p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
<p>Your feedback</p> <p>What do you think of our proposed budget? See attached</p>
<p>What changes would you make? See Attached</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Yes I would like to see a reduction in councilor numbers and return to Ward Councilors so the people in the area can vote for a person who will champion and fight for issue that anything gets done. I think we have one of the highest ratios of councilors to population of any local body. I think all councilors standing on a party ticket should have to declare this during the campaign and make it clear to voters on the voting form.</p>
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PNCC Council Submission Karen Adams

For this first part I would like to expand on Cr Karen Naylor's suggestions as a template that I agree with and add some of my own.

1. That the proposed additional budget for employee remuneration be revised to only be increased by 3% and 0% for any senior managers and employees earning over \$80K. The 9% increase is unheard of in other sectors and given the costs of the rate hikes to many fixed income ratepayers it would be seen as a kick in the guts to give someone, especially those over \$80K a pay rise when the cost of living and mortgage rates have increased. Also considering most valuations have actually dropped considerably since they were assessed it hurts more.

1a. One of the reasons for this is I would like to see an audit of how many of the current staff positions use outside consultants to make a decision that they are paid too. E.g. The second council planner I spoke with could not make a decision on a second dwelling on my property on College St as it's within the heritage area and said it would need to go to an outside consultant, even though I sent through all the information from the builder of exactly what would be there and paid for a ground assessment as I was told to by a previous planner as there were no council records, at a cost of \$1000 and that it would not be seen from the road. The second dwelling was for my mother to come and live as the house only has a shower over the bath and stairs up to the house so it's unsuitable and she also likes some independence. The irony is that I can put whatever style garage I like up that doesn't have to comply - like most houses already have, some with sleepouts. So I can put her in a garage but not a fully insulated and compliant house. It's also a conflict of interests that the only consultant used happened to previously work for council and wrote the design guidelines - he told me when I wrote to him. If the salaried planners can't read and apply design guidelines then what are we paying them for? The next question is what happens when that person retires or dies - who will make a decision then? What's the succession plan for the decision making.

1b. Additionally, I think it's time to revise those design rules as the rates paid for the land of the Savage Cres area, that can't be subdivided, is rated at the same as those across the road that can and have been. A fresh approach to the design guidelines to update homes with modern extensions like they have done in real heritage areas like Melbourne, Sydney and other parts of NZ not only look great but allow the home owners to live in warmer, healthier homes that modern living affords.

2. That the following proposed new Operational programmes are removed from the draft 22/23 Annual Budget, and are included in a list titled: "Considered but not included":

Prog 2129 - Free rubbish bag per month to low-income households

No, many low-income families are in council or Kainga Ora housing which is already heavily subsidised, would meet the criteria of being on a community services card so will be getting additional help compared to those not in social housing that struggle to make ends meet who do not have a community services card. I would prefer to see a complete overhaul of rubbish and a regional incinerator paid for by all councils under the Horizons Region and Horizons as burying rubbish or sending it offshore is not only disgusting for future generations with leaching and pollution but also moving the recycling to countries where they are just dumped is immoral.

Prog 2136 - City Marketing Campaigns - \$150K.

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Unnecessary. The reason people don't come into the city is that the parking is expensive and too short to be able to do the things you want e.g have dinner, go to a movie and see a show. In line with this and as a gesture towards all the ratepayers, councillor free parking should be revoked as well as any staff that are given this privilege. We have DHB workers that have to pay for their own parking and quite frankly they do a more important, life changing job than anyone on council does.

3. That the following proposed Capital New programmes are removed from the draft 22/23 Annual Budget, and are included in a list titled: "considered but not included".

Prog 167 - James Line Improvements - \$1,443K.

My road, College St, as explained below has had many improvements, now the outcome is that it is now detrimental and damaging my home. Cook St has been "fixed" many times and is still full of potholes. Fix current roads before "improving others".

Prog 1676 - additional funding to improve participation in council meetings - \$150K

What exactly does this mean? Is this for public participation or something else- if it's public participation then the meetings should be held after hours so workers who are unable to come to daytime meetings can participate either in person or via zoom. There saved you \$150K

4. That the following proposed operational programmes are removed:

Prog 2133 - Health and Safety Improvement Programme - \$1,000K - That the proposed Health and Safety Improvement Programme is reviewed and that priority actions are delivered through existing capability, through reprioritising work.

What are the current staff doing and how have they not prioritised the work themselves? Again, what are these fulltime employees doing??

Prog 1936 - \$30K - (op) Funding for Section 17a review.

Operational funding as a whole need to be revised, just because it's always been the way councils have done it doesn't mean its best practice. In fact it is the whole reason we are in the position where our wastewater, rubbish and roads and footpaths are in the state they are- while frivolous spending, additional staff and consultants are used. Rates should be used mostly for core capital expenditure with the remainder on operating costs. This would keep borrowing to an absolute minimum, keep staff and contracts tied to performance of the project and mean greater consultation with ratepayers prior to any scoping work being applied. E.g the Square blowout before a plan is even in place.

Prog 2135 - \$21K - LGNZ Conference

I have no faith in LGNZ and its very existence is another bureaucratic expense that has no real benefit to ratepayers across the country and pays for staff accountable to no one. PNCC needs to opt out.

5. That the following programmes funding is reduced:

Prog 1506 - \$640K - Community Events

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Prog 2130 - \$135K Heritage Advisory Panel – no funding.

No requirement That what your planners and the Arts and Heritage committee are for, if either aren't up to the job then they should stand down and be replaced. The fact the committee has approved this is a disgrace in itself. Take it out of the Arts budget as they get so much funding in one form or another but most people can't even afford to attend most events.

Prog 86 - \$103K - (cap ren) Furniture replacements 9 - reduce to damaged or broken only.

We'd all like new furniture in our workplaces and if it's a business and they can afford the latest and greatest that's all good, it comes out of their bottom line. If the furniture is serviceable and does the job as in it's a desk, chair, bookcase etc then it will suffice. This is a good example of frivolous, unnecessary spending.

Prog 2047 - \$154K - (cap new) Furniture transformation - reduce to as required for Health and Safety.

Reduce to as required for reason given as above

Prog 1826 - \$308K - (cap new) CAB Workplace Transformation - reduce to \$150K. KN/BP

For the same as furniture, are they able to deliver the services? If the answer is yes then this can wait til our rates decrease.

Prog 1929 - \$256K - (op) - Workforce Transformation - reduce to \$125K. KN/BP

What is this actually broken down into? I'd like to see the current Job Descriptions and whether they are meeting them and productivity analysis first. The only other observation is that many of the "highly qualified" staff are not from Palmerston North, they do not know or want to know previous issues for ratepayers whilst there are many experienced, workers that have a long history with the city that can do the jobs their managers are doing, possibly in a more efficient and effective way. They have more buy in to do a good job first time round as they live here and pay rates here. The only transformation I'd like to see is a process of hiring from within for many of the supervisory or management positions.

6. To defer for a year:

Prog 2044 - \$197K (op) Kerbside Food waste - Investigations and Trial - defer to 23/24. KN/BP

Defer. People can't even put their recycling in the right bin and the compost is terrible as it is- always full of weeds.

Social Housing.

I do not agree with any further spending on social housing for the following reasons:

The Papaioea Place housing was the most inefficient use of prime inner city real estate that should have maximised the number of homes in that place. I have had one councilor tell me that it was for elderly and disabled and that a lift would be an additional \$70 K. This just tells me the lack of experience or knowledge in housing people making decisions have. This should have been an multi, med to high density project that could have housed hundreds more and has been wasted by lack of foresight.

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It is central governments job to provide social housing not councils and whilst it makes wealthier ratepayers and councillors feel good, the cost is borne by many on low and fixed incomes who are now subsidising others, that they already subsidise with KO housing, who may well be monetarily better off than they are.

Public Consultation.

I disagree with many of the proposals and also would like to see more austerity amongst council staff and certain councillors who seem to think ratepayers' money comes out of thin air and can be wasted on pet projects which are poorly consulted or not even consulted with the ratepayers in the first instance (do we even want it?), poorly costed (horrendous budget blowouts e.g the Bridge, Memorial Park, College St "upgrade", Planter boxes, square revitalisation to name a few examples which are then signed off when the workmanship is shoddy. e.g. The bridge and river pathway- major cracks appeared within a week- some because trucks were driven over it straight after it was laid, same has happened at Savage Cres Park, the cracks appeared the day after due to poor prep and is totally discolored from poor installation.

College St was consulted on ad nauseum until the cyclists got their way but the final draft was not what was done- for example the tree was supposed to be removed from outside my house (which would have fixed the tree root ingress into the sewage pipe on my property and lifting of the footpath, that I have sent numerous requests over five years to be repaired. The main issue is that due to the change in road surface and a poorly laid manhole cover and the volume and weight heavy trucks that now utilise College St as a main thoroughfare, have made affected the foundations in my house and it now has multiple cracks and gaps that weren't there beforehand.

I have again raised this issue with council and spoke to the roading team (Dan?) who said he'd get back to me and that was over a year ago. The noise pollution and vibrations now in the house is massive and affects our wellbeing and sleep, and as our house is in the middle of the two intersections it is when cars and trucks are at their highest speed. I have asked that someone come and see the damage and experience it to understand the issue that wasn't there prior to the road being resurfaced. As an aside, most cyclists ride on the footpath as the rucks tend to bounce of the manhole cover and caused a child to ride into the curb- also reported.

Senior Council Staff.

The attitude of many of the senior council staff that appeared in the online forum was an interesting observation in how dismissive they were of the questions and feedback unless it suited their agenda. To have Sarah Sinclair scoffing and sighing at comments was a disgrace and showed just how superior she believes she is. I firmly believe there is an attitude of unaccountability with many of the senior staff, demonstrated by the bloody mindedness of the planter box trail, and emphasis on cyclists only for the active communities manager over pedestrians is notable and needs to be reined in. I would like to see frequent reviews and assessments of their decisions and budget spend and overruns.

Call Centre and Online Chat staff, Cleaners, Gardners, Workers- Doers.

I am happy for these people to receive a pay rise- every single time I have called the help desk or contacted the online chat the staff have been friendly and helpful. The toliets especially at the

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Esplanade and near the bridge are always lovely and clean, the lady and other staff friendly that clean them are a delight to speak with.

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Your contact details
Name Nick Dow
Organisation Disability Reference Group
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make? The DRG asks that funding be included in the 2022/23 budget for programme 2041 (Facilities Assessment). As representatives of the disability community, we wish to stress the importance of auditing Council facilities with a particular focus on accessibility. Changes made as a result of such an audit have the potential to increase the participation of disabled people in public life. The DRG asks that Council considers an expansion to the programme (through further funding) to cover an increased scope, in terms of what is assessed and how it is assessed. The programme is currently limited to an assessment of Council-owned buildings against the Building Code. We suggest a programme covering infrastructure more generally (for example, pedestrian crossings, footpaths, and disability carparks) in addition to buildings, checked against an accessibility-focused framework such as New Zealand Standard NZS 4121:2001 – Design for access and mobility: buildings and associated facilities.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Emma Prouse

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The proposed rates increase is unaffordable for families who live in this city. 3% would be the number I'd expect to see.

What changes would you make?

There are lots of areas where spending can be cut or deferred without impacting essential services. Cut back on non-essential services particularly in Goal 2 (city making, city centre and placemaking). Cut back on International Relations spending. Stop funding for Smokefree Education, this should not be the role of a City Council. This is a health activity. Defer: Reserve renewals Arena sound system replacement Arena kitchen equipment replacement Parks and Reserves shade development Walkway extensions Sportsfield Improvements New social housing

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details

Name
Caragh Aspden

Organisation
Palmerston North Youth Council

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm
Fri 13 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Kia Ora, we are the Palmerston North Youth Council for 2022. After discussing the information provided within the consultation document and the supporting information, our thoughts on the Draft Annual Budget are discussed below: Safe and Connected Communities: The Palmerston North Youth Council believe that Safe and Connected Communities are a priority. We hope to see the city council engage directly with the youth sector, and prioritise youth voice in both the workshopping, planning and execution of these aspirations. Young people play a key role in creating a safer city in areas like the CBD and around schools. As the Palmerston North Youth Council, we encourage Elected Members to engage with us on this topic. There is much good being done throughout the city for youth development, and we would hope to see Elected Members continue to seek out and value youth voice by engaging directly with our young people within their own communities and spaces. Active Transport: We believe steps to create a safer city go hand in hand with goals around active transport, especially for young people commuting to and from school. With the figures given for transport, we as the Youth Council would like to see a continued emphasis on active transport, especially surrounding support for youth using active transport to and from school. In discussion with young people of the city, it is clear the safety of the roads and pathways surrounding schools is severely affecting youth participation in active transport. This lack of road safety may be contributing to a school ‘car-culture,’ a common phrase used in our discussions. We believe that there are many practical additions, such as clearer painting and lines on bike lanes and more protected sidewalks, that would empower youth to commute in a more eco-friendly way. Eco City: In discussing the budget allocated to becoming an Eco City, there were a number of areas we felt could specifically be improved upon to benefit youth. Resource recovery was one we felt especially passionate about, and creating a more circular system with our natural resources. These past years during the pandemic seemed to have created a more

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disposable, one-use culture. It seems urgent to start using our resources more consciously to help reduce the harm already done. Even though Eco-city makes up a small percentage of ratepayer's rates (2.09% / \$1.32), we would like to see an increased focus on this goal within all areas of council goals, and a priority on sustainability for future generations across all projects. As compared to last year's LTP, there seems to be much less of a focus on PNCC's personal goals surrounding creating an Eco-city. The Youth Council hopes to see the council follow through on the hopes expressed by the 2021 LTP, and lead by example within Palmerston North with its own eco practices. It would be so exciting to see Council consider goals such as going plastic free or becoming carbon neutral. Additionally, a common sentiment expressed by Youth Councillors and other young people has been the importance of seeing real environmental progress in the city. We believe this confirms a shared responsibility and encourages us to continue making the small changes in our day-to-day lives that can mitigate our environmental footprint. Besides our suggested areas of emphasis, Youth Council was especially happy to see the large percentage of ratepayer rates going towards Active Communities (14.63%) and Connected Communities (6.52%), two areas that have such clear positive benefits for youth.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

Not a comment for the budget changes, but as a group that works with making local governance accessible, engaging, and understandable for youth, we as the Youth Council would really appreciate if the + and - bullet points were larger and clearer in the consultation document.

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Your contact details

Name

Margaret Wood

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Firstly, thanks to all the Councillors who could see the bigger picture and advocated for a lower rate increase. Too extravagant - too many frills. The proposed rate increase is not fair or just and targets those whose land value has seen a huge increase. The value is only seen when a property is sold. Council needs to be realistic and apportion the rates across all PN ratepayers. One flat rate. We all receive the same services and have access to the same amenities. It feels like we are being punished for having a larger section. Perhaps the PNCC needs to be looking at city boundaries and seeing where we can build without all this infill happening, placing additional pressure on current infrastructure e.g. sewage, parking on residential streets due to lack of driveways and off-street parking. Some areas are becoming brick & concrete jungles, no where for children to play. Some parents don't have vehicles to take children to parks and not always within a reasonable walking distance.

What changes would you make?

Items could be cut or delayed: - Streets for People - Budget already reduced but is it necessary? Have the businesses in Cuba Street been consulted - Cycleways - user pays? Not everyone is able to use them for various personal reasons - Albert St river entrance - not necessary. Doesn't have to be done. Not a basic need or requirement - Tamakuku Terrace - section buyers should pay for the subdivision expenses not us. It's their dream home! - Tenants Lounge not essential. Would tenants here have a rent increase to cover costs? - Lido - user needs to pay - Is the 150k audiovisual equipment really needed? Seems an unnecessary expense in these tough times of high inflation.

Do you have any other feedback?

Animal Shelter upgrade important and has been waiting for a long time Budget needs to reflect current situation of increased expenses and make big cutbacks - tighten the belt - go without the frills. Not everyone has two incomes and some already struggle to provide for their families without additional stress. Come on PNCC - share the rates equally across all ratepayers and make some services user pays. WE ALL RECEIVE

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THE SAME SERVICES AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME AMENITIES - Why should our rates be all different? Having a bigger section or a higher LV value is not a good enough reason to justify this unreasonable increase. Some residents have less than a 5% increase while others are facing a 25% increase. Not fair - come on do the right thing!

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Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The budget spend should be restricted to essential services while we get through these unusual hard economic times. The disruption of the supply chains has resulted in increased products cost
What changes would you make? Eliminate non essential spend for the next year Spend can continue in future years when the supply chain costs have settled
Do you have any other feedback? I am moving into retirement and have not had an increase in pay rate for the last three years. Any substantial increase in rates would have a negative financial impact. I am sure there are many others in the same predicament Decreasing the rates burden on the elderly should be considered as they are generally not big users of the facilities provided
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Name
Golda Smith

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The budget is only helpful to the council. The amount of money wasted on things that the community does not want nor need yearly is astounding. We pay to be sick at the hospital, we pay for lack of recycling, we pay for stupid planter boxes, and roadworks in the areas of town that people do not ask for. Your consultation process or lack thereof leaves no faith in the current council. The only thing since I have lived in Palmerston North that is good is the renovated park with splash pad. Consider taking a pay cut yourself to show that you understand at ground level how these changes are affecting us. We are getting smashed on interest, food costs, rent increases, petrol, dirty car tax and we get no reprieve. Are you planning on providing food for those that can't afford it or just relying on Zilch to do that?

What changes would you make?

More transparent council members. There is no faith. No trust in you, your process or your words.

Do you have any other feedback?

Get real! Do not use this as a chance to make money from those still recovering from the effects of covid. Nothing council has done has given the community anything in addition to what we have had. Recycling options here suck compared to other areas in the country. The rubbish bags are over priced. Really disappointing to say the least.

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Your contact details
Name John Wood
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Not a lot. PNCC need to be realistic when setting the budget and trim unnecessary expenses and costs especially at this time of high inflation and the flow on effect from the pandemic. Support the Animal Shelter project
What changes would you make? - Streets for People - not necessary. High budget - Cycleways - has a detailed cost analysis been done. Many Seniors & people with disabilities are unable to use these. Perhaps the money needs to be spent elsewhere - Tamakuku Reserve - people wanting to build their dream homes should have these costs added to the price of the section - Tenants lounge at Papaioea Place not necessary currently - Overseas consultants for the City Centre -not necessary and what exactly is it costing?? - Albert Street river entrance - not really necessary - Audiovisual equipment - I'm sure it functions well enough
Do you have any other feedback? A brief history: - Bought section in PNCC approved subdivision in 1956 - Built a modest house in 1958-59 and moved in March 1959 so have liver here for 63 years. Intended to be our forever home (while healthy and I'm not dead) - The value is only realised when the property is sold. I shouldn't feel that the drastic step of subdividing or selling and relocating should be an option because of an exorbitant increase of rates. Our proposed new rates will be \$11.10 per day - say goodbye to insurances. What extra services will Council be providing for this substantial increase? All of this is causing undue stress, affecting wellness and overshadowing retirement as the challenges of becoming more senior happen. - Inflation is at its highest for 30 years and as you get more senior, you can incur additional expenses for help, health and wellness issues.
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Your contact details

Name
Joanne Wilson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Sad to see that PNCC Council have not taken into account the rate of inflation and the financial struggles many people are already facing. Budget needs to be realistic and sensible. Get rid of all the "Nice to have" and get back to basics. "We can't live on champagne when we only have a beer/bare income" Review, reassess and make wise decisions. As a landlord we have kept our rent below the market rental for many years as we considered that this was a way of helping people save to buy their own homes. With the Healthy Homes Standards, we have also covered these costs. Sadly, we will need to pass on to our tenants some of the proposed rate increase should this go ahead, as I'm sure many other landlords will be in the same situation. This just makes it harder for people to save and to make ends meet. Present PNCC rates = \$59.78 per week proposed 2022/23 = \$76.86 per week - just too much!!

What changes would you make?

Delay or not even do: Heritage Consultant City transformation - not again Tamakuku Terrace - pass on costs to section buyers not rate payers Lido water filtration system - user pays? Upgrade to audiovisual equipment - do it by Zoom or Team meetings

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details

Name
 Joanne Wilson

Organisation
 Joanne Wood (Girls Brigade)

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

In the Annual Budget 2022/23, Council acknowledges that it has been tough for everyone and that we are all facing increases. The rising cost of living, petrol prices, mortgage payments and now a proposed rate increase, not just for PNCC but also for Horizons (8.4%). The cost of living has seen a 6.9% inflation rate (the highest in 30 years) and more OCR are forecasted for the year. While some increases are inevitable, the proposed rate increase seems very unfair especially with land values having seen a huge increase with recent QV valuations. Why are rates based on LV? Does someone with a bigger section, receive additional services? Should someone with a bigger section from an earlier subdivision now be penalised? Shouldn't rates be simply a flat rate for all. Where is the fairness in this? We pay a flat rate for doctor's appointments, buying a coffee (can't afford that treat now), attending a show, and yet our rates are based on LV. Are you assuming that people with a bigger section, have a higher income? The value in the land is really only seen when the property is sold, not before. With rates being based on LV, some home owners are now facing a huge increase. Our LV increased from \$300,000 to \$700,000, an increase of 133.33%. Our section is large but is not subdividable due to the way it was surveyed. We are now looking at an 29.36% increase in our 2022/23 proposed rates. While we accept there are increased costs - this increase is simply NOT fair! How will people be able to afford these increases. Some people are already struggling, these increases will just put more financial pressure on them and their well-being. The recent increases to Working for Families and Seniors, will simply disappear to cover the proposed rate increase.

What changes would you make?

Programmes/Projects that could be delayed or not started at all. Let's live within our means instead and get the basics covered without all the icing on the cake! - Cycleway - don't remove the planter boxes to install another temporary barrier before a permanent one is installed - Artwork/Sculptures - Pause. Let's enjoy the ones we currently have - City Centre transformation (what another one?) Arup Group consultations. Why do we

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need this? What are the costs? No - Heritage Planner \$135K - No - Free rubbish bags - \$654K - No - Audiovisual equipment \$150K - No - Papaioea Place Social housing - is a Tenants lounge necessary? Don't they have a lounge in their units? - Albert Street river entrance - delay - Streets for People - \$1.45m - necessary?? - Railway Road bore - cost? - Reduce the number of Councillors - especially if we are creating two Maori seats - Cycleways - Albert & Ruahine Streets - delay - Events funding - \$160K - review/reduce/scale down - James Line - incorporate this cost into the price of the sections at Tamakuku Terrace.

Do you have any other feedback?

I congratulate the Councillors that voted No to the proposed rate increase. People are struggling now, this increase is simply not equitable - introduce a flat rate for all rate payers. Also review user pays - e.g. Lido entry fees/subscriptions, events. Let's get real, get back to basics and what we can afford. We are already tightening our belts - PNCC need to do the same. Thanks

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Date:	21 April 2022
To:	PNCC
From:	Awapuni Park Community and Recreation Centre (aka Awapuni Community Centre)
Subject:	Awapuni Community Centre Submission on PNCC Annual Plan

Summary

1. The Awapuni Community Centre submits on the PNCC Annual Plan to advocate for improved funding for Community Centres and Facilities, and development of the Awapuni area

The Centre wishes to speak to the submission, We would like to speak to this Submission on Thursday 12 May, 9-11 or 3-30 - 5.30 alongside our partner's River Stop.

Details for a contact person are below:

- **Name Norelle Ward (committee member)**

About the Awapuni Community Centre

2. The Centre is managed by an incorporated society Committee, with support from PNCC, and oversees the use of the Centre by a wide range of groups including the following:

- Age Concern
- Apostolic Oneness Church
- Awapuni Community Library
- Awapuni Garden Club
- Awapuni Library
- Awapuni Tennis
- Ballroom Dancing Practice
- DHD Hearthland Home School Group
- Evening Flora
- Filipino Bible Study
- Harmony tai Chi Group
- Hinengaro Trust
- Manawatū Amateur Winemakers and Brewers
- Manawatū Freshwater Anglers Inc
- Mens Bible Study
- PN Magic Circle
- PN Miniature Makers
- Palmy Play group
- Palmy Cropswap
- Pilates
- Riverdale Country ASoundz Club
- Rose City Quilters
- Sew In Circle
- Textile Arts
- Tokelau community Group
- Veterans Tennis
- Wagon Wheels Country Music Groupo
- Widowed and Friendship Club
- Saddle Up Club

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3. The Centre supports the PNCC's intent to develop a diverse, connected, and safe community. The Centre also works towards this by supporting community development in Awapuni, representing the coming together of member groups, and facilitating the activities of groups and communities in Awapuni.
4. The Centre recommends that the PNCC maintain and increase funding to community centres and groups. The centre is managed by a committee of user group representatives, local supporters, and residents.
5. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank PNCC for the work that has been completed to date at the Awapuni Park and around the community centre. This includes the new fully fenced unders playground, the upgraded overs playground and improvements to the Basketball court and carpark. We and the wider community are grateful for these efforts and the inclusion of the tuna and the kereru in the final designs of the playground.
6. We also thank PNCC for working with us to plant fruit trees in the park, and look forward to the next planting day to increase the community orchard around the gardens.

Awapuni Park and Community Centre

7. The Committee recommends that PNCC allocate further funding for safety improvements to Community Centres including the Awapuni Community Centre. Committee members have noted safety concerns including, but not limited to;
 - A lack of outdoor lighting at the building entrance, creating risk for users. Installation of outdoor security light is recommended.
 - A lack of lighting in the nearby Park despite frequent usage as a thoroughfare. Low level path lighting is recommended.
 - Unusable and unsafe pathways made of gravel or limestone, that have steps, unsuitable for people with pushchairs, children on scooters and wheelchair access.
 - Reinstatement of the pathway around the left side of the centre and around the Tennis Courts area.
 - Alterations to the Barrier arm on the left side of the centre to make it safer for uses (especially elderly, and disabled and young families with prams).

Better connectivity

The Awapuni Community Centre committee would also like improvements to engage better connectivity with our community such as but not limited to;

- We continue to support Te Waihanga wahi tumatanui placemaking. Provide seed funding and support for people to lead public space projects to develop accessible, active, comfortable and social public places.
- Adding developments to encourage more engagement around Community Gardens
- A seating and bbq area.

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Other improvements we continue to support and recommend for consideration in the Awapuni area.

- Support potential new library Community Hub on St Marks land with a large kitchen.
- Wayfinding between shops and the Awapuni Community Centre on all pathways merging with Riverstop and iwi with consistent imagery. We Would love to see the correction of the Awapuni Signage at the Awapuni Shops, and the imagery from these signs be brought down onto the current Red markings on the road ways to soften the road markings and potentially slow drivers through the shopping area.
- Correction, replacement or removal of the Yellow markers in the shopping centre road way.
- The committee, after community consultation are investigating installing planter boxes with bench seating. Installing WiFi.
Getting an artist to erect two pou to have a welcoming entrance way to the front door. Commissioning an artist to paint murals on the walls. A welcome sign. We are still working through naming our large room and small room. With the carpark nearly complete, we continue to wish to create an outdoor room with painted concrete and bench seating.
- We still support the installation of the paper walkway between number 8 and number 9 Panako place for better connectivity for Awapuni, in line with the councils connected communities goal.
- We love the Awapuni Days and the movie nights, these brought a total of 4000 people from our community together to proudly enjoy the space. We hope to help host another event in the coming months – with restrictions lifting.

Rates Increases

While we acknowledge we are asking for items to be included in the budget (or worked on in partnership with the Community Centre committee) we also acknowledge the current housing issues and cost of living increases, and how this is and will continue to affect many people in our community (and further afield). We urge PNCC to be conservative with the Rates increase, especially given recent QV revaluations which will also have an impact on rates, and therefore a knock on effect to renters in the community.

Having nice places to go is aspirational and important to allow people to escape their own spaces, but they also need to live (well) in their own places.

Conclusion

8. The Awapuni Community Centre urge PNCC to continue to support Community Centres, with adequate resourcing, and to improve the safety and accessibility of the Awapuni Park and community.

We would like to speak to this submission. We would like to speak to this Submission on Thursday 12 May, 9-11 or 3-30 - 5.30

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details
Name Lee Pendergrast
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Some aspects of the proposed budget are positive. I am not however able to endorse the proposed 32% rates increase on our property. I am aware that rates are calculated on the current property valuations which are not carried out by the PNCC, but a 32% increase (despite a reduction in the Uniform Annual General Charge) is not acceptable particularly when I understand that some proposed property rates will decrease.
What changes would you make? Consideraton of capping rates increases at 10 - 12% Re-consider the way rates are calculated
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details
Name Lydene Davey
Organisation
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am very upset about the proposed budget. My rates are going up by 30%. I am on a very low income and currently receive the rebate. The rebate has been super helpful but now you want to add \$900 to my bill. If the rebate determines I need the added assistance then how do you think I can afford this massive rise. My home needs rewiring but the bank wont lend me the money to do it because they say I can't afford the extra \$12.50 a week and yet you seem to think everyone can afford any price increase you decide on.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? You need to budget to last years income plus inflation. Don't spend money you don't have.
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Your contact details

Name
Robert Dabb

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
 Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

While I've not studied the proposed budget in full detail (only became aware of the proposed rate increases today 21 April so getting a submission in before 4pm). What I am concerned with is the outcomes of the budget - being a disproportionate increase of rates across those parts of the city least able to afford an increase. I spent a few minutes on the PNCC website comparing houses at random in a few suburbs, including my own. Here's a snapshot of that 15 minutes worth of research: 104 Ruamahanga cres +9.5% 12 Airport Dr +11% 36 Birmingham St +25% 20 Benmore Ave + 11% 100 Te Awe Awe St -16% (a \$2.6M house) 360 Albert St - Hokowhitu end 0.0001% 10 Lockhart +12% 69 Maxwells Line +20% 50 Rugby St +7.5% 20 Buick Cres +10.8% 120 Ruapehu Dr +0.6% 120 Pacific Dr -2.9% 90 Wood St +25% 15 Clyde Cres +14% 10 Upham Tee +13.5% 25 Snowdon Ave +30%

What changes would you make?

The issue seems to be because in the low socio-economic areas like Roslyn and Takaro that Land Values have increased quite disproportionately to improvements on the last valuations. With rates based significantly on land Value this has hit these low-paid, low value homes especially hard. For example a widow in a 2 bedroom takaro home is seeing a 35% increase. meanwhile across town in a \$2.67M Te Awe Awe St home, rates have decreased by 16%. I would like to see two things: 1. A more equitable spread of rates increase across the city, with a cap imposed of 10% increase on any property (and that in itself is still way and above the underlying inflation rate) 2. A lower rates collection in total to achieve (1) - this means employing less people and spending less money

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Lesley Lowdon
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am very concerned about the proposed rates increase. From my perspective as an almost 67 year old living on my own, (with a dog for company) this sort of increase prevents me from contemplating retirement.
What changes would you make? I do not understand how the land value of my home of 19 years can be over \$650,000 while my house itself is apparently valued at only \$85,000. I would like to see a system that more fairly shares rates over the actual value. I do not live in a mansion, merely a two bedroom cottage that has been extended by a previous owner. It would appear that my rates will, most likely, be more expensive than those for large households with modern expensive homes. This seems to be highly inequitable and unjust.
Do you have any other feedback? I am unable to attend any of the hearings as I will be isolating prior to visiting/caring for my very elderly parents.
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Your contact details

Name
Sandy Nimmo

Organisation
Memorial Park Sports Trust Board

Postal address
c/o Sport Manawatu, 40 The Square, Palmerston North

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

While we are very sensitive to the challenges presented to all local Councils by the Covid-19 pandemic, some of our Trustees who have taken the time to review the documents with which we have been provided, arrived at the general consensus that Palmerston North City Council is taking some brave and quality steps to manage the resulting problems while still moving forward in positive directions. We, as a volunteer based community group working hard to restore and upgrade a community venue, have experienced some negative and adverse situations over the past 18 months, including Covid, PNCC staff shortages, Mother Nature and availability of volunteers. But we are keenly aware that we are not alone.

What changes would you make?

We would like to see more funding allocated to Community group relief efforts. Yes, we would appreciate being able to access some of that support to help make up for devastating revenue losses and to help us accommodate some unexpected and, frankly, unaffordable costs that are being projected in the short term. The amount we could be looking for might be anywhere between \$1,000.00 and \$10,000.00. More details will be available in time for our in-person presentation to Council. We understand that we won't be the only group looking for support.

Do you have any other feedback?

Yes. I believe that 6 years have flown by since I made our first presentation to Palmy Council, the one pertaining to the much needed restoration of and upgrading to the now 70 year old roller skating rink in Memorial Park. We are and will be eternally grateful

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for PNCC's early investment to the described project with an allocation of funds to resurface the large, old rink and to support costs, in that early period of time, for improved drainage and for supplying electricity. We, as part of our share of the responsibilities involved, managed to raise close on \$15,000.00 (after starting with nothing) enabling us to acquire numerous styles and sizes of skates intended for rental purposes and have since been most fortunate to be granted \$67,000.00 from Central Energy Trust with which to acquire new lights and a high end outdoor sound system which we are in the process of acquiring. The sound system has been acquired and the invoice for the lights and poles is expected any time soon. But we are not done yet. We had a vision for a cool, modern, exciting place to hand over to the Council and to the people of Palmerston North. Roller sports are very trendy these days, hyped by the popularity of roller skating being a low impact recreational pursuit and by skateboarding having been included in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics. What we anticipate, within the next 2 years, are costs related to installing the lights and the sound system, along with the manufacture and installation of new see-through rink boards to surround the skating surface. These costs could exceed \$250,000.00 and we will do everything and anything in our power and within our capabilities to find that money. We have been on a journey, one that we hope will come to an end within the next couple of years. In the interim we hope to maintain good relationships with Council and improved working relationships with PNCC staff.

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Your contact details

Name
David Hargreaves

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Rates increases (ours are almost 10%) are too high, especially in light of all the other cost of living expenses.

What changes would you make?

Cut out all the 'nice to haves' (described as "little extras" in the pamphlet) & focus only on what is necessary/essential services.

Do you have any other feedback?

The pamphlet mentions that some works have been delayed & the wording suggests this is a reason for cost increases - but surely this means there is actually money left unspent? These works should be reassessed to ensure they are still appropriate & if not, funds reallocated to offset this year's expenses.

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Your contact details
Name Glenn Pendergrast
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I miscalculated the rates increase on my submission of an hour ago. The rate of increase in my rates is nearly 32%. Could you please modify this on my submission. Thank you. Glenn Pendergrast.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? How can you think that such an increase is any way fair?
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Your contact details

Name
Glenn Pendergrast

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Our rates are going up by over 19% which is outrageous. Our superannuation increase will be minor and in a time of increasing inflation and cost-of-living increases we will find budgeting increasingly difficult.

What changes would you make?
Cap rates to a maximum of 10%.

Do you have any other feedback?
Reconsider.

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Your contact details
Name Craig ROSS
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I think that the budget proposals, that increase the rates for our property at 73 Churchill Avenue (Val. # 14720 305 44 Lot 3 DP 22837) by 14.25%, are a SCANDALOUS abuse of power by the Council! NZ's Inflation was announced today at 6.9% My wife and I are retired pensioners, whose pensions have just had their annual increase of 6.3% Yet PNCC is proposing to increase our rates by just over twice inflation and pension increase rates! Year after year, our City Council has raised rates higher than the yearly inflation rates and, certainly more than the annual increases in pensions. Is their a hidden agenda by PNCC to drive those of us with normal-sized sections out of our properties, so that exploitative property developers can move in to replace our single dwelling with multiple dwellings? We will be voting this year for Councillors and a Mayor who campaign on restraining city rate increases to affordable levels!</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Reduce the proposed annual increase in rates for citizens who own houses on normal-sized sections by changing the basis upon which rates are calculated. i.e., not relying so heavily on the property section valuations. Section valuations have only increased substantially, in recent times, by the city trend of replacing single dwellings with multiple dwellings = infill. Which I agree is a good approach to city planning for additional housing. Rather than extra houses causing urban sprawl, especially onto high class land/soils for food production.</p>
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details

Name
Brian Green

Organisation
Brian Green Property Group

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

We totally disagree with rates increases over the years at increased rates well beyond inflation. Council needs to have more stringent cost controls, e.g. the square possible development committee has engaged overseas consultants at an initial budget of \$200k, now this has ballooned to over \$750k and councillors haven't as yet seen the proposed plans according to newspaper reports. Service has also declined and consents etc are taking far too long to be granted. To much being spent on planners whims re cycleways etc etc etc. We have to live within our means and some "nice to have projects" will have to wait.

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Your contact details
Name Tania Putu
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I am dumbfounded by the rates increase. We are getting punished on every avenue and expenses are rising every where, to then add this on top is adding insult to injury. I know the council also has rises too, but when people are struggling to put food on the table and then have their rates rise so much its just barbaric. Ours alone has gone up over 17% but we were told approx 8%. We also are being charged for recycling that isn't even happening so i think a refund on that would be due.
What changes would you make? Listen to your residents. Wasting money on things we don't need eg planters, That money would have been better used to offset rate increases. All this other so called beautification (Cuba St, The Square) which has made the roads and parking worse and just more evidence of wasted money.
Do you have any other feedback? People need money in their pockets not all the wasted spending on things we didn't want or need. I feel very sorry for pensioners and people already struggling. This could be the last straw for them.
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Name
Julia Tong

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Incredibly concerned with the proposed rates increase. I know land values have gone up but I am unsure how you can justify this level of increase. I also read that if your property was able to be subdivided that you might incur a greater increase again. This to me seems ludicrous. How can you increase someone's rates based on something they may never do? I get the increase if properties do subdivide, but as a home owner who values her backyard I can guarantee this will not be happening at our property so think it is unfair to have to pay this.

What changes would you make?

Ensure you have people on staff with the required experience so expensive consultants aren't needed on a regular basis. Also, having lost so many experienced staff I feel projects and consultations that have been done in the past are being done all over again.

Do you have any other feedback?

Just consider your residents who are already struggling in an economy where even putting food on the table is a challenge when deciding on these rates increases. Thank you

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Your contact details
Name Sue Shirriffs
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>Some thoughts regarding the rates increases, which in some cases are beyond the pale. Particularly for elderly property owner with large property zoned residential, which they do not wish to subdivide, is faced with a \$2000 rates increase from \$3000 to \$5000. Will they be forced out of their property as they can neither afford the rates nor to subdivide!! Give rate-payers the option/choice to rate on land or house value. Rate every residential property equally, regardless of RV or section size. Rate on dwelling value not land value. Rates based on means testing of property owner. I have noticed some property prices dropping - is there still an opportunity to have a property revalued for the purposes of rates? Will there be a rubbish rate rebate while glass not being collected?</p>
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Your contact details

Name
Jean Hera

Organisation
Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Papaioea Palmerston North City Proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 Consultation

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Introduction/Background

Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective is a small community health group that due to funding pressure has been reduced to 1.6 FTE staff, but are moving to 1.8 FTE in May. Our Collective currently numbers 19 which includes our governance group members and staff. We are strong advocates for women's health, for community development, and for the needs of those on low incomes and other vulnerable members of our communities. We always appreciate the support we get from PNCC in terms of funding/resources and advice which assists our important work which is of particular benefit to low income women and other disadvantaged women and their whānau. This is of even more importance at this time with the impacts of covid-19, the recent rapid rise in cost of living and ongoing housing shortages and the high cost of renting.

TE MOEMOEĀ VISION

Our vision, moemoeā: a future where every woman/wahine understands, cares for and is able to heal her body, mind, spirit, whānau, community and te taiao the natural environment.

TE MATAWHĀNUI MISSION STATEMENT

Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective empowers wāhine/women and their whānau to have more control over their health and fertility.

Support Emphasis

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding covenant of Aotearoa New Zealand and we support PNCC in meeting our Te Tiriti responsibilities, and the associated development work with mana whenua. We look forward to the development of Māori Ward representation.

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We commend the work Council has done in developing free facilities and parks such as the Memorial Park Upgrade, the Esplanade, cycle ways and walkways and the development and promotion of these; the native/tree planting etc.

We particularly want to support and emphasize spending which:

- benefits the community, particularly those on lower incomes and in hardship; and the community groups that provide social service support
- is important to protecting public health (water quality, waste and storm water management, housing, sun shade etc)
- addressed important eco city issues including the climate emergency and greenhouse gas reduction (and those on low incomes/in hardship will bear the greatest impacts from climate change) - this includes funded public transport (with a goal of free public transport) and active transport options; environmental sustainability, tree planting, protecting waterways, and particularly our awa Manawatū, reduces pollution, and protecting biodiversity in our city.

All of these areas are closely interconnected.

New funding items:

1. We support the continuation of community relief for those affected by Covid restrictions (1675).
2. The free rubbish bag trial as an initiative important to those on low incomes and to help in avoiding rubbish contaminating recycling bins, and being dumped around the city (2129) is something we have mixed feelings about. While we strongly support making rubbish removal free (funded by rates) which will significantly assist those on low incomes, we do not think that plastic rubbish bags are the best option. We prefer the system that is used by New Plymouth where there are Council provides bins including for recycling, glass, rubbish, compost, food scraps. We support kerbside food waste recovery development which will play an important part in reducing landfill and carbon emissions.
3. It is good to now have the recycling wheely bin lid latches – we have seen the chaos of fallen recycling bins on windy days (2131).

We continue to be very strong supporters of PNCC social housing initiatives (we are keen to see these continue to develop), community development including Council support for community groups providing important services to those on low incomes, and those involved in important work for the natural environment. We strongly support edible planting city wide (967) and work for food resilience development; and increased planting of native plants/trees within the city boundaries. We support work for a fairer rates system including one based on capital value rather than land value as occurs in other cities.

Dr Jean Hera

Manager and Community health worker

for Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective Inc.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details

Name
 Hannah Cameron

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I don't have an understanding of every part of the budget, however overall I have a feeling that there is a lot that the council could focus on in terms of reduction of costs rather than adding to budgets for everything which it looks like is happening. There's a general consensus when talking to people I know, and comments online that seem to happen in response to lots of the council's choices that have a common theme towards the council wasting money. The waste on unnecessary 'improvements' to the city scape which often are ugly, sometimes pretty - but are they actually necessary? I think things that aren't actually a necessity to the running and maintenance of all actually needed amenities, buildings and shared services should be marked in order of priority and maybe some things get put off to save money for more important changes eg water, pipes and drainage etc. As I said I don't have extensive knowledge of every choice the council makes but I sure do question the importance of things that money gets spent on - especially with the proposed increase in rates heading our way when life in general is increasingly becoming more unaffordable than ever. This change in rates would mean an increase in over \$700 for our particular household, which may not sound like much to the council but to our family is financially going to make huge negative impacts on our budget. We are currently a one income household, and budget extremely well to make this work. However, this increase is enough to make our already tight budget stretch to the point of not affording basic needs which we only just cover at the moment. We also have a baby on the way, and fall within the lower middle income bracket so don't qualify for government support. Regardless of our smart budgeting and careful financial choices, missing out on lots of things due to budget restraints this increase is enough to impact us significantly. I cannot stress the frustration I feel from my perception of the rates increase being extremely unfair and unequal. It is simply not fair for there to be such inequity and difference in people's rates. My rates increasing by a much higher percentage than someone else paying the quoted 8.5% is just not fair, not acceptable and not ok. I haven't received some magic pay increase to cover this, along with the raising cost of living also! I am not using more facilities, more of any council provided services, buildings or amenities than the other people in our community so why should I pay more just due to land value or whatever has caused this inequity in rates increase. I don't have

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all the answers, but I know for sure that there being a range of rate increases just is not right. Especially when it is probably the more lower income areas that are being hit the hardest (I'm in Roslyn) and have friends in Takaro and highbury in the same situation, and they just simply cannot afford it. I truly hope that the council sees the severity of these rate increases and readjusts their thinking of the budget in general towards only focussing on the basics and the necessities to improve the things actually we need. I hope the council starts looking where they can actually cut budgets not just keep spending and increasing budgets and expecting us to all pay for it. I have had so many discussions within my own circle about how wasteful some choices come across to the general public and have engaged in some reading online from what seems like a lot of people in our community who feel the same. How our city looks is an example of wasteful spending. I'm an art lover, have a background in the arts and appreciate this immensely but see this as wasteful spending when there are much more important things to spend money on such as our expensive pipe and waterway costs. Are there ways that the council themselves, workers, buildings, costs of admin, costs of staff or productivity where people can be used across jobs to save money. I have a personal connection to a council worker who I know is not completing 40 hours of their job, as it's very cruisy - I'm sure they could be doing other jobs as well instead of just being stuck to their very small list of responsibilities. Overall I just hope for a way for council to rethink how the rates increase is spread across the community evenly, fairly and there is more equitably because at the moment for me and my family it doesn't feel like it is.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details
Name Abby Jones
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? "I have not looked at the proposed budget."
What changes would you make? "I would like to add in, Pitt Park is part of the local park maintenance done by contractors, hired by Parks committee of PNCC, is not being maintained to the average level you would expect from a parks maintenance contractor, or a business to upheld up. I am calling in reference to Edwards Pitt Park, in Roslyn, Palmerston North, where the maintenance is not being upheld but all the money and wages and pay is still being accepted by the contractors and we would like to have a more proactive approach and a more dedicated team to actually maintain the park, to even just a standard that is accepted by the general public. Because it is not being done right now, it is being neglected and I believe the maintenance people who are in charge of the park, need to uphold. We need better maintenance of the park – that’s all there is to it. We want some of the money in the annual plan, to go towards maintenance of parks. Contractors or the people currently doing are not doing a good enough job. As a member of Edwards Pitt Park and we have an EOU with Council, the end of the bargain is not being upheld and this has been going on for about a year. It is getting tiring to be let down by Council and the parks maintenance crew."
Do you have any other feedback? "Thank you very much for listening, and I really appreciate any feedback made to Pitt Park. I really appreciate any and all effort that is being done in all parks around Palmerston North"
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Your contact details
Name Karla Jayne McGrath
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I don't think the proposed rate increases are fair.
What changes would you make? Have reasonable rate increases. Stop wasting money on 'beautification'. There's a global pandemic. Nobody gives a flying fxxx about 'beautification'. It's just foolish, silly vanity.
Do you have any other feedback? The rental situation is out of control. The housing situation is a nightmare. I'm tired of seeing new homes being built and then rich people ending up in them. My little two-bedroom house has gone from \$175 to \$330 per week. You are going to force my landlord to put it up again and damn, it's not worth that much. It's one of the concrete block houses so it's damp in winter. Sure - landlords have a list of things they have to put into homes BUT they use the cheapest options so it's basically like they did nothing.
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Your contact details
<p>Name Richard Bedford</p>
<p>Organisation R Bedford</p>
Hearings
<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Fri 13 May 9am to 11am</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? I would have an increase of \$1,461.15. That is a 40% increase in my rates from the previous year. That is totally unacceptably high. Also the increases are completely illogical as my neighbor has the exact same land size but a land value that is rated as \$135,000 less and a rates bill that is \$805.60 less. How is that?. Also I live in West End and a friend has a house in Hokowhitu (a supposedly more prestigious suburb) with a greater land area - yet they are paying less in rates than I am!!! My current bill is \$3,680.25 and proposed is \$5,141.40. Unacceptable.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? There needs to be a 10% increase price cap and reducing future caps each following year.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? If the Council cannot work within the current income it should not take on future projects it cannot afford. Eg: redevelopments of the Square, the library etc. Greater infill housing will lead to less space that can absorb rainfall putting greater pressure on stormwater, sewerage etc. Housing development and rating should focus on new development on city fringes to retain capacity. I have requested a time to speak to Council on 13 May and will bring documentation to prove illogical variables.</p>
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Your contact details

Name
J Ivamy

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Rates are far too expensive and needless to say, excessive for council "needs"; I.e. "wants". There are massive issues here that the council continues to ignore. The increases are out of control! Councilors should be doing far more to sensibly prioritise spending especially when we are in the midst of a 'cost of living' crisis.

What changes would you make?

Stop taking rate-payers hard earned money as your quick and easy fix. Prioritise spending and cut costs just as everyone else is having to do; Covid is not an excuse to have rate-payers solve your money issues. Get resourceful! And stop wasting 'our' money on 'your' feel-good projects that obviously serve to inflate councilor and council staff egos.

Do you have any other feedback?

The councilors are simply out of their depth, operating in a fantasy world. In the real world, rate payers are needlessly suffering because of council staff's very ill-considered decisions. Consider and constructively reflect on the very real concerns your community is pleading with you to take on board. Include feedback given on social media sites as submissions – after all, this is feedback you've requested; don't then pretend it doesn't exist because it's situated on a separate platform or because it doesn't fit the narrow-minded narrative that's been created here. There's evidently a lot of unhappy members of community – work to genuinely rebuild the broken trust by valuing feedback given, and placing community needs ahead of council niceties.

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Your contact details
Name Tracey hutton
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget?
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback? Rates rise in takaro of over %30 is not right. Buying in a lower area where we can afford living and with a huge rates increase makes it not affordable and well over the %8
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Your contact details

Name
Emily Weston

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think it is garbage. Why are our rates going up when our income isn't going up? You are assuming because we own our home we have disposable income. We absolutely do not and can barely make ends meet. We've already had to make the tough choice not to have children as we just cannot afford it and now the city wants to put up the rates? We barely have our rubbish and recycling collected as it is. I think the rates need to be left alone especially after covid has affected everybody's income.

What changes would you make?

Leave the rates as they are or even better, give us a break and slightly decrease them.

Do you have any other feedback?

Don't put the rates up. You will force families out into the street. Absolutely worst timing.

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Your contact details
Name Dale O'Reilly
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Fri 13 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Its too optimistic in the current economic climate.
What changes would you make? Make changes so that rates are not increased at the rate that is suggested they will be.
Do you have any other feedback? Stop spending on the PNITI proposed business cases - they can't be afforded and stop saying that PNCC is one Community (when its not - Longburn, Ashhurst & Bunnythorpe are separate rural communities) . Stop saying that you are planning to take heavy traffic out of urban streets, when PNITI planning is to put that same traffic and more (with the Kiwirail Freighthub plans) through the urban streets of another of PNCC's community's - Bunnythorpe.
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Your contact details**Name**

Richard Hunter

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I am very concerned about the statement in your recent leaflet about rates which stated "properties with the largest percentage increase are those with large sections capable of subdivision". Why? I will still be using the same amount of water, street lighting, roads, pavements, etc, etc. Lots of sites can be described as capable of subdivision - possibly any section above the minimum square metre area taking into account access. To sub divide my property it would cost heaps as a few \$100k would be spent removing the main dwelling and garage and then there would be your (Council) costs which are not small. The latest valuation on this property is, in reality, pie in the sky. This is Takaro, I enjoy living here, close to town, etc., but no-one in their right mind would pay the latest government valuation, it's ridiculous and to increase my rates based on the increased land value rating is wrong.

What changes would you make?

My rates should increase in line with the overall median increase.

Do you have any other feedback?**File uploads**

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Your contact details
Name Steve Allan
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? The intention to lessen the impact of total rate increases by reducing fixed charges is a short term tactic by dollar and % terms especially with respect to water related rates. A financial strategy toward lessening the city long term burden from govt 3 waters reforms, especially when it would appear the city has little opportunity to access the Govt "better off funding" to progress present water initiatives is required.
What changes would you make? With the uncertainty of the costs and impact of the fait-accompli three waters reform program all cost associated with Palmy 3 waters strategy work in progress including cost of borrowing and contingencies for inflation should be captured and reflected in the fixed charge. This is equitable as residential use has no bearing on property value and the bulk of infrastructure is on council land i.e. a shared community resource. This also sets the city up better to transfer the cost along with the asset to future entities. The general population has been naive to believe that the reforms were a consultative initiative only and similarly it would be naive to think that current borrowing against the cities 2 Billion dollars asset value to fund the commitment to the current Palmy 3 waters strategy will be uplifted by a future entity. Separation of the total 3 waters cost from general rates now and adjustment of the rating factor so that the city rate take stays substantially as calculated for 21-22 rate period would shift the rate burden away from property value and offer a possible strategy to separate the city from the cost of the current 3 waters strategy .
Do you have any other feedback?
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From: Submission
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Your contact details

Name
Steve Allan

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Public Consultation - ref below

What changes would you make?
Public Consultation - ref below

Do you have any other feedback?
Public consultation: Though rate payer attendance at direct interface public forums is traditionally low I have concern that the non contact forms of consultation engagement required as a result of Covid red traffic light status has reduced engagement (due to access to and technology challenges) which has stymied the value of the consultation process. Now that we are under Orange rules of public gatherings and to ensure credible and full opportunity for engagement has occurred, a public attendance forum should be organised and a special submission extension date offered to those who have attended.

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Your contact details
Name Margaret Armstrong
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? I don't think rates should be increased. I for one am struggling with the last increase. You will be forcing people to sell their houses because we can't afford to keep up.
What changes would you make?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Presbyterian New Church

Submission - PNCC Year 2 Draft Annual Plan 2022-23

In 2019 the parishes of St David's (Roslyn), St Marks and St Andrews (Awapuni and Central City) combined to create a new parish, presently named Presbyterian New Church (PNC).

The prime project in 2021-22 is the Earthquake strengthening of St Andrew's church building in Church Street along with interior re-design to achieve a modern fitout with updated technology. The work on this significant inner city heritage building is expected to be completed this year.

We thank PNCC for their support and heritage funding contribution towards the re-establishment of this building as a worship centre with community outreach activities.

In last year's 10 year Plan Submission we re-stated our situation of having the St Mark's Awapuni site surplus to requirements and again expressed our interest in making this land available to PNCC for community facilities. This was in response to many years of Awapuni submissions seeking a larger Community Library and requests for a Community Hub. Your response indicated that PNCC would need to develop a Policy for the acquisition of land for community facilities and your proposal to do this. We understand the Covid-19 imposed delays to some Council work but ask that such a Policy be drafted for community consultation and resolution in this next financial year.

Background to our 2022-23 Submission

Our Submission addresses the CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PLAN which refers to St Marks Church requesting Council to consider taking on the church property in Awapuni for continued community use. This property is near to the Awapuni shops and Library. We continue to endorse this direction for Council and encourage the development of POLICY to guide Council's response to community requests for the support or development

of community facilities, including provision for Community Libraries. We acknowledge the planned residential growth in the area and the already high use the Awapuni Community Library enjoys, but which necessitates a larger, fit for purpose venue.

For many years since the formation of the informal group - AWESOME AWAPUNI - (initially chaired by Inspector Brett Calkin and meeting at St Marks Church at the invitation of Rev Ken Wall) a request for a COMMUNITY HUB has circulated and featured in feedback to Council. The green space at St Marks was nominated as a suitable, central space. There is always a demand for available community and organisational meeting space, especially with parking and easy access.

AWESOME AWAPUNI runs an annual community day. Other activities have moved to be the action of the Community Library or the newer RIVER STOP AWAPUNI informal group, formed when cycle lanes and the new roading corridor were promoted. RIVER STOP AWAPUNI includes business owners and representatives from both churches in the Awapuni Village.

Since the last 10 Year Plan, PNC has appreciated the attention of the then City Planner, David Murphy, who visited the St Mark's site as have the then Library Manager Debbie Duncan and later Jo Ransome with Norelle Ward.

Once the Central (St Andrew's) site is earth quake strengthened, interior work completed and congregational relocation achieved we will be in a position to finalise future plans with regard to work at Roslyn's worship space and to have a clearer view about St Mark's.

Annette Nixon

Peter Thomson

Parish Council Representative

Previous Parish Clerk

We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Palmerston North City Council Draft Annual Budget 2022-2023

Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)
From
Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Inc.
(Palmy BID)

Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Inc.
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April 19th 2022

Contacts: Rob Campbell (Chair) – rob_campbell@actrix.co.nz
Amanda Linsley (MBC) – info@palmybid.nz

Palmy BID is a collective of property owners and businesses within the City Centre who work together to improve the wealth and wellbeing of Palmerston North city. Our aim is to achieve this by better defining and highlighting the identity and environments within the City Centre for visitors, locals and businesses. Our mission is to create a vibrant, connected City Centre where businesses feel supported and want to be, to support the PNCC Vision of Small City Benefits, Big City Ambition.

Our focus is on bringing business together to endorse projects and help create a better Palmerston North. Palmy BID was incorporated on 16th August 2019 and is funded by a targeted rate on our City Centre business ratepayers.

This submission is made after consultation with the Palmy BID Exec Committee and on behalf of the City Centre businesses.

- 1) Palmy BID would like to thank PNCC for the opportunity to consult on the Draft Annual Budget 2022-2023.
- 2) Palmy BID would like PNCC to review the funding for various programmes aimed at maintaining a Safe Community. It has been well reported that there has been an increase in crime (including Youth Crime) during the last year throughout the city and to reduce spending in this area at this time does not make sense.

We would like to see the City Ambassador programme funding at least retained at its current level and not halved for the next two years as budgeted.

We fully support and thank the City Ambassadors for the work that they have done during this past summer. They are perceived as authority figures which tends to positively influence behaviour. In addition, they are observers and can report anti-social activity to the appropriate authorities where is it warranted. Perhaps as importantly they are engaging and connecting with Rangatahi, potentially opening the door to social service agencies and others to provide long term solutions to what are often complex problems.

The view of the City Centre Community is that the program, while perhaps not the total answer, is an important part of maintaining a safe and welcoming city centre.

We make the point that the program targets only the summer months and that safety and security are year-round problems. Palmy BID would like to engage with Council to develop a permanent solution that will allow the Community to feel safe and to be safe. The safety and the feel of safety within a city is one of the major contributing factors to the vibrancy of a city centre.

- 3) Palmy BID looks forward to further engagement with PNCC in respect to the Parking Framework and is calling on businesses for feedback. There is a small focus group from around the City Centre being formed by Palmy BID to gauge our businesses views. It is key that meaningful consultation occurs to find a sustainable solution for the city that meets the needs of all our in our community.
- 4) Palmy BID looks forward to further engagement with PNCC on other projects including, Business Zones, Streets for People, the Civic and Cultural Precinct, the Urban Design review, Earthquake Strengthening and as mentioned above the continuation of conversations with regards to the safe-city and the security issues that we have been experiencing.
- 5) Palmy BID would like PNCC to 'agenda' Easter Sunday Trading to be reviewed during the year given that PNCC are one of 25 councils from across New Zealand who have still not adopted a local Shop Trading Policy, and this has not been reviewed since 2016. We believe that whether a business opens or not on Easter Sunday is down to individual choice. We would like to see 2022 being the last year that businesses are forced to close.

Signed on behalf of Palmy BID
By;



Rob Campbell
Chair
Palmy BID

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Your contact details
Name Zaneta Park
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Very happy with all the exciting people-friendly initiatives happening around Palmerston North. The new splash-park at Memorial Park is amazing! And the development at Linklater reserve is great too, so many people (and dogs) which use this!
What changes would you make? Under the Footpaths funding, would it be possible to please consider a footpath (and possibly a cycle path too) from Kelvin Grove to the new entrance to Linklater Reserve on Roberts Line? The new carpark here is already well-used, and we believe a lot of people would use a footpath here. We often see families walk along Roberts Line to this entrance and it would be excellent if there was a safe route along this way.
Do you have any other feedback?
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Attachments: rate_increases_for_2022.docx

Your contact details

Name

Marc Austin Paterson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Please see attached letter.

What changes would you make?

Please see attached letter.

Do you have any other feedback?

Please see attached letter.

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Rate Increases for 2022/2023

It is astoundingly cruel to see that in the midst of “uncertain times” the council are penalising the average households and gifting money to the wealthy.

Our property is XXX Amberley Ave.
The proposed rates are \$3446.60
The current rates are \$2823
This is a 22% increase.

As a comparison I looked at XX Pastoral Lane.
The proposed rates are \$4,844.60
The current rates are \$4,886.75

This is a decrease!

(out of interest this is true for all the properties I checked in Pastoral Lane.)

It is hard to see how this is fair to the working people of our area. Our street is not populated by those who have the time or knowledge to request revaluations, or to fight against such inequity.

Inflation is 5.9% Please limit increases to this amount.

Make it fair and don't take this bizarre **reverse** Robin Hood scenario any further.

Marc Paterson
Santi Budhia
21 April 2022

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Your contact details

Name
 Alice Wilde

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The budget is disappointing. Many of us have lost our jobs and all of us are facing frightening levels of inflation, and as such we have had to cut those "little extras" out of our budget. So it is unforgivable that the Council is considering spending money on nice-to-haves rather than reducing the rates burden on those lower value properties that face an unreasonable increase. Palmerston North used to be a liveable city for everyone, and it used to be a fairer city. But as a long term resident, the gloss has finally worn off and the middle class disdain for those of us at the bottom of the privilege heap has become clear. No matter how much rebranding the city does to dazzle onlookers, the impact of poor infrastructure management and a bloated city bureaucracy has reduced the quality of life of us all, but as always, it has hit the lower income residents the most. We might not have fancy electric bikes and a house on the hill away from the peasants, but at least we could benefit from clean, safe, well lit streets and walkable footpaths. Sadly this is again shunted off the plan in favour of a little more window dressing. (And even the window dressing is shonky - Savage Crescent might be the city's historic garden suburb gem, but clearly no councillor has relatives living here as judged by their refusal to attend to the unsafe street lighting. We were assured that it would be addressed but after 5 years we are still waiting to be able to navigate the street after dark) The core issue in the budget this year is the way the city is preparing to dismiss the well-being of current residents for the prospect of many more future residents. I had always assumed that Palmerston North would retain a sense of the provincial about it, because that was the only thing that made it tolerable - friendly communities, quiet safe streets, large sections, basically room to breathe. Those that wanted the big city excitement were free to go and seek that, but we were confident in our identity as a provincial centre and that was sufficient. Unfortunately we are being delivered all the disadvantages of the big city (high crime, high density) with an emphasis (or encouragement) to subdivide the heart out of our streets. A visionary Council would recognise this for what it is and refuse to pave over our city with concrete and tiles, and acknowledge that fresh air and access to a little grass (or garden) is the birthright of kiwis. I have some questions to ponder - Where is the spreadsheet that tracks the loss of access to private green space for residents? Who is overseeing the impact on bird life as those large established trees are ripped up?

Which one of you is assigned the role of monitoring access to sunlight and fresh air for children? And what is the justification for reducing happiness, health, and wellbeing by denying future residents access to the above? I note that the city has a number of goals listed and wonder how you manage to reconcile the third and fourth goals (a safe and connected city, and an eco city) with the vision of medium-density. We know that higher density is associated with higher crime and higher mental health issues, with some researchers suggesting that this is partly caused by alienation from nature. With the emphasis on green corridors as opposed to private gardens, to provide for nature access, I am startled at how anti-nature (and anti-human) the PNCC's vision is.

What changes would you make?

The change to the rating schedule is concerning, especially in light of the disproportionate impact it will have on those on lower incomes. This is a particularly egregious example of regressive taxation as even the Council itself acknowledges that it will unduly affect properties at the lower end of the spectrum, where low income home owners and renters are stuck. You can't downsize your way out of living in the least desirable areas in the city, which leaves us scrabbling to reduce our grocery and power bills further. For this to be happening at a time of dire financial stress on low income residents, further convinces me that the PNCC is out of touch with ordinary people. I have a particular concern about the folly of transitioning from a city of low density housing to medium-high density, as per the ideological imperative. I understand that there is a lot of fancy graph work and spreadsheet magic justifying our city's adherence to the UN's sustainability goals, but it fails to pass a critical analysis on any human centred parameters. A safe and sustainable city would ensure every resident had access to safe private outdoor space, and the right to enjoy their home in peace without interference from unreasonably close neighbours. Because if residents are not satisfied with their home life, they cannot attend to their roles as parent, worker, volunteer, ratepayer. I suggest that the PNCC rates properties on capital value rather than mainly land value as this reflects more fairly on the wealth of the owner. Small low impact older houses on large unsubdividable sections should not be charged more in rates than unsustainable modern mansions, and the proposed rating schedule favours exactly this. Failing any desire to be progressive, I suggest restoring the previous rating model and maintaining rates at last year's level with no indexed adjustment. The onus is on the Council to make expenditure fit a reduced budget, like the rest of us are being forced to. Attend to core responsibilities and scrap the rest until this period of uncertainty is over.

Do you have any other feedback?

I have a particular issue with my rates at XX XXX Crescent which are increasing around 12% despite being a section that cannot be subdivided. The District Plan modifications to dwellings and subdivision in the Savage Crescent Conservation Area and requires a resource consent as well as proof that the proposed changes do not violate the historic value of the area. This clearly prohibits the demolition or removal of any of the houses in order to subdivide, yet we are being inflicted with a rates increase that assumes we can actually benefit in that way. In addition to this, my property, as well as others on the eastern end of the Crescent are precluded from adding additional dwellings by the location of the main sewer line that runs beneath our properties. This isn't reflected on my rating notice and I would be pretty upset to find out that QV haven't considered this when doing the valuation. Overall I am disheartened to see that my efforts to have minimal environmental impact and to beautify the area I live are considered decadent and something to discourage through a regressive tax. You can't even satirise a situation whereby a Council sets out to promote sustainable environmental practises and then punishes those who actually have the inclination to

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make a difference. For example, I have reduced the afternoon temperature in my back yard by planting shade trees. The temperature difference between there and the street outside the front is 6-10 degrees. I don't need air conditioning because I have passively cooled air flowing through the house. Yet somehow it would be preferable to all for me to raze the section and build a global warming favela instead? I heard a morepork in my garden this morning at dawn, and everyday I have bellbirds and wood pigeons, a flock of fantails and so many tui that they are a perennial hazard. Isn't this the sort of city we want - where humans and wildlife coexist, where we moderate our impact by living amongst trees and the food we grow ourselves?

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission

Your contact details**Name**

Regina Malili

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I would honestly like to see this city council financially cut back on things we don't need. Everyone is doing it tough and it's only going to get worse with the coming food shortages. We are a single income household trying to deal with all the rising costs like everyone else. Instead of raising the rates hundreds of dollars can you please cut back on things we really don't need.

What changes would you make?

Cut back on anything to do with the city centre eg new statues, the lights used on the clock tower etc. Councilors try saving power by working from home, a few days a week. Cut back on bonuses/miscellaneous spending by councilors. Look at the maintenance of things less often so instead of every 2 weeks maybe every 3-4 weeks. Start getting resourceful and think outside of the box in ways money can be spent and stretched to go further.

Do you have any other feedback?

Stop putting on any events, you'll save money there too

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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details

Name
Jeanine Gribbin

Organisation
Boho Cafe

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am
Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Please see attached

What changes would you make?
Please see attached

Do you have any other feedback?

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Boho Café

Jeanine Gribbin

Boho Café

I would like to speak to this Submission on Thursday May 9-11 or 3-5.30 pm

Creative and Liveable City Strategy

Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

Boho Café is an anchor business for the Awapuni/Riverstop community. It has won the hearts and minds of locals and those from further afield. The café is not only a place to get great food, but also well recognised as a place to connect with neighbours, friends and family; a destination in its own right.

Achieving this vision is a result of connecting with our community. We remain deeply grateful for the support of the community, who have kept our business afloat through the tough times of the Covid pandemic. As a SME we are incredibly proud of what our community has been able to achieve in making this area more vibrant and attractive, and the resulting economic benefit for business owners in this area.

The Awapuni/Riverstop group has delivered on a range of small project that benefit all. As a group we owe a great deal of thanks for Placing Making fund and to the staff of PNCC (with a special thanks to Keegan and Laura) for their considerable energies, and experience in helping us shape our area, for the benefit of Boho café and other businesses in the area.

Without this vital support from both PNCC and the community, it is not an understatement to say, that Boho Cafe would not have been able to continue our success and thrive again as the effects of the pandemic start to ease.

Requests to this Annual Plan 2022-23

- A right-hand turn arrow from Botanical Road to College Street, which is dangerous and in peak hours a time onerous intersection that means cars turn down Kingston Street, which would not be necessary if there was free traffic flow
- Replacement bus shelters
- More plantings in the village
- Signage/way-finding from Pioneer Highway to Awapuni/Riverstop Village
- Signage/way-finding indicating river access around the village
- Addressing speed and pedestrian dangers from traffic turning from College Street to Pitama Road and speed through the village in general
- Pedestrian safety on walk-ways
- Bike rack outside 4 Pitama Road (can be dove-tailed with public art)
- Public Art programme/funding
- Place Making funding
- Creation of a Awapuni/Riverstop Village enhancement plan with corresponding funding allocations. We note the erection of the Awapuni artworks at the entrance to the village, which may have lost much of its appeal in the final translation of the vision, and has resulted in little impact (and some negativity). Additionally, work that went into putting the cycle

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way in and around the village several years ago, represent an opportunity lost. This piecemeal activity lacks an overall vision for development of the Awapuni / Riverstop Village area.

Looking forward; and to continue to attract and engage gifted, passionate and diverse people, enabling the delivery of lofty strategy outcomes requires that we deliver on quality of place.

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Your contact details

Name
Helen King

Organisation
Environment Network Manawatū

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am
Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Please see the attached document

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?
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Submission to PNCC Draft Annual Budget Consultation

To: Palmerston North City Council

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Overview: A submission linking to support and suggestions around the Draft Annual Budget.

Background:

Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) is the environment hub for the Manawātū Region with the key purpose of facilitating and enabling communication, cooperation, and increasing collective action amongst its member groups and the wider community. ENM provides leadership by underpinning, fostering, and encouraging environmental initiatives in the region and our 60 current member groups are from throughout the Manawātū River Catchment with interests including biodiversity regeneration, freshwater management, citizen science, food security and resilience, sustainable living, alternative energies, and active transport. The network is organised into two collective focus areas: Manawātū Food Action Network and Manawātū River Source to Sea.

ENM's constitutional purposes are to:

- coordinate and communicate the efforts of the member groups to enhance the local environment:
 - actively protect, maintain, restore and enhance the environment of the Manawātū

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- promote ideas to the wider community to encourage them to participate in environmental projects
- develop concerted long-term plans of action to enhance the environment and actively progress the implementation of these plans
- encourage the provision of “green” areas for passive recreation
- work together to identify, initiate, support, implement and maintain environmental projects that benefit the wider community
- initiate, develop, implement and participate in environmental education
- act as a central point of access to environmental information.
- advocate for ecological sustainability and matters of agreed environmental significance.
- work in partnership with iwi to recognise kaitiakitanga and environmental aims and objectives in common.
- liaise with similar organisations elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world as appropriate to source and share ideas for environmental projects and issues.

Submission:

We acknowledge the pressure that the last two years of living with a pandemic has placed on council operations. The pandemic and the slow-moving emergency that is climate change have highlighted the need to allow for risk velocity in budgets in order to build up the city’s resilience.

- We support the major timing and capital programme cost changes on page 8. The timing of the 3 Waters “ Better Off Funding” of 8.1 m could align well with the potential within the city’s waste water upgrade to optimize resource recovery opportunities.
- The disparity between the rates increases for residential properties as opposed to others appears unfair. All property owners benefit from improvements to services and infrastructure.
- We particularly support the following budget lines:
 - 2026,2056. Active transport and cycling infrastructure
 - 2027,2120 and 2121 Shared pathway networks, off road and footpaths
 - 1680 Public Transport Infrastructure
 - 1073, 2000 and 2005 Active communities supporting city reserves. We support these and would like to see this including naming reserves to recognize their history e.g. Opie Reserve with an explanation of the man and his achievements. These stories are likely to reduce to cost of vandalism and connect users to the place.
- We strongly support:
 - 111 The work of Pitt Park
 - 558 Urban Growth Local Reserve Takaro

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- 967 Edible Planting City Wide
- 1099-Parks and reserves and city-wide shade provision.

In areas of new urban growth developers should have factored in space for local reserves or contributions towards them. Councils should not have to purchase land for reserves.

- Connected Communities We particularly support the value of building resilience through
 - 2023 Small Grants Funding for Community Development
 - 2116 Funding for SPG's
- Climate Change adaption and mitigation. We support this budget item
- Environmental Sustainability. We strongly support funding as outlined on Pages 57 and 58 and appreciate the ongoing support for the sector
- Resource Recovery We strongly support the budget proposal and items listed on pages 62,64,65, and 66 item 2129 – investigating kerbside food waste recovery is a very welcome inclusion
- Water. We support the budget proposal items on page 69,70 and 71
- Stormwater. We support the budget proposal set out on pages 73 and 74
- Wastewater Operational. We support the budget proposal set out on pages 77,78,79 and 80

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Name
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Organisation
Environment Network Manawatū- the Manawatū Food Action Network

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am
Fri 13 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
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What changes would you make?

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Submission to PNCC Draft Annual Budget 2022-23

To: Palmerston North City Council

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Environment Network Manawātū (ENM)
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Overview: We support the majority of the proposed draft annual budget but would like the addition of a budget line to develop a city-wide food resilience policy.

Background:

Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) is the environment hub for the Manawatū Region with the key purpose of facilitating and enabling communication, cooperation, and increasing collective action amongst its member groups and the wider community. ENM provides leadership by underpinning, fostering, and encouraging environmental initiatives in the region and our 60 current member groups are from throughout the Manawatū River Catchment with interests including biodiversity regeneration, freshwater management, citizen science, food security and resilience, sustainable living, alternative energies, and active transport. The network is organised into two collective focus areas: Manawatū Food Action Network and Manawatū River Source to Sea.

Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) is a collective of social service and environmental organisations (and other community stakeholders) working together to increase collaboration, education and awareness around issues of food security, food resilience and food localisation. Currently MFAN's main focus is preparation and implementation of a strategy to improve Kai Security in the 4412 postcode of Palmerston North.

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Submission:

We support the majority of the proposed draft annual budget but would like the addition of a budget line to *develop a city-wide food resilience policy*. The purpose of this would be to enable the work highlighted in the recently released 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy to be broadened to encompass the whole city and lay the foundations for the city to implement this policy in the future. Some arguments to support this inclusion are outlined below.

- The right to food is a human right. It protects the right of all human beings to live in dignity, free from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. The right to food is not about charity, but about ensuring that all people have the capacity to feed themselves in dignity. As such, having a policy around food resilience that can speak to and support this right is of utmost importance.
- Food resilience stems from the ability of communities to produce their own food, and as such is dependent on appropriate land for this production. PNCC are kaitiaki over much of the land within this city and are, to an extent, able to regulate land use. Given the power PNCC have, it is appropriate they have a policy in place to ensure that its' citizens can take an active part in growing their own food if they so wish.
- Palmerston North is a city that boasts a wide range of food-related industries, hosts a university with a centre on food research, and is surrounded by fertile land that produces

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food. Having a policy on food resilience would be a good fit with our regions status as a “food basket”.

- As an organisation that works alongside and supports other organisations helping the most vulnerable in our communities, we know the additional stresses that food insecurity is having on those whose lives are already heavily stressed. Food insecurity is a growing problem and one that has numerous detrimental flow-on effects for those individuals it directly affects, and the wider communities within our city. Having a policy in place to support programs that help move communities from food insecurity to food resilience and beyond is a social investment in these communities that will contribute to a safe future for our city and all its citizens.

Context:

The recently released 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy has outlined some of the challenges that citizens within this rohe face with food insecurity issues. A major theme that was discovered was that Food Insecurity is not the issue, but a symptom of the deeper issues that divide our communities. However, if we create a robust strategy to alleviate food insecurity, it gives whānau the time and space to focus on overcoming the greater challenges they face. In the long-term people with access to cheaper, healthier food are better equipped to positively contribute to our community.

The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy recommendations have been made with the consultation of the community and outline what have been identified as the next steps in moving communities from food insecurity to food security, and beyond. There are over 100 existing and potential initiatives that this report has identified as being of importance within the 4412 area alone. The Manawatū Food Action Network will work towards supporting the implementation of this important document; however, this is work we see as being bigger than just within the 4412 area. Although our organisation can and does directly support some of these projects, there is more work to do than our current staffing and budget allows.

The right to food *is* a human right. It protects the right of all human beings to live in dignity, free from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. The right to food is not about charity, but about ensuring that all people have the capacity to feed themselves in dignity. In a world facing the challenges of a climate unstable future, and still facing the supply line uncertainties caused by a global pandemic, supporting citizens to be food resilient and food secure is not an abstract goal, it is an immediate need we must plan to address now.

We as a community have an obligation to ensure all members have access to healthy food. As the leaders of our community, it is imperative that the Palmerston North City Council recognises its responsibility to ensure our people are well fed. A citywide Food Resilience Policy will ensure we are doing everything we can to support those within our community that are struggling to feed their whānau.

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Your contact details

Name
Kelly Morris

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

It's ludicrous to suggest rate increases should be based on a false inflated property market. People pay already when buying a home and when people haven't been a party to the property market and have had homes for years then they are punished by an over inflated market. How on earth is it fair to increase rates based on property prices? Does the council provide 30% more services? NO! Shouldn't the increase be based on actual inflation and cost of living at the very most? This is a money making scheme for the Council and I feel a revolution may ensue should this proceed.

What changes would you make?

Cost of living increase at the maximum. Unless you can with 100% certainty promise and provide the increase in services based on each respective property rates increase.

Do you have any other feedback?

I feel that there may be a group submission taken to higher authorities to investigate this Council and i for one would support that. The lack of support for the current Council is evident based on social media posts. I would think the Council would want to look out for their people but in my view that is not evident.

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Your contact details
Name Kate Speirs
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
What do you think of our proposed budget? Extremely sad about the increase in rates. There will be many families that can't afford it! We currently pay for road side recycling & that's not happening so do we get a discount???
What changes would you make? Less of a increase.
Do you have any other feedback? No, but thank you for reading this.
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Your contact details

Name
James Sheu

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I think this is an unfair rate increase for everyone. How can you justify increasing the rates solely based on the increased CV. This should not have any affect on rates. It's not like anything has changed with the property. Also there's still the same amount of houses (and more being built each day) so having such significant increase seems greedy. Also it is going to make owning a house even more unaffordable for first home buyers. Is this something you took into consideration?

What changes would you make?

Keep the rates the same or only increase rates in line with inflation (at most). The 30% increase for some households is going to be a killer.

Do you have any other feedback?

It's like the council only sees the money side of things and not the flow on effects that would result to the home owners. With inflation on the rise as well it's going to make it even harder to live for some families who now also have to account for such a massive rate increase. I would suggest you reconsider your plans and take a more conservative approach to your rate increases.

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Annette Nixon

SUBMISSION TO PNCC DRAFT Annual Plan Year 2 2022-23

I do not wish to speak to my submission

RATES INCREASE PROPOSED

I am concerned that the land value rate increases proposed are indicating an unsustainable and unaffordable burden for many house holders.

Such a large increase, which seems designed to move residents off larger properties rather than allowing the natural turnover of such sections, will result in many difficult situations. Having to move to a smaller property when most of these are the new in-fills built for and selling at currently high amounts will reduce well-being and create a new group of people without adequate options for happy housing.

Where Palmerston North has been known as a green, tree graced city, this is gradually diminishing. We are losing this desirable city character as properties are subdivided along with losing the variety of homes available, historic architecture and lived history. We invite visitors to Palmerston North to enjoy walkways, cycle paths (including biking past farmland), parks, reserves, bike park, yet propose to turn suburbs into areas devoid of points of interest, shade, gardens and community connection. Up to 3 storied dwellings are ok but they need to be offset with places for people to spend time in open space and green environments. Older people need these areas to be accessible, near at hand. Maintaining character neighbourhoods and treed properties are in some cities enabled by Councils providing Rates Rebates for resident ownership and maintenance of such trees and properties.

Awapuni Park Recreation and Community Centre

The new pre-school fenced playground is a great asset in this community. It is a delight to see so many families with little children using the playground and getting to know what else goes on at the park. The park would benefit from (Shade Development 1099), shade tree planting, seating and perhaps BBQs. The challenge is to provide for and encourage family use of the park as children get older.

St Mark's site - Please complete consultation and Policy Development to guide decision making for the acquisition of land for community facilities, such as an

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extended Community Library and Community Hub. The Awesome Awapuni group has repeatedly requested attention to this.

Awapuni Community Library and City Libraries

Truly Living Rooms of the City. These welcoming spaces are such a valuable and appreciated resource. Removal of fines and fees has helped many people to stay connected.

Reserves

I oppose the sale of any city reserves. I support the developments of more parks and reserves to meet the needs of a growing population. These can be Pocket Parks, special interest areas e.g. to accommodate a community project, or to feature and nurture biodiversity.

Nature Calls

Continue with this planning and upgrade development making waste water disposal to land a priority in these times of climate change influenced low rainfall. It is hoped the application for Government funding is supported allowing one measure of Rates reduction.

2037 Additional sweeping - Cycle Lanes in College Street

While cycle lanes are useful, they are not when cyclists are riding into the carriage way to avoid the large cones dropped from the accacia trees along the route.

1611 Free Swimming for under 5 year olds Supported

1935 Cat Management

Making a start with education and colony management is a great move.

186 Public Toilets

I support maintenance and renewals, but I did not see any additional public toilets planned for this year.

1447 Earthquake Prone Heritage Building Fund Supported

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Your contact details
Name Renee Murray
Organisation
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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I have concerns about the % rates increase for my Mothers property. She is looking at an increase of 16%, which is an additional \$452 a year, taking her total yearly rates up to \$3212. As someone who is already struggling on the pension with the rising costs of living this is making it almost unaffordable for her to remain in her home. She will now go without something such as heating or food to be able to pay her rates and I imagine there will be many similar to her in the same position. I know of some people who are looking at a 30% increase - I think this is an absolute disgrace.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>I think there have been huge improvements in Palmerston North recently however maybe this is the time to step back and cut all non-urgent spending. Surely it's more important in these hard times to look after the vulnerable people in our community who are financially struggling than spend money beautifying a park etc. These things can wait a few years. Postpone anything that is not urgent.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I don't think these changes have been effectively communicated to the community. A lot of people will see a comment on social media etc about a proposed rate increase but won't delve deeper to find out their own rates might be going up as high as 32%. I feel the council have misled our most vulnerable community about these rates increases.</p>
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Your contact details**Name**

Patricia Avery

Organisation**Hearings**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I personally will have to sell my home that I have been in for 17 years with the proposed rates increase. Mine are going up just shy of \$1000. With the interest rate rises and these rates increases you are going to cripple many families reality of owning / keeping their homes. You don't even supply a rubbish bin for that cost.

What changes would you make?

I appreciate an increase may be needed but keep it manageable - keep the dream of home ownership alive in Palmerston North. Stop spending money on unnecessary costs - like painting the roads pretty colours - colourful dangerous side bin barriers along our roads .

Do you have any other feedback?

Make Palmerston North somewhere people want to and can afford to live. By tis rates increase you will drive people away

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<p>Name Rex Williams and Josine van Melsem</p>
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<p>Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?</p>
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget? Under the current economic situation an 8.3% rate increase is too high. 8.3% year on year for the 10 year plan will result in rates doubling over that period which will be unaffordable for many homeowners. While the need for social housing is great the cost to the ratepayer is also great. Social housing should be a central government obligation as we pay for it in our taxes, however, they are not doing it well. Again in these times spending should be curtailed. This is not the time for the council to be spending on niceties such as the Cuba street beautification and flash entrances to the Albert Street river walkway etc. Maintenance of the walkways is more important. eg control of noxious weed species. Essential work such as seismic strengthening, construction of the bore and the widening of Fergusson street should proceed.</p>
<p>What changes would you make? The unspent rates collected for projects that were not started could be used to off set rate increases for those who have had large percentage rise in their rates with some amount going to social housing. Stop heavy transport vehicles (at least those with trailers) in the central city to make it safer for cyclists. Deliveries can be scheduled outside times when there are many cyclists on the roads.</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback? Palmerston North is a wonderful city with great amenities but if we are to progress national politics must be discouraged to avoid political agendas in decision making.</p>
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Your contact details**Name**

Amanda Borren-Lean

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?**

Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Costs need to be cut back. Arts and sculptures for the city aren't essential.

What changes would you make?

Reconfigure unnecessary spending. No more sculptures, proposals/budgets from the PNCC being looked over by overseas bodies (resulting in 100's of thousands of dollars being used) and listening to the actual people you are meant to be representing. You went ahead with coloured plastic boxes at intersections and coloured boxes for cycle lanes which everyone told you was going to be a disaster and the meters you were going to charge people for parking longer in town. These are just a few examples that could have been avoided had you listened to the people you were meant to be representing.

Do you have any other feedback?

Our rates for a average home in Awapuni are due to increase by \$781.00 for the next Financial year. Other increases we are facing are; increased interest rates on our mortgage an additional \$85 a fortnight, increases we are experiencing with child care costs, daycare costs, power increases (low user rates removed) and petrol prices to get to work (husband works out of town), insurance increases and not to mention the price of food is astronomical. In 3 years i have had one pay increase which resulted in an additional \$50 a week, my husband no increase. We would be considered a medium to low income family and fall just on the cusp of not being entitled to WFF. This sort of increase with severely effect our family. Interestingly in comparisons two people i work with who live in Kelvin Grove and Hokowhitu (the wealthier areas of town) are seeing a decline in their rates. Again another attempt at favouring the rich and ruining the poor.

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Your contact details
Name Ava Reidy
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Fri 13 May 7pm to 9pm
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the cost of everything has gone up, and as a result, a rates increase is inevitable. I am concerned by the fact that the largest increases (proportionately) are at the lower end of the property market, meaning you're asking for more money from those who are already most affected. In turn, this is going to drive up aid required for those people, further, and needlessly, increasing costs to the residents of the city again. Simultaneously, these are the areas least likely to reap the rewards of paying extra. Equality is one thing, but equity is another.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>Rather than improving central streets that are comfortably usable for pedestrians and traffic, perhaps we look at improving road quality, i.e. Pioneer Highway from Botanical Street, and out of town, as well as Highbury Avenue. There are roads in the city that keep getting repaired, while roads in much worse condition are neglected, and the condition of these roads is damaging to cars, increasing the number of cars being sent to salvage, and increasing the carbon footprint of the city needlessly. Furthermore, the Tamakuku Terrace project is taking place in a part of the city with high land values; yet the work is factored into the budget but not the return (that I can see).</p>
<p>Do you have any other feedback?</p> <p>I feel the council budgeting has been veiled in mystery and inaccessibility. I feel taking these documents to people isn't a hard ask, just put the budget document and a submission form in everyone's letterbox, and engage those less likely to have a say. I also believe the community would benefit from greater transparency in communication from the council regarding the appropriation of funds as services/projects change throughout the year.</p>
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Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)

From

Manawatū Business Chamber (MBC)



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20 April 2022

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Manawatū Business Chamber Board Members: Blair Alabaster, Ed Teece, Paul O'Brien, Steve Davey, Rahui Corbett, Alex Boustridge, Guy Dobson, Chris Long, Rachel Hoskin and Holly Killgour

1. The Manawatū Business Chamber ("MBC") is a 440+ Business Member organisation, which represents a sizeable proportion of the City and Region's GDP.
2. This submission is presented to Council by the MBC Board after seeking feedback from our Advisory Board and Members.

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3. MBC thank PNCC for the opportunity to consult on this matter, we continue to support the vision of Small city benefits, Big city ambition.
4. MBC acknowledge the proposed rate increase to 8.3% against the 10 Year Plan increase of 8.1%. MBC question whether the increase is prudent given the difficulties that businesses (and individuals) have experienced during the last year (and before) through the impacts of Covid-19.
5. We urge PNCC to review its debt-servicing and consider using finances that have been saved during the current financial year in capital projects and major events (that have been delayed or cancelled, due to Covid-19) to keep the rate increase at least at the rate forecasted in the 10 Year Plan (8.1%) and preferably lower. We are interested in the amount of capital projects underway at various stages from initial consultation through to implementation and suggest

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there should be a review of all the overall timelines and whether given some of the current constraints a prioritisation process could be implemented for budgeting purposes.

6. MBC acknowledge the work carried out by PNCC to mitigate for what would have been a disproportionate increase in rates for the lower-end of the residential market following the recent property revaluations.
7. MBC would like PNCC to review the funding for the Safe Communities programmes. It has been well reported that there has been an increase in crime during the last year throughout the city and to reduce spending in this area at this time does not make sense. We would like to see the City Ambassador programme funding retained at its current level (if not increased) and not halved for the next two years as budgeted. We understand that potentially the operation of this is something that Palmy BID could be involved with. We ask PNCC to review all options and to consider the initiatives of other city councils. MBC suggests PNCC should look to tighten its internal budget (potentially a zero-based review) including decreasing the amount allocated to computer and furniture replacement during the coming year if this re-allocation of funding resource would mean being able to fully support the Safe Communities programmes. The increase in crime as mentioned above has impacted the city's business community at the time when it has been hardest hit.
8. MBC urges PNCC to ensure that the Procurement Policy going forward favours regional business opportunities. Although such opportunities may not initially appear to be the most 'price-competitive,' if they come to fruition, they are likely to have the biggest positive economic impact overall for our region.
9. MBC reiterates as in previous years that we would like to see PNCC further explore Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs) as there is undoubtedly potential benefit to all parties in doing so, specifically with the large amount of central government funding coming into the region ensuring that there is a balanced approach.
10. MBC acknowledge the continuing scarcity of resource for housing and the steps that PNCC are taking to mitigate this; whilst there will be an influx of people coming into the city/region to meet the demand for jobs plus further increases in people through NZDF it is important to ensure that our people are not disadvantaged, and that housing remains available and affordable.
11. MBC wish to continue to engage with PNCC/Planning Policy Team with regards to the review of the PNCC Business Zones to provide feedback. The discussions had this far give MBC confidence that PNCC will get this right in order to protect our city centre retail and hospitality sectors.
12. MBC look forward to the engagement with PNCC with regards to the Parking Framework to ensure that the business community are properly consulted with and there are no surprises (referring to the extended hours suggested last year, then reverted).
13. MBC are keeping a watchful eye on discussions with regards to 3 Waters and currently are sitting on the Waste-Water Review committee. We understand that the 3 Waters are due to be taken over by the 'new entity' on 1 July 2024 and whilst we understand that this does not impact on this budget, we are mindful that these changes are causing uncertainty and potentially there could be unforeseen costs (or benefits) of which we are unaware.

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14. MBC support the strengthening of Council owned earth-quake prone buildings; however, we have questions as to whether this should be tied-in with the current Cultural Precinct Review and whether these should be mutually exclusive. Further discussion is needed.

Summary

MBC would like to thank PNCC elected members, leadership team and staff for their service during another difficult year due to the long-term nature of the Covid-19 pandemic. We value the relationship between the two organisations and the consultation processes that we believe are adding value.

MBC recognises and is encouraged by the engagement PNCC have with Rangitāne o Manawatū across the city.

Yours sincerely

Signed on behalf of the Manawatū Business Chamber Board
by;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Linsley', with a stylized initial 'A'.

Amanda Linsley
CEO
Manawatū Business Chamber

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Your contact details
Name Tomas Burleigh Behrens
Organisation
Hearings
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Your feedback
<p>What do you think of our proposed budget?</p> <p>I support the spending on cycleways. I strongly support the installation of permanent barriers on the Main Street Cycleway. I oppose any interim/temporary barriers being installed, the planters work just fine. I live on a street that joins Main Street at the cycleway, and use it often. The planters have been effective. Instead of another temporary solution being installed, we need to roll out cycleways on more streets. I generally support increases in rates to maintain the planned level of operational and capital expenditure. I'd even be happy with larger increases. The city should instead pursue affordable rates, by pursuing a dense/compact city policy. If we had more people living close to the middle of town, we'd start seeing infrastructure cost savings.</p>
<p>What changes would you make?</p> <p>An urgent cycleway project on the arterials/sub-arterials that are most in need of safety improvements. Featherston Street should be first - it is the street with the highest number of cyclists killed / seriously injured in the city (based on NZTA crash statistics). Where the street has cycle lanes, they're too narrow and in the doorzone. Either the painted median or car parking on one or both sides needs to go, before more cyclists are killed or seriously hurt. The city has a goal of reducing CO2 emissions. Transport emissions could be lowered if we restricted motor vehicle use. The city should start a project to create a traffic circulation plan, based on successful traffic circulation plans implemented in Ghent Belgium and Groningen Netherlands. A traffic circulation plan breaks up the (inner) city into zones. Drivers can access zones, but to drive between zones, drivers must use designated arterials (ring roads). Physical barriers and one-way CCTV cameras are used to prevent drivers crossing zones. Traffic circulation plans reduce private vehicle use, and are cheap compared to other road projects. The Ghent traffic circulation plan cost approximately the price of a single bicycle bridge, but did a lot more to increase cycling than any single bridge could. https://stad.gent/en/mobility-ghent/circulation-plan</p>
Do you have any other feedback?

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It is hard to understand what each item in the budget refers to. Is this on purpose? The budget should be presented in a way which is easy to dig into. Each item in the budget is a cryptic code and a one line summary. If each item was linked to a project summary, it would be easier to understand what spending proposals relate to, making it easier to make an informed judgement.

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Name

Doug McArthur

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I fully understand this has to go up but the position I am in, trying to get things upgraded (underfloor, roof, installation) trying to get up to scratch and having to pay extra for this and I don't like your budget as it will increase my rates.

What changes would you make?

If possible, cut it back.

Do you have any other feedback?

No

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Michael & Janet King

Palmerston North.
20/04/2022

Palmerston North City Council.
To whom it may concern.

After recent press reports, we were astounded to find our rates for the next year are to increase by more than 25%. We are both age beneficiaries with only meagre interest to supplement our income. While our property valuation has escalated on paper, to us the value is no different to previous years! We have owned our property for the last 22 years with no intention of moving. I consider the forthcoming rates will be disproportionate to the services we receive. Along with other increases in the cost of living, this increase is untenable and I feel it must be adjusted in fairness to us and the many others who find themselves in this situation.

Yours sincerely,
Michael King.

Malcolm Frith – phone submission – taken down by Courtney Kibby

Concerned proposed rate increase 8.3% in relation to the financial pressure that people are under due to Covid and increasing costs of living at the moment. Believe the council could live within current budget that they have

They are also going to gain financially through property value increases of most people in the city.

There are a few that properties have gone down in value, most people have gone up in value, so council could live within that, getting a 12 percent increase in the rates.

Don't need to apply any rate increase this year.

Article in today's standard with gentleman and his property increase would equate to 20 percent thereabouts.

People are struggling. Rate increase would be another financial burden for people to try and find a way to cover that increased cost.

Period that consultation has been opened for during school holidays and public holidays, unfortunate that with those holidays' people aren't engaged in local body process. Engaged in other things. No allowance from staff, does make it trickier for people to be involved.