



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA MINUTES ATTACHMENTS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

9:00 AM, WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

16 April 2025

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PALMERSTON NORTH WATERS

To : Palmerston North City Council
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Palmerston North

Attn : Democracy and Governance Manager

From : William John Bent

7(2)(a) Privacy

1. I am interested in all parts
2. I oppose the preferred options
3. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.
4. I do not wish to join with others.

ORAL SUBMISSION

16 April 2025

SUPPORTING OPTION THREE

- 1.** The reason I am making this supplementary submission is so that you have the opportunity to prepare questions and to allow more time for questioning.
- 2.** Assuming Palmerston North, PN, joins with Horowhenua District Council, HDC, the interest on \$480m at 3%^b [less than the current OCR of 3.5%] an additional \$308 pa will fall on the house holds of HDC.
- 3.** To the best of my knowledge three of their five sewerage discharges are 100% to land and one {Shannon} is mixed. At Shannon in a normal year 95% plus is to land and in their worst year 86% to land.
- 4.** These costs are already incorporated into HDC's rates and charges.
- 5.** HDC's fifth [Tokomaru, currently in the consenting process] will be substantially to land.

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6. As Environment Commissioner Hodges wrote ^{1,2}

- The Applicant explored a range of possible alternatives and in response to community feedback adopted a solution that placed more emphasis on social, cultural and recreational benefits than economic benefits,
- As a result the proposal covered by the consents exceeds the commitment to environmental improvements made by the Council under the Manawatu River Leaders Accord;

7. Farmers and others are prohibited from discharging animal and other wastes to surface water.

8. I put it to you that it is neither ethical nor moral nor equitable to impose our costs on others and continue harming the environment.

9. In order to meet the standards/environmental outcomes expected in the Manawatu Wanganui Region Council, MWRC, region/Manawatu River catchments and secure long term consents the following will be key components :-

10. A storage pond to the order of 360 to 540ha of 3m depth, and

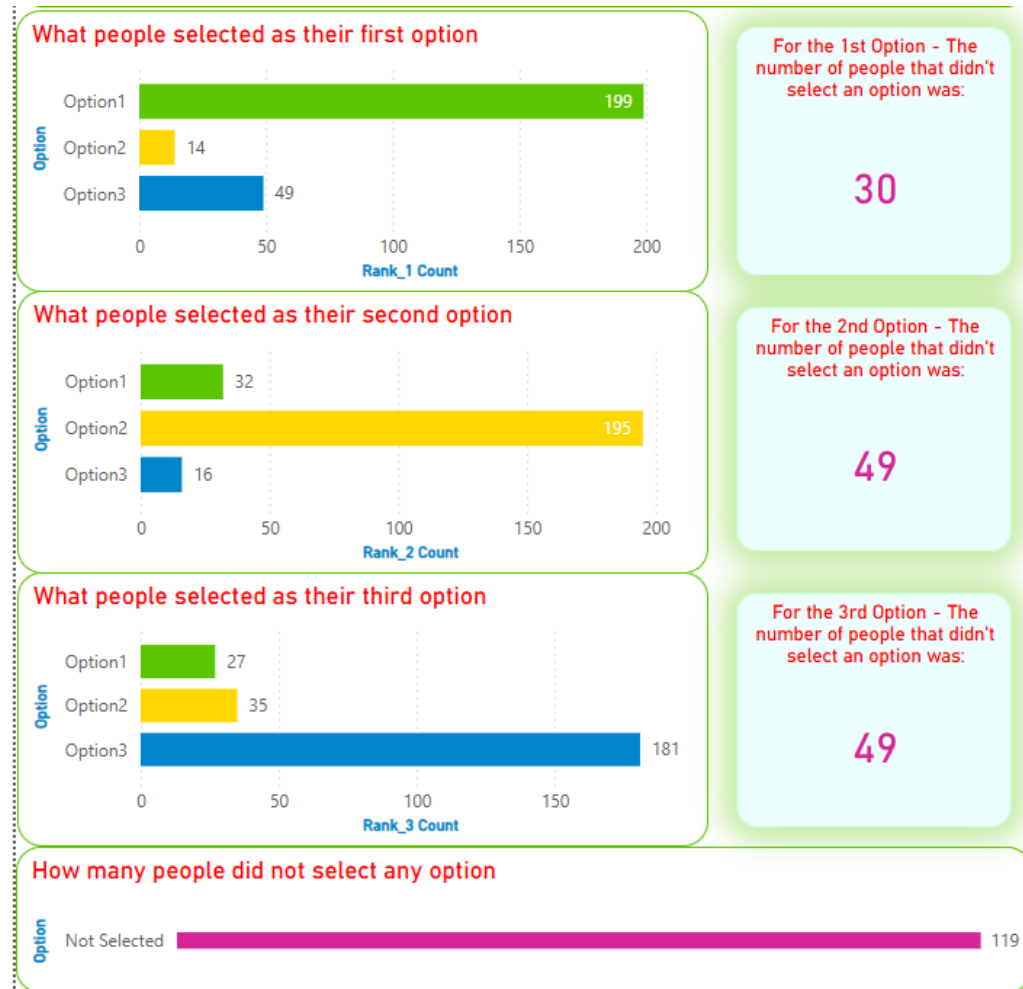
11. A multi purpose treatment wetland . [I have insufficient information to attempt to estimate dimensions/capacities]

¹ at [100], Horowhenua District Council, [2015] NZEnvC 45

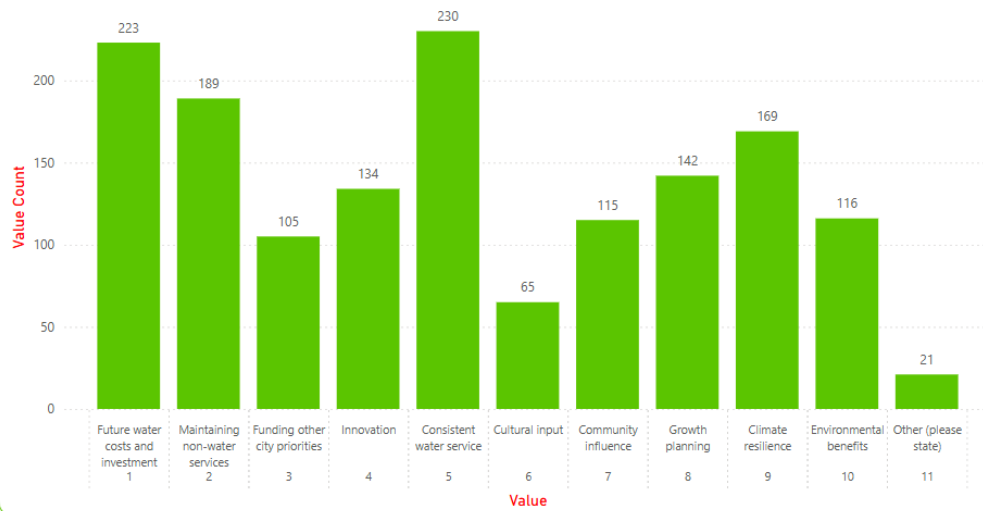
² for the unanimous Court

- 12 In order to fund the entire project it will be necessary to sell assets and defer/abandon proposed projects and a variety of operational expenditures.
13. The first to spring to mind is 'social housing' as this is properly a cost to taxpayers not ratepayers.
14. The sale of PN Airport land that has no operational value to the airport.
15. The sale or partial sale of Palmerston North Airport Ltd, PNAL, shares.
16. In comparison with other major infrastructural assets PNAL is grossly underperforming, as illustrated following :-
- a. PNAL rate of return on shareholder equity - 0.9%
 - b. Auckland International Airport Ltd
rate of return on shareholder equity - 2.3%
 - c. Wellington International Airport Ltd
rate of return on shareholder equity - 5.0%
 - d. Napier Port Ltd
rate of return on shareholder equity - 4.3%
 - e. Port of Tauranga Ltd
rate of return on shareholder equity - 4.6%
- and
- f. Napier Port Ltd
rate of return on market equity - 3.53%
 - g. Port of Tauranga Ltd
rate of return on market equity - 4.6%
 - h. Auckland International Airport Ltd
rate of return on market equity - 2.3%

Updated graphs for Sustainability Committee report



Number of selections for each value



Age Group Submission Count

