



BULLER
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25

Submission Form

Your details *Please complete all fields*

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Have
your
say!

Would you prefer your contact details to be withheld when submissions are made available online?

Yes No

Would you like to speak at the Enhanced Annual Plan hearings?

Yes No

Submission number: Office use only

What are we consulting on?

As we present this draft plan and the consultation issues, we invite you to share your thoughts, insights, and visions for Buller. Your input is critical in ensuring Council's plans align with the community's aspirations, guiding how Council allocates resources and prioritises projects that matter most to you.

Council has identified two key issues we must address over the coming 12 months. We could address each of these key issues in several ways. We want your feedback on what option is the best way forward for our community. We also welcome resident's thoughts on any other aspect of the plan.

These are

- how we respond if Council does not receive the current funding level from Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and
- how we rate for drinking and wastewater.

We encourage you to read the Consultation Document and the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25 for more information on the key issues and options.

Let's shape a future for Buller that reflects our shared values and aspirations.



Shaping
our district

Please take the time to have your say and help **'Shape our District'** by reading the Consultation Document or the Draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25 and give us your feedback.

To find out more

Visit Council's website or grab a Consultation Document from Council's offices and libraries in Westport and Reefton, i-Sites, and resource centres across the district.

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to read the
Consultation
Document



Your submission

1. Roading - What to do if Waka Kotahi - New Zealand Transport Agency does not fund as much as Council applied for?

When preparing this enhanced annual plan, Council submitted a programme of works to Waka Kotahi NZTA for inclusion in the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP). Waka Kotahi NZTA will release indicative allocations for the NLTP in late May 2024. The final budget allocations are expected in August. This is partly due to changes within the new government's Policy Statement for land transport.

The key issue is whether Waka Kotahi NZTA will either agree with and support Council's proposed program of works and budget accordingly or indicate a revised approved budget allocation. Any change is unlikely to exceed what Council requested, but it may be less. Council has three options if Waka Kotahi NZTA approves a lower budget allocation.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. *(please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted)*

- Reduce the programme to match the Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding.
- Continue with the submitted programme, and council rate funds any difference for local roads and commits to higher rates for the next two rating years. The quantum of \$ and rates % increase is variable depending on the funding shortfall/work programme delivered.
- Keep Council's level of funding as contained in the draft AP but reduce the overall programme to reflect Waka Kotahi's level of investment.

Further comment:

2. Policy on rates – how drinking water and wastewater rates are applied

Council is seeking feedback on the policy for how to rate for drinking water and wastewater. Council is considering changing the way "multi residential" and "multi commercial" "differentials" for water and wastewater targeted rates, as well as "major users" rates are charged, and aligning the policy more closely with the methods for charging targeted rates as set out in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2022. Council has two options moving forward how to rate for drinking and wastewater.

Which of the options would you prefer? Please tick ONE preferred option below. *(please note if more than one is ticked this will not be counted)*

- Adopt a revised policy on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.
- Keep the policy the same on how water and wastewater targeted rates are charged.

Further comment:



Further feedback on the Enhanced Annual Plan

Need more room? You can attach extra pages – just make sure they're A4 and that you include your name and contact information.

Consultation period is from Friday 12 April to Monday 20 May, 4:30pm. Submission received outside these dates will not be accepted.

For more information or how to send your submission



Online

Submissions can be completed online by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/EAP202425



Post

Return this completed form to Council's office in Westport or drop it off at the Reefton Visitor and Service Centre.



Talk to us

You can talk to your elected members about the Annual Plan. Find out how to get in touch www.bullerdc.govt.nz



Meet us

Drop in sessions will be held throughout the district.



Email

Email submissions@bdc.govt.nz with the subject **Enhanced Annual Plan** if you have any questions.



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