

# Submission Form

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## Submitters details

Name: Nigel Muir (CE), Brent Maru (General Manager Facilities) & Wendy Bettjeman

Organisation (if relevant): Sport Tasman

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address: PO Box 3197, Richmond, Tasman, 7050

Phone: 03 546 7910

Email: Nigel.m@sporttasman.org.nz; wendy.bet@sporttasman.org.nz; Brent.m@sporttasman.org.nz

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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

We would like to advocate for why sport and recreation needs to remain one area of focus for the Council, especially so in a period of great unrest on the Coast.

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

Sport Tasman would like to thank Council for all that it does for Sport and Recreation in our region.

We believe there is still much work to do to get more of our population active as part of their everyday life and the importance of this is probably more needed now than before. As the community feels the pressure of reduced employment opportunities, sport and recreation plays a vital component, in allowing communities to connect and celebrate amongst themselves.

We want all people across our community to enjoy a healthy and vibrant lifestyle and believe sport and recreation plays a key role in this.

Sport Tasman is an independent Charitable Trust that exists to get more people, more active, more often. We feel we are well placed to assist the Council with its major community outcomes of "Well-being".

Specifically Sport Tasman;

1. Supports the extension of hours to the Solid Energy Centre allowing sport and recreation to be participated in for longer periods of time per day.

2. Would like to work with the Council and other organisations (where sport and recreation are a component), around providing insights and opportunities to assist in facility development in the following areas highlighted in the Buller LTP.

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: ALLEN MORRIS

Organisation (if relevant): Pensioners Ratepayers

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address: Nine Mile Road, Westport.

Phone: 789-7542.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Issue:** High cost of Council administration. Page 1 of 2.

**Comments:** I make this submission to promote the need for there to be included in the Long Term Plan a clearly expressed intent to undertake a process that will lead to significant savings for ratepayers in the cost of Council administration.

Concern is regularly expressed by ratepayers at the increasingly high cost of Councils' management, administration, governance and regulatory functions. (Presently approx. \$4.5m annually). We are told that this is due to the devolution of many Central Govt. functions to local Councils.

I believe that LGNZ failed to resist these changes with any great vigour and that CEO's through-out the country readily embraced them, increasing their power base and enabling them to demand larger and larger salary packages.

To me it seems ridiculous that functions previously administered by Central Govt. should now be carried out by 3 and 4 separate Councils within the West Coast region.

With modern data processing capabilities I believe that a centralised Coast Administration Agency would enable major cost savings to be made for the benefit of ratepayers coast-wide.

I am not advocating for a Unitary Council as it is important for individual Councils to retain their autonomy in prioritising and delivering core services in the most cost effective way.

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Key Issue: Page 2.

Comments: There was a time when this was the prime function of councillors. Under the present structure, councillors, particularly those newly elected are confronted with such a plethora of complex regulatory and governance matters that in a 'local authority' much of the authority now appears to lie with the administrators.

To learn this week that it could cost ratepayers as much as \$20,000 for councillors to approve a simple change to opening hours at the Solid Energy Centre highlights much of the problem.

That situation is not management or governance, it is not administrative or regulatory, it is just plain simple lunacy.

Somebody, please step up and start to put processes in place to remove such bureaucratic nonsense from your systems.

Failure to do something now to significantly improve rates affordability will inevitably lead to increased pressure for the formation of a Unitary Council on the Coast.

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ALLEN MORRIS

Organisation (if relevant):

PENSIONER RATEPAYER

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

No

Address:

NINE MILE ROAD WESTPORT

Phone:

789-7542

Email:

**Key Issue:** Promotion + Tourism Rate Page 1 of 2

**Comments:** It is unacceptable to fund the Promotion + Tourism rate from the 'general rates' pool. No other private industry sector, be it mining farming or fishing would expect nor receive ongoing funding from general rates. Why should tourism? To suggest that it will be taken from commercial differential rates deceives no one but yourselves. The general rates pool is a common pool comprising all general rates whether they have long established differentials attached or not. To do so either removes \$226,000 from the spend on traditional Council services or is a missed opportunity to reduce the total rates take by an additional 1.75%. The proposed move away from the present targeted rate is no doubt prompted by the on-going friction generated by contributors dissatisfaction with 1.) The disparate levels of the targeted rate. 2.) The inability to embrace all who may gain direct financial benefit from tourism promotion. 3.) Complete lack of identifiable tangible results, accountability for or transparency in the spend of almost \$1,000,000 of contributed funds in the past 5 years.

Any decision to move to funding from general rates to avoid this mounting dissatisfaction is one of weakness bordering on cowardice.

If you cannot resolve the issues associated with the present funding arrangement in consultation with local stakeholders then Councils involvement should cease until agreement can be reached on an alternative plan.

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Issue: Promotion + Tourism Rate Page 2.

Comments: If contributors cannot obtain accountability it will certainly not be possible to achieve it if funding is from general rates.  
It is also wrong to claim that we all benefit from tourism.  
Many residents see a certain nuisance element in tourists and view them as invaders of many of our treasured local recreational areas.

At a time when concern is being expressed at the rates burden on low income households Council should consider the fact that if all of the \$44,000 allocated for tourism related funding was to cease, that in itself could provide \$44 rates relief annually to one thousand of the poorer households in the district.

Hands off general rates for funding the promotion of a private enterprise industry.

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## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Dulcie McNabb

Organisation (if relevant): Karamea Historical Society Inc.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address: P.O. Box 19, Waverly Street, Karamea.

Phone: 03 7826 698 (home) 03 7826 652 (work).

Email: dulciemac@xtra.co.nz.

**Key Issue:** The Karamea Historical Society administers the Karamea Centennial Museum.

**Comments:** The KHS is applying for a BDC grant, as per p. 8 of Consultation Document, of \$10,000 to assist with the preservation of Karamea's treasures and heritage.  
\* This is to cover wages, insurance, and operating costs

The museum provides a valuable insight into Karamea's heritage, serving the cultural and recreational needs of our local community as well as visitors to the area.

The museum is well-used as an educational resource, and is sited adjacent to the library, school and play centre. Most important, it is above flood level!

Supporting documents included with this application.



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## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

Organisation (if relevant):

Kavamea Historical Society

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

No

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Key Issue:

Comments:

2014 Achievements:

- Partial re-roofing.
- Acquisition of misty relics from Granite Creek Sawmill - bogey and winch.
- Painting.
- Researching WW I & WW II servicemen.
- Better marketing & longer hours.

2015

- Completion of restoration of misty relic.
- Ongoing research of WW I & WW II soldiers.
- Maintenance on building.
- Interpretation panels on Granite Creek Sawmill & Fairburn.
- Extend length of opening season.
- Upgrade computer.

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# KARAMEA CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

90 Waverly Street, Karamea

## A Showcase of our Local History

Early Settlement

Maori History

Dairying

Sawmilling

Flax Milling

Gold Mining

Sporting History

Photographs

Maps

School Archives

Genealogy Records

Archaeology

Geology

Social History

Family Rates Available

Seasonal Opening Times

May be opened on request

Contact:

Karamea Information Centre

P O Box 94, Karamea 7864.

Phone: (03) 7826 652

Fax: (03) 7826 654

Email: [info@karameainfo.co.nz](mailto:info@karameainfo.co.nz)

Web: [www.karameainfo.co.nz](http://www.karameainfo.co.nz)

Opening Hours:

Season:





### **Karamea Historical Society - supporting documentation**

Since its inception in 1965, the Karamea Historical Society has been an active entity in the Karamea community, and by 1974 had built the Karamea Centennial Museum to acknowledge 100 years of settlement and schooling within the area.

The museum is a typical example of a little country museum, housing the district's heritage, and our community's family treasures and memorabilia for descendants to come back and revisit and reminisce over, and to give our visitors an idea of what it was like to live in an remote and isolated little community.

At Easter 2000 the Historical Society was again an active part of the committee which organised the celebrations to celebrate a 125 years of settlement, which an unprecedented number of just under 900 ex-pats attended!

At this time the museum was totally refurbished, and files and photographic displays updated and artefacts spit and polished!

Side by side with the celebrations, 10 information panels were placed near the old sites of the many little rural schools which dotted the district in earlier days. A panel on the old South Terrace cemetery also stands on the old cemetery site, with the Oparara Valley Trust erecting a kiosk around it. In conjunction with the Trust and the Buller District Council, and many volunteer hours and contributions, the heritage Ziz Zag Track used by the early pioneers to access their special settlement site on the South Terrace is maintained, with the Historical Society providing the signage.

With financial help and advice from Buller REAP, an Oral History project was carried out some 8 years ago. This is housed and is accessible at the museum

With funding assistance from the Buller District Council Buller Vision 2010 in 2008, further upgrades of photographs and files has taken place, and we were also able to purchase display panels and information boards - adding information is an ongoing process. Our reading room, with full facilities for personal research, is a treasure trove of information.

With changing staff at the local Area School and a "clean-up" of the library taking place, we were able to bring the entire school archival collection over to the museum.

The Historical Society actively liaises with the Karamea Information Centre, which is the first port of call for visitors to Karamea. The Information Centre kindly locates a committee or staff member to open the Museum "on demand" if necessary, and sells retail goods on our behalf - namely, books, cards and magnets. We are on the 4th printing of the book on Karamea's early history 'A Story of Success.'

With knowledgeable local staff at both the museum and Info Centre, this is a partnership that works to the benefit of everyone.

The Historical Society also liaises with a vast number of groups both locally and nationwide, and is widely promoted through brochures and websites and visiting media. Articles based on historical information held at the museum regularly appear in the fortnightly newspaper put out by the Information Centre

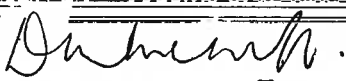
The Museum holds a large collection of early Polynesian artefacts from the Heaphy River mouth, and works in with the Archaeology Department of the Otago University and the Historic Places Trust who carry out digs in the Heaphy and Karamea areas when funding permits. The museum also houses fossils and a photographic record of the Honeycomb Hills Caves in the Oparara Basin.

As you can probably guess, we are justly proud of what our museum has to offer, but as with other rurally isolated little areas and changing demographics, people now want a living wage rather than offer their services for non-paying volunteer work, and we find ourselves in a Catch 22 situation where we need to be open longer hours to bring in revenue. We now seek assistance to enable us to provide both a premium service and a stunning facility for our community and the visiting public

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As Chris Jacomb from the Historic Places Trust said several years ago, our museum is one of the best little museums of its kind that he has seen in the South Island

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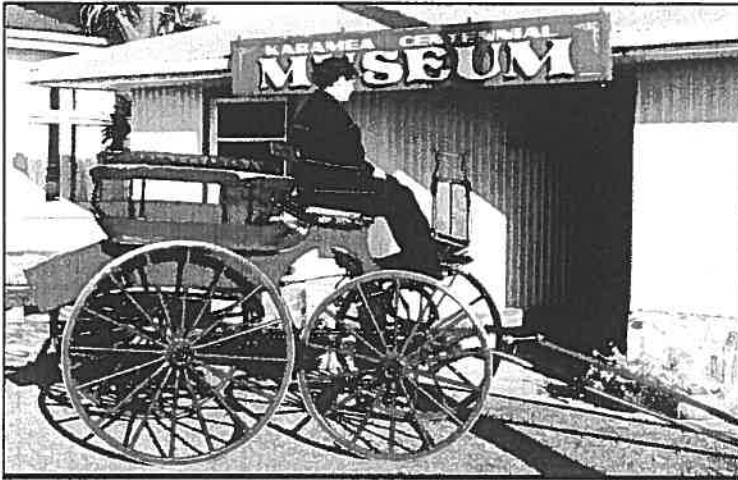
# Karamea Chronicle

Produced by the Karamea Information & Resource Centre

Ph 7826 652

"In touch with our community"

Monday May 5, 2007



## The Karamea Centennial Museum

The Karamea Centennial Museum was built in 1974 to commemorate 100 years of settlement in Karamea, to act as an archives for the preservation and storage of local history.

It was appropriately sited on Nelson Education Board land adjacent to the school, acknowledging its value as an additional educational resource for the students.

The Karamea Historical Society, which administers the museum, dates back to the mid 1960s, and was formed to encourage and promote interest in the history of the Karamea district, to be a strong advocate for greater awareness and preservation of historical values, and to collect, record and preserve documents and artefacts relating to the history of our area.

With descendants of our early settlers constantly returning to Karamea to rediscover their family origins, the process of amassing information and anecdotes relating to earlier times is ongoing, with emails and scans now speeding up the process. It is still more fascinating, however, to meet these people face to face, to pass on family information, exchange photographs, pore over old maps, decipher headstones, and hunt up long-gone house sites or family property. The museum backs up our oral history with "hard copy," and it is not surprising that Chris Jacombe from the Historic Places Trust called our little museum one of the best of its kind in the South Island!

We can boast of an outstanding collection of photographs and old maps, family histories and biographical material, artefacts from the sawmilling, goldmining, flaxmilling, butter making and shipping days, our early Polynesian history and the story of our "special settlement," the drama of the 1929 Murchison earthquake and the sporting achievements of our young people, how power was brought to Karamea, and the geology of the area as well as our very own exhibition of moa bones! The museum also holds extensive archival material on the numerous schools that were scattered throughout the district and now amalgamated into one central school.

Whatever you want to know, we can find you an answer, or else put you in touch with someone who can help you! Don't you ever wonder why our early settlers were placed on the South Terrace, or why the Fenian is called the Fenian? Did you know that until the 1930s Karamea was an island? That a railway line ran across the Oparara swamp? Do you know why Dangerous Hill is called "Dangerous Hill"? That our pre-European history dates back to the 1300s? That history is ongoing and you are part of it?

We invite you to come along to the museum and share your knowledge with us. A Life Membership for just \$10 entitles you to free entry any time the museum is open.

**Over the busy summer period the Museum is open 5 days a week from 10.30 to 4.30pm, while for the rest of the year it can be opened on demand by contacting the Information Centre. (652)**

A huge thank you to the Centre for acting as a go-between for us.

As always, we welcome new members, more research material, old photographs, and more especially your input. It is your museum, preserving Karamea's heritage and traditions for you and your descendants, but we need your help to do so.

Arrange to bring your family along for an afternoon—you will be pleasantly surprised at what you will find.

For further information, please contact Judith Stopforth (873),  
Dulcie McNabb (698) or May Chalmers (749)



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47 Waller Street  
Murchison  
e: [murchisoncrc@gmail.com](mailto:murchisoncrc@gmail.com)

Contacts: Emma Monk 03 523 9414  
Wendy Wood 03 523 9763

We would like to be heard in support of this submission.

Key Issue:

Murchison is the Gateway to the West Coast from the North: unfortunately the closure of the Murchison Information Centre, at 47 Waller Street, in June 2014 has meant that visitors do not have information in advance of their arrival on the West Coast and into the Northern Buller district, so may not stay and take advantage of what is on offer. Reopening of the Centre would be beneficial to Murchison and would also significantly benefit Westport, Karamea, Punakaiki and Reefton.

Comments:

Historically, an average of 24,000 people per annum pass through the Centre, of which 60-70 % are heading in a southern/western direction. Murchison Information Centre has been able to influence travellers' decisions to head West to Northern Buller.

We are intending to open the Murchison Information Centre on the 1st October 2015, initially for a 7 month period over the busy summer months.

A working group has been formed consisting of Information Centre staff and dedicated community organisers - all with valuable and relevant experience.

We would envisage developing good working relationships with Westport, Punakaiki and Reefton i-sites, and Karamea Information Centre, as well as Advance Northern West Coast Group.

We are hoping for some financial support, but just as importantly, moral support to get our Centre opened. This will be of mutual benefit both to the communities of Northern Buller and Murchison.

We have already had pledges from the Murchison community which leaves us with an estimated budgeted shortfall of \$12,000. We will also be approaching Canterbury Community Trust, Network Tasman Trust and the Tasman District Council.

We ask that the Buller District Council consider making a financial contribution towards the operation of the Murchison Information Centre for the 2015/16 season.

# the West Coast<sup>TM</sup> of the Southern Alps

## Murchison Information Centre.

A meeting with members of the Murchison Information fraternity, Buller District Council and Tourism West Coast took place to open 'discussions' about mutually beneficial opportunities arising from reopening the Information Centre in some form.

Tourism West Coast supports this initiative without reservation as there is a strong North-South flow of visitors that the Northern West Coast could attract via information dissemination at the Murchison entry point. There is also a good South-North flow that can benefit Nelson-Tasman-Marlborough.

We believe that there is a real business opportunity available and TWC will canvas the membership list to encourage West Coast tourism operators to support the info centre via brochure displays and advertising.

Recently a marketing programme involving Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and West Coast called Top of the South (TOTS) was introduced and this includes an itinerary via Murchison. The feedback from travel agents and international wholesalers has been positive and some visitors from different countries may start using this loop in the near future.

Tourism West Coast and Advance Northern West Coast are very focussed on generating more visitor nights in the regions (Buller & Murchison) and a revitalised Murchison Information Centre would assist this objective.

*Jim Little*

Jim Little AFAINZ

CEO Tourism West Coast

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Greymouth

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**Karamea Waste Working Group  
Submission to BDC, 25 May 2015**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Long Term Plan and the Annual Plan.

**The Long Term Plan**

We think it would be appropriate for further recognition of the separate status of Karamea and Maruia facilities to be mentioned in the Solid Waste section of Council Activities.

If Council were to do this it could state (our suggestions in bold):

3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph

*Council entered into a ten year contract with Smart Env Ltd to provide Solid Waste services **within the greater catchment area of the district, with two remote areas operating landfills.***

4<sup>th</sup> paragraph

*Council also operates two active landfills at Karamea and Maruia. **A group at Karamea (the 'Karamea Waste Working Group')** exists to provide liaison and leadership between the council and the community about Karamea's specific needs.*

**The Annual Plan**

KWWG supports the budget suggestions proposed by staff with the following difference:

**KWWG would like to recommend that the targeted rate remain at \$93 rather than being reduced to \$85 as suggested.**

While it may seem unusual to be suggesting that rates not be reduced, the group feels it will be advantageous to build up a small balance in order to achieve some improvements at the landfill in the following financial year. The extra \$8 per rateable property (538) would provide extra revenue of about \$4300.

**Planning for Recyclable/Reuse shed**

The group is considering the building of a shed for recycling. We could use local, recycled materials like an 'Earthship' model. Alternatively, a three bay pole shed could be erected. It was thought that the options for this need a twelve month planning period.

If ultimately the accumulated funds are not required, the funds will simply remain as an opening balance for this targeted rating area, so there will be negative impact on the targeted ratepayers.

A portion of the latest communication with the community is tabled below for your information.

*"While the BDC budget indicates a slight reduction in the targeted rate for Karamea waste, the group all agreed that the targeted rate should remain as it is this year, rather than be reduced from \$93 to \$85, in order to build up a small capital base for improvements to the site in the following year.*

*It was felt that there were no specific demands for capital expenditure or anticipated extra costs for the next financial year. Funding may be required for activities in the following year, from our own account and by application to other sources.*

***Consultation with BDC and the community***

*The working group has regular contact with BDC about operational and budget issues, and is making a submission to the council's Long Term and Annual Plan. It also communicates with the community via the Chronicle and on the community website. This is the second progress report for this twelve month period.*

***Working Group membership***

*The current members of the group have all expressed interest in remaining on the group. They are: Paul Murray, Tim Hawley, Shona Eason Gibson, Sheryl Rhind, Peter Langford, Brian Jones, Hamish Macbeth. If anyone wishes to be more involved in the group's activities they could contact a group member."*

Thank you for considering this submission  
Hamish Macbeth  
for KWWG

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## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Carolyn Hewlett

Organisation (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address: cm B 14 Punakaiki R.O., Runanga 7873

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: temikobeads@gmail.com

**Key Issue:** Council contribution towards the development of a community facility for Punakaiki

**Comments:**  
I agree with this decision.  
I do hope the Council are able to follow through with this offer/proposal as this has been a long time request.  
The Punakaiki community generally support this as it would have many benefits for them and the functioning of the Beach Camps

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## Submitters details

Name: Wayne Pratt

Organisation (if relevant): Helicopter Charter Karamea

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

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Phone: 03 782 6111

Email: wayne@karameahelicharter.co.nz

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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Burke Creek Bridge

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

We currently operate from a Heli-Pad situated on the North-Eastern side of Burke Creek. We envisage a substantial increase in activity from this pad on the completion of the Old Ghost Road. For us to guarantee supply and a safe access to this pad, a bridge is required over Burke Creek, rather than the current ford.



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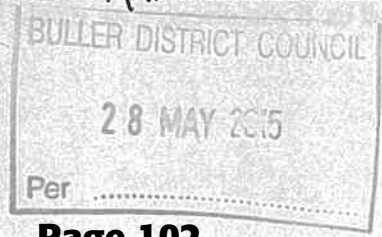
**Key Issue:** \* Request for continuation of BDC Annual Grant of \$20,500 to enable the Karamea Information & Resource Centre to continue providing its core services 7 days a week to both the local community and the visiting public.

- Grant enables the Centre to provide essential services for our remote little rural community, including both local & visitor information, resource services, farm supplies, dud hire, retail goods, a fortnightly newspaper to keep in touch with the wider community, and liaison services with local & government organisations.
- Not forgetting a guaranteed fuel supply 24/7, with a generator now installed to enable the Centre to keep operating in times of emergency.
- The Centre also provides a 7-day answerphone service as well.

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**Key Issue:** Continuation of BDC Annual Grant of \$20,500.

**Comments:** The Centre has continued to meet the requirements of the Quarterly KPIs, as originally requested by Council

- 1) Centre provides a public service 364 days a year, an a/h. fuel service & a 24/7 answerphone service
- 2) Centre provides visitor information to the Council. Centre has printed & distributed 240,000 Karamea brochures since 2004, and maintains a current website for visitors & locals.
- 3) Visitor Survey Sheets provide information on visitor nationalities, age, source of info, length of stay, reason for visiting, and visitor satisfaction.
- 4) Financial statements provided quarterly to Council.
- 5) Large premises equates to better services, & positive feedback. Approx 26,000 use the Centre annually.
- 6) Staffed by knowledgeable & competent locals - friendly, adaptable and good at multi-tasking!

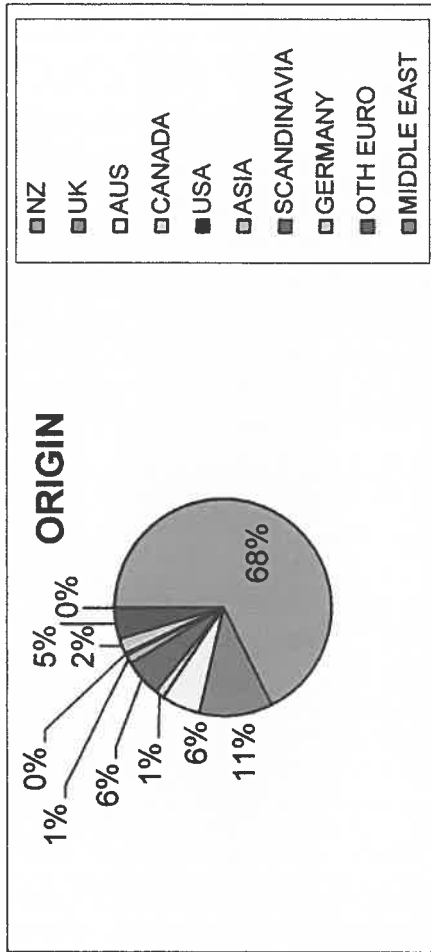
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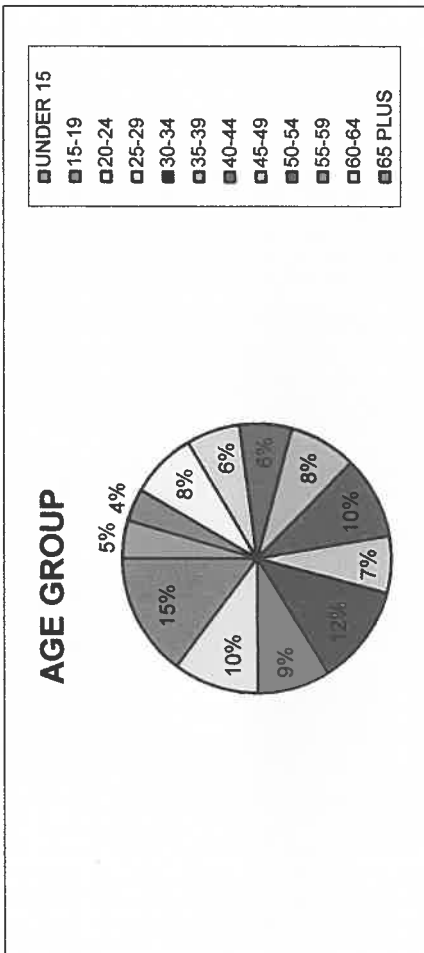
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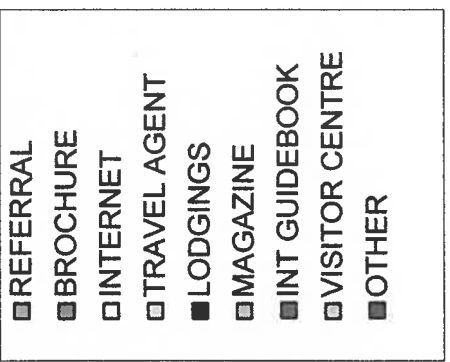
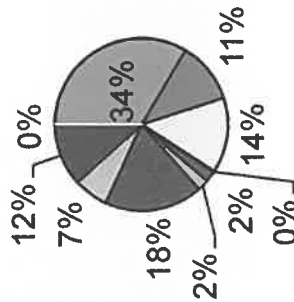
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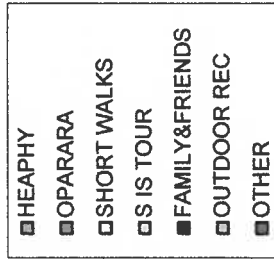
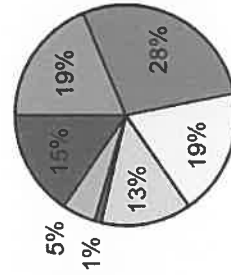
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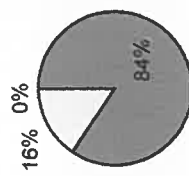
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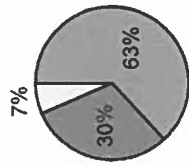
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05/15

**Key Issue:** 1) Maintenance of public toilets, Karamea.  
2) maintenance of loveBinz (rubbish facility), Karamea.

**Comments:**

1) Request: continuation of BDC Annual Grant of \$2,300 towards maintenance of public toilets at Market Cross, Karamea.

- Grant covers daily cleaning costs - labour costs, cleaning supplies, & minor repairs. Water for the tank at the toilets comes from the Information Centre roof.
- Toilets built in early 1990s, in late 1990s trellis work built around the toilets, and garden of trees & shrubs & climbers established.
- In last 5 years have managed to have some of the larger trees removed, which either filled up the toilets with rubbish, or actually fell on the building.
- In 2014, after paths became wet and slippery and overgrown, requested that the vegetation be cleared completely. Trellis repaired.

\* Action needed to upgrade area. Timberwork needs water blasting & painting.  
Last time public toilets building repaired was in 2008

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Key Issue:

2) maintenance of rubbish disposal facility at market cross, Karamea.

Comments:

\* Request continuation of BDC Annual Grant of \$700 towards maintenance of this facility beside the Information Centre.

• Grant covers daily monitoring, cleaning & maintenance

• Over the last 5 years issues have arisen during and after the music festivals held in Karamea over the summer. Aftermath of the festival is the rubbish left all around Karamea, especially in the Market Cross township.

• This summer we had 2 festivals, the second one a month-long. The rubbish disposal issues compounded over a 2 month period, despite the lowbins being emptied twice daily. Biggest issue was broken glass.

\* Action needed by Council to more vigorously monitor rubbish disposal facilities (+ after) at these festivals, which impact negatively on Karamea over the summer.

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Key Issue: ROADING IN KARAMEA

- 1) Road ends - Airport & Kohaihai.
- 2) Big Rimu Tree carpark, Umere.
- 3) Karamea Bluff and Taffytaru roading.
- 4) McCallums Mill Road, Opawa Basin, Karamea.

### 1) ROAD ENDS:

- Both the airport & Kohaihai are entry/access points
- Gravel roads to both need better maintenance, particularly over the summer.
- Potholes & corrugations, as well as still some cow effluent, elicit negative comments from visitors.
- Buller becoming increasingly dependent on tourism to pull in much needed additional revenue. Believe our visitors deserve better facilities than what we are currently providing in a haphazard manner.

Action: • Plan works programme in advance.  
• look at underlying issues of what is causing the corrugations and remedy them.

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**Key Issue:** ROADING IN KARAMEA.

**Comments:** 2) Big Rimu Tree Carpark, Umere.

- New track to Big Rimu Tree built in 2000.
- Carpark with extensive railings built by Council shortly after - maybe 10m, of rails, painted white
- Despite requests put into Council dating back to 2009, no maintenance ever carried out at carpark.
- Railings dirty, broken, & overgrown with vegetation. Looks neglected, as if nobody cares!
- Rimu Tree a popular short walk, relatively handy to township.

Action: Desperately needs maintenance work at carpark!

3) Karamea Bluff & Taffytown - Centre line road markings & cats eyes.

\* In many places, no cats eyes & centre line almost disappeared. Check more often - vital on wet foggy nights!

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**Key Issue:** ROADING IN KARAMEA.

**Comments:** 4) McCallums Mill Road, Oparara Basin.

- Originally a DOC road into the Oparara Basin.
- After National Park gazetted in 1996, & at the instigation of the Nelson Conservation Board, it was vested in the Buller District Council, with DOC making a local contribution on a 60/40 split. As it is of tourism benefit, Council funding comes from NZ Transport Agency.
- Works programme planned 12 months in advance, with the DOC contribution assessed then.

**History:** Roading issues reported to Council Roading Engineer - regardless of the time of year - inspected immediately and dealt with. Initially the more dangerous corners were taken off, and road widened. After about 2008, Council became less responsive. In 2009 the Information Centre asked for a more satisfactory and amicable reporting system. It also asked that a DOC staff member take on that role on our behalf.

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**Key Issue:** McCallums Mill Road cont'd.

**Comments:** \* This summer, road conditions were unacceptable, & reports on state of road ignored, despite the concerns over safety issues.

\* Told in Feb it was a DOC road, funding available for graveling not till 2015/16 year.

\* Despite seriousness of road conditions in March, and requests to have road inspected, again fobbed off.

\* By the time some minimal maintenance was done on road in late March, it was too late, the damage had already been done!! Upset visitors, horrified locals, negative emails, & kept 1-site + businesses telling people not to come to Karamea as the road into the Opakura Basin was impassable.

So WHY? Why did the planned grade of the road in late November not take place. Only one grade last year, in July.

\* By February, what had happened to the balance - the funding. Why was no-one prepared to inspect the road. Who is answerable to who??

**ACTION** A. constructive works programme be planned & implemented with reporting back to DOC & the public.

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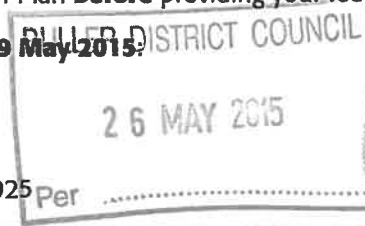
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Key Issue: 3 and 4

Comments: I agree with the 'whole of Coast' approach & focus for economic development but there must be hands-on control ~~via~~ through staffing, funding & resource to ensure Buller's interests are represented effectively & our unique 'tourism' offerings are given equal opportunity at all marketing levels.

↓ TRENZ  
FAMIL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES  
EDITORIAL COVERAGE.

If Council does not ~~manage~~ manage this properly Buller's profile & visibility, will be submerged below the better funded regions of the Grey & Westland Districts.

I 100% support the modernisation of the Town Centre and the timeline.

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**Rates/ Debt;** It is important to keep debt down.

Rate increases look moderate and if they can be kept that way through the life of the LTP then that will be good.

**Clocktower Building:** Buller over the years has had little regard for its heritage buildings, a recent example being the hedging in of the clocktower building by a modern, predominantly glass building being built right up alongside it. In itself the museum has style but it should not have been built in such a contrasting position to the clocktower. Anything built anywhere near the clocktower building needs to be architecturally aligned with the clocktower. The clocktower needs to be enhanced, not ostracised. The envisaged upgrade/ extension to the clocktower looks like it will ostracise the clocktower even further. The clocktower is one of the few heritage buildings in Westport that has been well-kept and this town ought to appreciate such buildings more, where any alterations /extensions need to enhance rather than detract from the heritage value of that building.

In fact the BDC allows too many gross/ unsightly buildings to be built here; how much better would it be to have aesthetically-pleasing buildings which include tasteful landscaping, in our town centres? Admittedly some of the most recent changes are getting better.

If the library is again located in the Carnegie building then that whole area, including the clocktower, should be brought into a heritage-friendly area. The building that the library is in, however, appears to accommodate the library well, so what would be the point in moving it? Importantly, a public library should be housed completely in one building rather than be spread out, as the proposed LTP possibly suggests. If the library is brought into the town hub that will perhaps decrease the quiet of that institution. Times have changed since the Carnegie Library was built and libraries need, to some extent, different considerations now and being in the centre of the town hub would not be ideal. The library

provides a good level of service; especially over the last few years the resources at the library have increased markedly in quality, education and knowledge. It is hoped that this level of service will continue to be maintained. The library has benefited from the increase in the cosmopolitan nature of our local community, bringing new ideas and innovation into our central hub of learning and knowledge.

The idea of a town centre though, is appealing, especially linking up with the Beautiful Buller River; also a great opportunity to introduce an enhanced heritage area as well.

**Learning:** More community support needs to be given to those studying at tertiary institutions, especially beneficiaries trying to improve their chances of success in life. As a personal example, when I was studying through WINZ I was pushed to pay my rates on time, mainly due to demands on my time through contact courses, requiring regular travel, and project and exam deadlines. I was allowed remission of one rate penalty but was refused others. I would like to see the council make an exemption for those studying extramurally from within the district by waiving rates penalties until the course of study is completed. A council subsidy on travel into and out of the Buller for such students would also be a welcome boost for those students.

The west coast has the lowest level of tertiary qualifications of any region in NZ and the council supporting tertiary learning through such initiatives could go some way to letting the Buller know that tertiary education is good for the Buller.

**Who We are:** There should be provision to increase the cosmopolitan nature of this district. Welcoming a wide range of people and their cultures to the district is developing and will bring about innovation and progress as well as prosperity. Unfortunately the Buller has had a reputation of being unwelcoming to those that do not fit into a tight sectarian image of what a "nice", person is. A prime example is where reporter, Mike Crean, in his Heartland series in the Press, interviewed supposed leading personalities in a small town in the Buller. One of those, "leading lights", spoke of the "hippy", influx in the late 70's in very derogatory terms, saying that the last of them were finally chased out, QUITE some time ago. Besides this last being flagrantly untrue, that is a terrible attitude towards a loose group of, generally highly educated people that came to the Buller, looking for a quieter way of life. Many have settled here and contribute in meaningful ways to the Buller. That sectarian type of attitude in the Buller needs to be addressed and overcome.

As noted above, more effort needs to be placed on aesthetically-pleasing buildings, along with good landscaping; if that requires more understanding in the planning department by employing people with appropriate qualifications, then that is what needs to happen. Although architecturally-pleasing buildings are springing up, they may be more good personal choice than a reflection of the planning standards.

It is good to see that the, "Arts", are progressively having more importance and worth placed on them in this district. Health is more than just physical, and on that basis the arts have an important part to play. There needs to be tolerance of a wide range of what is considered to be art, and that every opportunity to support a wide range of art is applied.

**Sustainable Environment:** The adherence to the district plan's objectives and policies and the enforcement of district rules with regards to indigenous ecology are abysmal to say the least. Too many private landowners consider that indigenous

biodiversity on their land is theirs to do what they will with. We all know this is not the case as DOC cannot possibly contain every important piece of indigenous biodiversity in NZ.

Too many private landowners remove the indigenous vegetation on their land without at least enquiring as to the rules in the district plan. Any land that is cleared of even scrub needs clearance from the council, a rule that I doubt has ever been taken notice of by either landowner or council but this rule is important in allowing the council to understand the status of the natural environment in the Buller. Wetlands are not given a second thought when consenting for draining of them, even in the face of them being an important issue in the plan. Hardly ever, if at all, are the conditions of consents for land development checked, and even worse, breaches of conditions are rarely, if ever, acknowledged, nor acted on by the council. The council needs to become more pro-active in ensuring that land is not being indiscriminately developed, especially when those developers are in denial of the rules of the plan.

The retention of indigenous ecology in mainly privately-owned lowland NZ will certainly attenuate the rigours of climate change.

**Solid Waste:** Solid waste has so many fees and charges, starting with a general charge in our rates, then a charge for dumping, then rubbish bags. These are all very expensive and the question here is: Are all these costs really necessary? Surely there is gross inefficiency in there somewhere. A common question is: Why are our rubbish bags so much more expensive than in other districts in NZ? Some of us live very modestly so thus use solid waste services less often but no doubt those people are subsidizing those that use the services more frequently. Generally though it is very good to see a high standard at long last being accomplished with regards to solid waste in the Buller. How many years it will take for the Orowaiti Estuary to recover properly from the former dump's leachate is no doubt measured, shamefully, on a scale of decades if not centuries. A residual problem is the illegal dumping of rubbish. No-one would be proud of their secretly-dumped rubbish being exposed for all to see, and this may be the avenue to take to decrease the frequency - by getting the Westport News to dedicate to decreasing this problem by publishing photographs of all incidents of larger items of rubbish dumped, or post photos in the council newsletter/ council noticeboard/ Messenger newspaper etc.

**Community Services:** As a recipient of a community grant, Kaitiaki Mokihinui, the volunteer group which cares for the Chasm Creek Walkway, is grateful to receive funding each year to help keep this important little walkway open to the public. We sincerely hope that our very modest level of funding will continue in the face of the amalgamation of funding sources and thus a reduction in available funds.

The library and theatre are also very worthy recipients of funding from the BDC.

**Governance:** It is appreciated that council is taking a pro-active approach to open democracy. It is hoped that this will continue and even improve; governance transparency is a wonderful asset to a community and helps prosperity by the community having confidence in governance.

I understand that the future prospects for jobs in this community must be planned for and some of the proposals put forward so far are innovative and creative, moreso than what the regional council suggests. I'm not so sure about pushing for increases in population as

many living here choose to do so for the quieter lifestyle. Council must remember to look after those who choose to live here for the extant values the district provides rather than trying to change those values to whatever extent to try and increase population, jobs etc. Where the jobs are people are, so having the right jobs will look after the population. But, who does the district want to attract here? Who arrives for the jobs depends on the types of jobs on offer. This must be a qualifying factor in any job creation scheme. Pushing for an increase in local GDP appears to be based squarely on the objectives from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Economy to increase national GDP by 40% by 2025. It must be remembered that whilst the West Coast had the highest household income of any region in NZ in 2012, it was largely based on Solid Energy's coalmines having grossly over-inflated wages and numbers of workers, especially salaried, whilst concomitantly the state-owned enterprise was sinking fast - sustaining this type of economy would bankrupt the nation and the Buller must pay attention to this detail. The Buller cannot expect to sustain the blind economy that Solid Energy was feeding it for the last 10 years.

My question is; How involved is local government in supporting our national government with negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement? When our CEO heads off to conferences, what part of those conferences are involved in TPPA negotiations?

Is the amalgamation of the four local councils with Development West Coast in creating an agency that deals with increasing the future employment, population and gross domestic output of the west coast set up as a result of a linking in of local government to the national negotiations on the TPPA? I feel that this agency is short-sighted, where it sees the exploitation of our natural resources as the number one priority in increasing west coast GDP. It must also be kept in mind that if the TPPA does eventuate, coast jobs may not be there for coast people.

**Holcim:** It is to be hoped that if another big business sets up with Holcim's infrastructure, then there will be no need to redistribute those rates. A proposal to create biofuel from rubbish has merits but there are also adverse effects that would need to be considered. The main problem is Veolia's international reputation. Veolia is known as a company that cuts corners to maximize profit. Buller cannot afford (or would it even want?) a company that may degrade the surrounding environment because of a slack environmental outlook. As stated above, enforcement of consent conditions is certainly not one of Buller's strong points, and on that basis the Buller would be an ideal environment from Veolia's viewpoint. Burning rubbish will be full of toxins of every imaginable description that could go straight up and out the chimney. There needs to be in-depth analysis of the risks involved, and whether Buller is prepared to take those risks. Those risks include air pollution not only depositing on surrounding farmland but also disseminating to the wider atmosphere, to land in fresh water, people's veggie gardens etc; volatile organic compounds from temperate regions do land at the planet's poles where air temperatures are cool enough for those compounds to condense. Will temperatures within the smokestack be high enough, and remain high enough through all, and complete, rubbish burning to destroy/eliminate worrying toxins? What about heavy metals?

Veolia no doubt has expertise and knowledge about that industry but does the Buller really need to go all the way with Veolia? Surely the ideal course of action would be to get Veolia to set up a business plan, and then for a local company to take it over for the running of the business. That way there would be more local jobs, accountability and pride. There are biofuel-from-rubbish plants already in NZ and they could be used as a



blueprint also.

**Buller Holdings Ltd:** There needs to be more explanation of what Buller Holdings is and what it achieves.

**Conclusion:** Overall I like that the BDC is mindful that there are not unlimited funds available to squander, especially of our rates money, and that the council is endeavouring to keep spending under control. The Westport town centre is in dire need of a kick to liven it up but not sure that the proposals are the best option, mainly because of the heritage values involved and the fact that the Buller traditionally does not give enough respect to its built heritage. It is important to do what is right with our rate money, which should be based mainly on majority support for projects, but should also include a good dose of intelligent projection for the future, and sound education on the facts and projects involved.

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## Submitters details

Name: Richard Leggat

Organisation (if relevant): NZ Cycle Trail Incorporated

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

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Phone: 021 2891688

Email: leggat@mac.com

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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Proposed bridge construction- Burke Creek

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

NZ Cycle Trail Inc (NZCT) is an organisation set up by government with the objective of ensuring the NZ Cycle Trail- Nga Haerenga, and the Great Rides making up the trail network are successful and sustainable. NZCT has great hopes for the Old Ghost Road given its unique location and unparalleled journey through some of New Zealand's finest back country. To be a successful Great Ride the Old Ghost Road needs to have assured access at most times of the year and the proposed bridge will go a long way towards ensuring access to and from the northern end of the trail is available. It will also improve the safety of the trail by removing any necessity for crossing what can be a fast flowing creek/river.

Tourism NZ has cycling as one of the special interest areas it is promoting internationally and it will be of great assistance in the promotion of the Old Ghost Road to be able to assure prospective users that trail access can be assured.

NZCT supports the Council's Draft Long Term Plan that includes construction of the new bridge over Burke creek at the northern end of the Old Ghost Road cycle trail.

Richard Leggat

Chairman NZ Cycle Trail Inc

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## Submitters details

Name: Jim McIlraith

Organisation (if relevant): WestReef Services Ltd

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

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Phone: 03 788 9090

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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Submission in favour of proposal to bridge Burke Creek ford, Seddonville.

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

WestReef is the principal contractor providing construction and maintenance services to The Old Ghost Road. Like a range of other users, WestReef accesses the unbridged Burke Creek ford on a frequent and on-going basis to deploy personnel and machinery as part of this work. This arrangement is expected to be enduring in the long term. The Burke Creek ford poses a significant risk and complication in adverse weather conditions that jeopardises the safety of our staff and productivity of our operations and service.

WestReef is fully supportive of Council's proposal (as part of the draft Long Term Plan) to bridge Burke Creek ford.

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## Submitters details

Name: ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/MS:~~

~~SHERIL RYLAND~~ Ray Douglas

Organisation (if relevant):

~~ON BEHALF OF~~ KARAMEA AIRFIELD COMMITTEE

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address:

Phone:

Email:

~~seniorforums@xtra.co.nz~~ ray.dou@xtra.co.nz

Key Issue: TAR SEALING

Comments: For the tar sealing of the access road to the Karamea Airfield to be considered in the long term plan.

**Thank you for your feedback**

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## Sheryl Rhind

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**From:** Ray Douglas <ray.d@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 March, 2015 3:47 p.m.  
**To:** fenianfarms@xtra.co.nz  
**Cc:** Garry Howard  
**Subject:** Karamea Aerodrome Movements

Hi Sheryl - Thanks for your call regarding movements at Karamea Aerodrome. As you will be aware I've only recently taken up the position as Chair of the Karamea Aerodrome Committee and I am having to work with the material that I have to hand.

To explain we have landing fees of \$5 which are totally voluntary. Pilots are asked to sign a book and pay their landing fees, but this isn't supervised, so as you can imagine a fair few get through the net. My guess from talking to others around the airport is around half, but that is difficult to gauge. We have three books for pilots to sign. One for general aviation, one for Adventure Flights Golden Bay and another for Golden Bay Aviation. Both are commercial operators who are frequently bringing people off the Heaphy Track. We also have frequent fly-ins at this time of the year from the Motueka Flying School. I understand you have asked Wayne Pratt for some info on his Helicopter Charter business operated from the aerodrome as well - and although he doesn't log with us his comings and goings - we have a fair handle on how much he is doing, as a lot of his work is under contract to the Department of Conservation. He does a considerable amount of tourist work as well.

I went through the general aviation book this morning - and from 1st of January 2014 til today we have 180 movements logged. Further to that we have Adventure Flights - 120 movements and Golden Bay Aviation a further 90 movements. A total of 390 movements officially logged. However add to that a conservative guess that around 30 percent don't pay their landing fees or sign the book, that gives a further 117 movements or around 507 movements in the past 14 months.

We also have four owner/operators based at the airport who work from a separate lease agreement with the committee. Allowing a minimum of 50 movements each per year, that's a further 200 movements.

I'm not sure of how many movements the Helicopter Charter business would have in a 12 month period, but my estimate would be a minimum of 1200 helicopter movements and a further 50 fixed wing movements (he also has two fixed wing aircraft in his two hangars).

Given that there is some estimation in this I still think we are fairly close to the mark with 1957 movements at Karamea in the past 14 months.

Passenger numbers vary, but with the commercial operators they usually have a minimum of two POB for each flight. If you have any further questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best Regards  
Ray Douglas  
Chairman  
Karamea Aerodrome Committee

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# HELICOPTER CHARTER *Karamea*

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April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Buller District Council

Brougham Street

WESTPORT

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Wayne and I have been operating our Air Charter business from the Karamea Aerodrome for the past eight years. In that time we have noticed a severe deterioration in the road leading to the Aerodrome.

We believe it is due to more traffic using the facility – not only with our own business, but with the two commercial fixed wing operators using this as well. There is also a service that comes into Karamea twice a week providing a Doctor to the local Medical Centre.

The rutting has worsened to the point that it is difficult to drive up and down the road comfortably and the dust in the summer is unbelievable. As tourism is becoming a necessary and valuable commodity on the West Coast, I feel that the upgrading of this road is an absolute necessity and should be included in the upcoming annual plan.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Pratt

Owner/Operator

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Submission to 2015 LTP – David Barnes

My first submission is that the decision to postpone the renewal of the freshwater supply pipe from the treatment plant to town be reversed and the original timescale and budget be proceeded with.

During the time I was a councilor there were about 4 repairs in the large supply line which I visited to see what the problem had been. There were others which I did not visit. One was in the paddocks above the bridge crossing the Orowaiti, one was along the grass verge alongside Stephen Road, one at the junction of Excelsior and Stephen Road and one in the Railway reserve beside my house. The latter required two repairs as the supply to my property subsequently broke off.

In all those cases sections of pipe needed replacing as the original steel pipes were heavily corroded leading to either splits in them and or the Victaulic joints being eaten out by cavitation and rust.

There were two repairs to the smaller, original cast iron supply line that I also went to see. Both these were in the roadside verge along Stephen Road. That line is getting quite a major interior 'build up' whereas with the large steel line its interior is getting eaten away in parts and the joints are degrading.

Most of the pipelines are underground but further past my house the larger main surfaces and can easily be inspected. The pipe is supported over Cats Creek by what at best can be called 'Heath Robinson' construction with equally suspect repairs.

Whilst I was on Council in discussions it appeared that no systematic plotting of the position of each new section of pipe, the date and its respective pipe material replacement had been kept so the 'ad hoc' supply system on both lines is a liability when deciding if a certain section should be targeted.

Over successive Councils much criticism has been laid and latterly become extremely pointed with richly deserved demands by the Westport ratepayers that they want a reliable delivery of treated water. No ifs or buts.



I was the Chair of the Water committee that planned and started the full upgrade that has recently been completed to the reservoir and water treatment plant. The next stage is budgeted for in the Annual Plan, the complete renewal of the water main with a modern material for the pipe from reservoir to the entry to town.

Should this present Council defer this essential new pipeline to town then I trust you will stand for Council get re-elected so that as further breakdowns in the supply happen, as they surely must you will reap the rewards of your folly.

A typical section of the smaller 'Cast Iron' water main. The larger line now comprising of a mixture of materials is similarly contaminated inside, the joints corroded by rust and or cavitation well past their used by date.



## **PROPOSED SALE OF THE DREDGER 'KAWATIRI' AND UTILITY VESSEL 'BOB GOWER'**

Apart from the crew of 'Kawatiri' and the present Harbourmaster I am probably the only other person in Westport who has intimate knowledge of the vessel, the dredging of this Harbour and Bar, the maintenance dredging of Nelson Harbour the related costs and amount of material dredged in a year along with the mechanics of the Buller River and West Coast Littoral Drift systems. Additionally I attended the International Dredging school in Kinderdijk in 1998 for their course and had wide discussions with IHC about improving 'Kawatiri'. Before I came to New Zealand I was employed on two South Coast of England Aggregate dredgers dredging on the Thames, West and East Solent. Whilst Harbourmaster I employed Dr. Graeme Smart, who is a river engineer for NIWA and is an acknowledged expert on the Buller river to complete a report on possible flood alleviation for the Council, which should be on file. He also assisted our discussions with NZTA regarding the placement of the 3 Groins in the river just past the 'Scout Hut' as we feared they may have a future detrimental effect on the river flow through the Harbour. I think I have more than adequate knowledge to comment on any matter regarding Kawatiri, dredging as it pertains to Westport, Nelson and Greymouth.

It is my experience, attending Council meetings as Harbourmaster and sitting at the Council table as a Councillor that those around the table have zero factual knowledge of the harbour and their responsibilities towards it. Further they quite readily consult with anyone and everyone who poses as an expert within New Zealand yet have no endeavor to sit with the Harbourmaster and Dredge master to pose the questions they need to learn and understand Westports major asset which can have huge affects on the town. I would also venture few if any of you have spent time on the dredge or visiting the Harbour to experience operations first hand.

A prime example was Councillors sanctioning after a "Sunday ring around" an expenditure on an ill advised and incomplete plan which led to the Air freighting of the infamous 'Sauerman Bucket' from America at some \$34,000 which was never used, or was ever likely to be yet was sold for scrap at about \$6,000. Westport Harbour and the town deserve far better than that but it seems destined to follow the same pattern. The expertise is here within

the Harbour Staff, they know, they have the necessary qualifications, experience, actually do the work but are continually by-passed. So it is with the present situation.

On sifting through the LTP I noticed the income sum of \$2,892,000 standing all alone on a line for 2017-18. On asking I find this is a net valuation for the sale of 'Kawatiri' and the harbour vessel 'Bob Gower'.

If that is the Nett sum then I wonder what the Gross sum is and how it was arrived at as I doubt the NZ company who supplied the valuation has a detailed grasp of the world dredger market and requirements for 'Kawatiri' to fit. Trailer Suction Hopper Dredgers are 'compared' by their hopper capacity. At 635 cubic metres she is very much at the 'small' end of the world fleet. She has one trailing suction pipe, typically a sister of hers in Trinidad has two which reduces the time to get a load aboard... time is money. She now has, at long last efficient water jetting which has improved her performance drastically as was always advocated. In the hands of the dedicated Westport crew Kawatiri performs and is maintained very well indeed. The valuation figure is in my estimation high, for Westport she works well and suits the unique situation harbours elsewhere would find it difficult to justify such a purchase price.

Taking the "Bob Gower", she is the eyes of the harbour and Bar, without her no one will know what is happening to the depths and channel. Soundings need to be taken regularly and are interspaced with frequent activity. This cannot be done with contractors without considerable expense and a loss of flexibility. As to her value ... her use as a fishing vessel is limited as her two engines occupy the space a fish hold would fill. Not many harbour vessels use two engine's . In short she was tailored to Westport's requirements, not other uses.

Then there is the collective extensive dredging expertise of the crew of Kawatiri. Sell the Kawatiri and you will throw a huge skill asset away. You will not be able to pick that up around New Zealand again. The handling and maintenance experience within that crew is second to none. Handling Kawatiri within the river is one thing but out on the Bar ... no one has their skill in that location.

Value apart the decision to sell once Holcim departs would appear to be on tailored information given by vested interests to sell thus ridding BHL expense and perceived problems. From information I have been able to glean some of which no doubt can be discounted there is a very dangerous perception of just what the Buller River produces in the way of amounts of material and its effect. For example most people, in fact everyone I have spoken to had no knowledge that the river flowing past the Scout hut is running in a channel cut through the 'Ox-Bow' bend in the Buller with shovels and wheelbarrows in 1877- 1890. The Project was "The Buller Relief Channel" and cut across the Ox-bow bend containing the infamous 'Orowaiti Overflow' which now lies at the head of the Ox-Bow 1 kilometer from the river channel as it is today. The river traversing round that bend was causing the flooding of the town. That little gem of fact shows just how much Myth there is about the floods and prevention in Westport.

In a recent article covering comments made by Gary Howard on Thursday regarding the sale of 'Kawatiri' he said ... "Expert Hydrologists had indicated river dredging did little to reduce Westports Flood Risk". That demonstrates to me just how ill founded that remark is. It is surmised that the Silo berth will be kept clear by the river flow. Ridiculous. You only have to consult the dredging figures from the Silo Berth?? In the 10 years I was at the harbour we averaged 80,000 cubic metres per year and up to 105,000 cubic meters a few times just to keep a 'pocket' for the cement ships to sit in. A year or so before I arrived in 1995 Kawatiri dredged a berth above the Silo berth off the Merchandise wharf where Kawatiri ties up these days. They removed some 30 – 40,000 cubic metres. Just after they finished a 'Fresh' happened, two days after they sounded and there was no hole at all. The evidence all points to the fact that with a couple of 'Fresh's' the Silo berth will be no more and the harbour generally will, in a short period of time significantly fill with stone. Average amount of stone removed from the Harbour area of deposits can be over 160,000 cubic meters per year without dredging more will be deposited as build up increases. To flow a river needs a slope to run down. The more the harbour fills the less slope and flow with the effect that more water will gather behind the town and, 'ipso facto' Westport will be very much easier to flood.

That's without taking the Bar into account. Look at the right angled bend in the Orowaiti . The bend has been formed by the deposit of

Littoral drift sand heading northward. So it will be at the Harbour entrance in a very short time ....look at all the West Coast River entrances to see the effect of the massive Littoral sand drift we have. That will present a damming effect to the Buller River adding to the gathering of water above town in a river Fresh and increasing yet again the frequency of flooding Westport.

My annual dredging cost figures for the 10 years I was Harbourmaster was in the region of \$1.1 million. The maintenance dredging of Nelson Harbour cut that amount by just over a third each year. By 'Hibernating' the dredge each month thus reducing fuel and labour costs, seeking outport dredging such as Gisborne and the potential cost of Westport dredging with Kawatiri will be much reduced probably to a far more manageable rating cost to the Buller District than that of building a stop bank around the town. At present Council are prepared to support 'Coaltown', an entity they do not own with a substantial amount and what amounts to free rent each year. Then there is the Solid Energy Centre. Yet you are not prepared to ask the ratepayers to subsidise the harbour activities for the safety of the Port and Town. Flood the town once and the cost will be enormous.....

A business case is there which will keep Westport Harbour safely dredged and maintain its viability for the foreseeable future at a manageable cost for the Ratepayers. 'Be Positive' is the message to everyone in the Buller. Selling the dredge is defeatist and not selling our dredging expertise for profit is also in the same basket.

In summary my submissions are ....

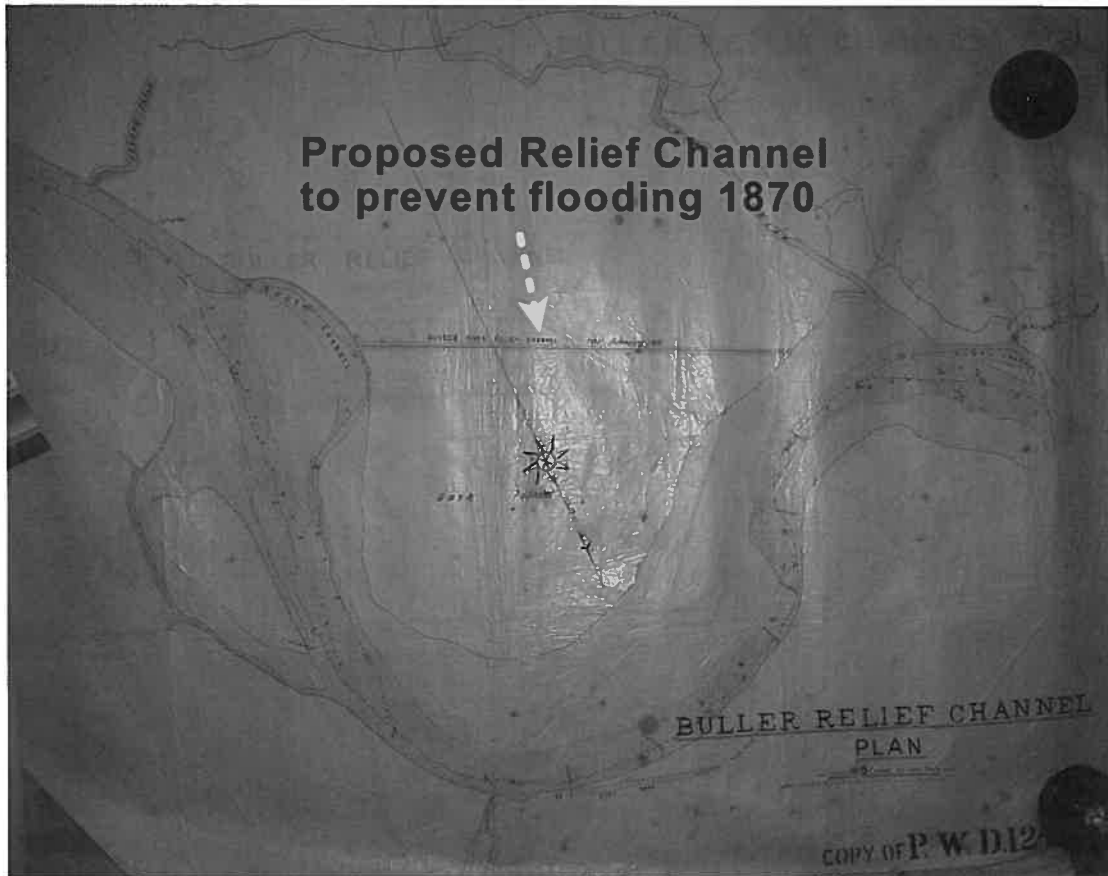
1 - You must renew the Water Main as set out in the Plans already consulted on.

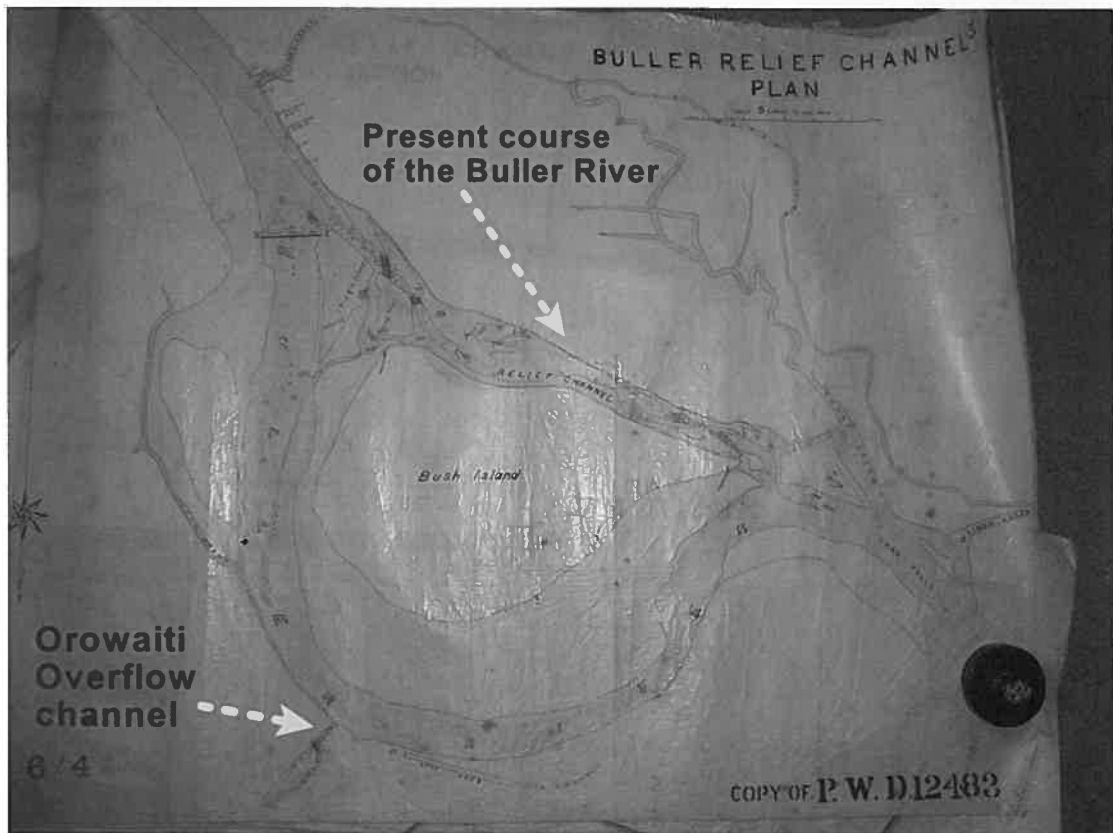
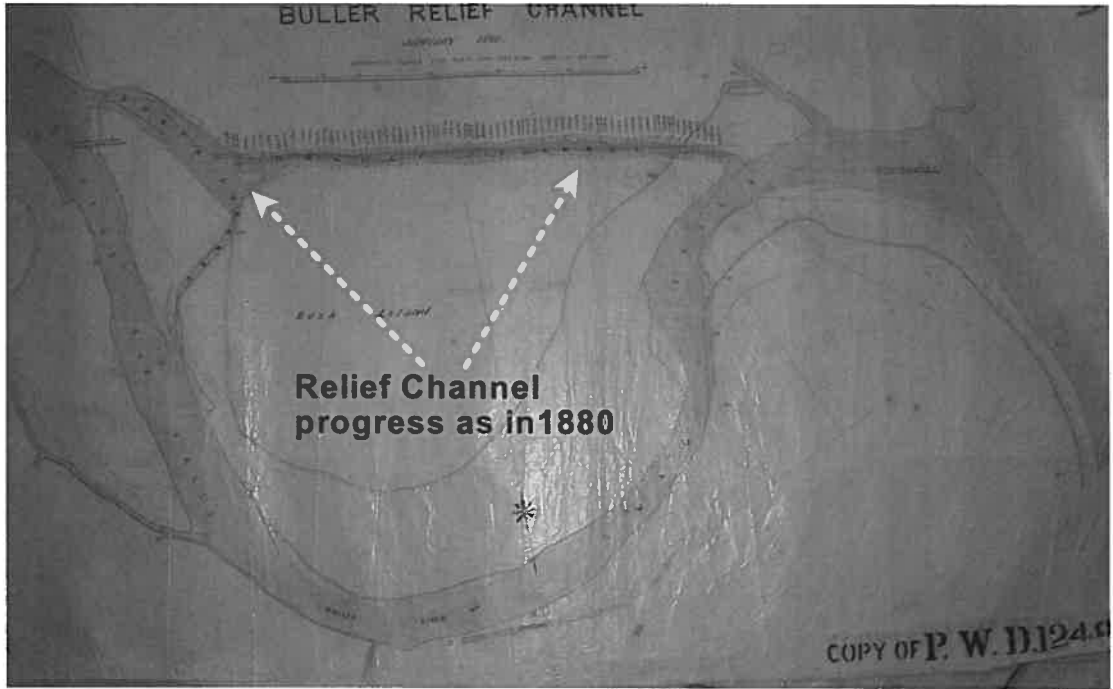
2 - Selling the 'Kawatiri' and 'Bob Gower' is akin to throwing the babies out with the bath water the dredge. Apart from which it is a decision that should go out to consultation with the ratepayers.

I have attached some interesting plans from 1870 – 1880. This scheme it seems is practically unknown about in Westport. It would be wonderful to see any photos ... if ever taken during its progress.

Scroll down to see.

David Barnes  
40 McKenna Road  
Westport





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## Submitters details

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No   
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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Page 99: Community Services - Reduction in Council grants:

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

We are NOT in favour of combining Council's grants into one contestable pool.

We are NOT in favour of reducing the overall pool of funding from \$105,800 to \$80,000.

By removing the Councillor Minor Grants many organisations will be disadvantaged by not having access to this funding through Council for minor (but necessary and urgent) expenses.

At present the Mayor, Councillors and Council staff can be approached about accessing a Councillor Minor Grant, whereas each Councillor is allocated \$300 per financial year. These are mostly short-notice applications, under a variety of circumstances - the applications are processed straight away to allow the organisations to continue with their event, purchase, planning, fundraising, etc. By only having one pool of money, contestable twice a year, these organisations will miss out.

The use of Councillor Minor Grants is reasonably flexible which works well in our community. This flexibility will be lost and could be a significant issue due to timing of the combined contestable pool.

A reduction of \$25,800 in annual funding into our community is HUGE and could have severe consequences for some groups that are struggling to operate. We are against this proposal.

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## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Peter Robertson

Organisation (if relevant): Westport Municipal Band

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

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Email: peter.robertson@xtra.co.nz



**Key Issue:** Base Funding changes threaten the viability of the WESTPORT MUNICIPAL BAND

**Comments:** For over 145 years the Westport Municipal Band has led parades and provided ceremonial music for civic occasions in Westport and the Buller District.

The Band, all volunteers from our community, is very proud to be a Municipal Band and takes its ceremonial duties on ANZAC Day, Christmas Parades, (and the recent Charter Parade for HMNZS Hāwea) very seriously, and performs with high standards.

With no corporate sponsorship, the Band has to fundraise to meet the costs of maintenance of the Bandroom, which sits on Council land, uniforms and instruments, and travel to contests where we demonstrate our skills. We have been able to do this, despite economic pressures for the past decades only because of the annual Council Grant to cover the insurance of our instruments and Bandroom. Since the Christchurch earthquakes the insurance premiums, once covered by the Council at \$2,000, have risen to about \$3,500.

We ask that Council continue to support the Band by way of an Annual Grant for this insurance, and to prevent the Band going the way of the Greymouth & Hokitika bands who can no longer support civic occasions.

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## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Carmel White

Organisation (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes

No

Address: 11 Sunderland St Waumangaroa

Phone: 789 9863

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Key Issue:

To set up a BMX Track and replace tennis court before Malcolm closes at the Waumangaroa Domain

## Comments:

to utilize the grounds for the benefit of our children provides a neutral space with a biking facility that all ages group of children to use

To promote outdoor activity the tennis court would come basket ball netball ball volleyball rollerblading

these are all positive activities

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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL  
29 MAY 2015  
Per S. Sam



# NORTHERN BULLER COMMUNITIES SOCIETY INC.

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Ngakawau, 7824,  
Via Westport



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Registered Charity No. CC26073

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Draft Long Term Plan Submission  
Buller District Council  
PO Box 21  
Westport 7866



26th May 2015

## **SUBMISSION TO BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

This letter is a submission to the Draft Long Term Plan of the Buller District Council for the continued financial support of the Northern Buller Communities Society in the provision of visitor and tourism information along with its public area maintenance & beautification services in Northern Buller. In previous years we have received \$4736 from council for the provision of tourism information services and \$4000 towards public area mowing and beautification services and \$1350 towards the maintenance of the public toilets in Granity. We would greatly appreciate the continuation of this level of support.

### **TOURISM INFORMATION SERVICES:**

Economic Development and District Promotion. To support the development and sustainability for district tourism

In November this year, it will be 6 years since we moved our Resource and Information Centre to the newly renovated Ngakawau Hall where our services to tourism and the community could be greatly enhanced. The new venue has proven its worth since then with an ever increasing number of visitors. We were delighted to record a total of over 2800 visitors to the Centre in 2013/14 and that figure has steadily grown, with numbers reaching 3251 in the year ended March 2015. During the peak summer months of December through to February almost 1120 people visited us with approximately 30% of these coming from outside the Buller region.

Local tourist operators and accommodation providers have continued to benefit from our main road profile as we encourage people to stay longer and do more in the region. We have also created employment with our services with a part-time Centre Assistant and our Centre Manager, who have enabled us to open 7 days during the summer and on public holidays. Last year we increased our opening hours from 4hrs to 5hrs per day. We feel confident that our ability to promote Northern Buller and to encourage people further north into the Karamea area will continue to grow in the coming year. We provide KPI's to council quarterly for the support received and are happy to work with council to change our reporting process if required.

## **PUBLIC AREA MAINTENANCE BEAUTIFICATION SERVICES:**

Base Grant – now contestable

Our Beautification Committee continues to work hard maintaining and improving the amenity areas and tidying and beautifying our scrap metal site. We created and installed the large piece of "coal" which welcomes visitors to our area on the roadside land south of Granity village. This large area and several others north to Hector are regularly mowed by volunteers using Society equipment and fuel. Around the rock we have planted kowhais and pohutukawas grown at our community nursery. With picnic tables and a nice environment, we try to encourage people to stop and explore our area and then move north to Karamea. We have also created and maintain the gorgeous pathway which leads to the nursery and the Northern Buller Museum from the railway line behind the Band Rotunda. This is lined with fruiting feijoas and other plants from our nursery in raised beds. We also maintain the "corner" garden at the railway crossing in Granity. We are proud of what we are achieving with the current level of local body funding and feel that the Buller District Council and ratepayers are getting real value for money from our group in this area. We would submit that this funding be reallocated from the contestable fund to the Property Management Amenities & Reserves budget to ensure the continuity of this service to our area.

### **Public Toilets:**

In previous years we have been provided with funding of \$1350 for the cleaning and maintenance of the public toilets which were located in the Lyric Theatre in Granity. We currently have funds remaining for this (due to the toilets being closed after the cyclone damage) but we intend to use the money held to repair and upgrade the toilets during 2015. Although we do not seek funding for the 2015/16 financial year, we submit to the LTP that ongoing future funding from 2016-17 be continued for these public toilets.

### **Other:**

V2010 funding.

We understand council's need to evaluate unspent Vision 2010 funding that has been carried forward for several years. We submit to the Long Term Plan that we have some remaining V2010 funding which has been earmarked for the Lyric Theatre in Granity and we have provided and had approved a project plan to have this work completed by June 2016. We have commenced works on replacing the roof following Cyclone Ita and have incorporated EQ strengthening into our plans for this significant project.

We would like to sincerely thank council for its past support of the work that we do to provide visitor information, public area beautification and local resources to Northern Buller.

Our Treasurer Jackie Mathers would like to speak to this submission at the Long Term Plan hearings. Address: 170 Torea St, Granity Ph:782 8865 Email: [ccr@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ccr@actrix.co.nz)

Yours sincerely



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## Submission to Draft Long Term Plan Buller District Council 2015-25

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### **Recognising your support for the Enviroschools Programme**

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We would like to acknowledge Buller District Council (BDC) for your support of the Enviroschools Programme in past years.

Enviroschools is a nationwide action-based education programme where young people plan, design and implement sustainability projects and become catalysts for change in their communities. Enviroschools was originally developed in the late 1990's by councils in Waikato as a non-regulatory tool and has now been adopted by 52 councils, including most larger councils and two-thirds of the total sector.

The programme is managed nationally by Toimata Foundation (a charitable trust). The programme is managed nationally by Toimata Foundation (a charitable trust). During April 2015 the name of our organisation changed from The Enviroschools Foundation to Toimata Foundation. The two programmes currently supported by the Foundation, Te Aho Tū Roa and Enviroschools, are retaining their current names, logos and identities. We wrote to the Mayor/Chair and Chief Executive of all our partner councils on the 20<sup>th</sup> April with more information about this change.

Toimata Foundation has funding from the Ministry for the Environment and works closely with the Department of Conservation. Regional implementation of Enviroschools is through partnerships with Local Government and other community agencies. This multi-sector collaboration has enabled nearly 1,000 schools and early childhood education (ECE) centres to now be involved – representing 30% of the school sector and 5% of the large early childhood sector.

### **Highlights from national evaluation of Enviroschools**

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Toimata Foundation has been working with a team of external evaluators to quantify the beneficial outcomes of the Enviroschools Programme. In late 2014 a nationwide survey of all Enviroschools was conducted as part of the evaluation process. The survey had a 73% response rate and highlights include:

- *Wide participation* - Schools were equally able to participate in the Enviroschools Programme across all deciles, sectors and regions.
- *All age groups (early childhood, primary and secondary) are taking environmental action* – across a wide variety of areas including waste, water, biodiversity, food production, energy and eco-building.
- *Community collaboration*- Enviroschools fosters significant community collaboration, creating leadership pathways for students and real connections to families, outside agencies and communities.
- *Zero Waste* – Almost all Enviroschools (100%)<sup>1</sup> are taking a range of actions to reduce waste.
- *Food production* – Most Enviroschools (97%) are growing and harvesting produce from their gardens/trees for cooking, selling and gifting.
- *Biodiversity projects are well developed, with clear links to community* – 96% of respondents had biodiversity projects with 86,859 trees planted in 2014 (86% of which were native trees).
- *Successful water projects* – Three quarters of Enviroschools (75%) are undertaking a range of actions for water quality and conservation, including 19,264 meters of riparian planting in 2014.
- *Tackling energy usage* – Just over two-thirds of Enviroschools (69%) are involved in energy projects, including actions for sustainable transport (47%) and energy conservation actions (34%).

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<sup>1</sup> Due to rounding - of 688 schools surveyed, 686 are taking actions to reduce waste.

- *Enviroschools is contributing to a range of other outcomes* including citizenship, health, cultural understanding, motivated learners and community participation.
- *Depth of practice is related to the extent of outcomes* - Results showed that the depth of practice increases with the length of time a school or ECE centre is involved in Enviroschools. Nearly two thirds of participating schools/centres (62%) report 'quite well developed' or 'deep embedded' practice. Further, the survey results show a clear link between depth of practice and the extent to which the programme is contributing to outcomes. This reinforces the value of the long-term approach of the Enviroschools Programme.

"The strength of Enviroschools lies in the collaborations and multiple relationships that have been established and continue to be nurtured through its model of facilitated, networked and distributed leadership, engaging communities, schools and other stakeholders in action aimed at creating sustainable communities." *The evaluators, Kinnect Group*

## **Opportunities – an active network of Enviroschools 2015-2025**

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Over the next 10 years of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan there is the opportunity to develop a strong network of Enviroschools in Buller District. The district has 10 schools and 7 early childhood education centres, and the majority of these are keen to be part of the Enviroschools network.

With the support from BDC in 2014/15 the number of Buller District schools involved in Enviroschools has grown from two to four. They are Granity School, Reefton Area School, St Canice's School, and Westport North School. Our West Coast Enviroschools Coordinator also worked with BDC to organize a workshop from the 'Nappy Lady' for community members that was very successful.

We understand that in the Draft LTP BDC has allocated \$5,000 to Enviroschools in 2015/16 and future years, also that a modest inflation allowance is included. We welcome this investment, which provides the ability to plan ahead and build a strong Enviroschools network with reach into the wider community.

In most regions, Toimata Foundation does not invest directly in the regional implementation of Enviroschools, instead core funding for regional implementation is provided by the regional council in partnership with territorial authorities and other agencies. Without support from West Coast Regional Council, we have made an exception to enable Enviroschools to be viable on the West Coast. Toimata Foundation has budgeted \$35,000 for the Coast in 2015/16.

The funding level of \$5,000 from BDC will enable modest growth in the number of schools, in 2015/16 we are looking to bring on one more school. We request that, if at any stage additional funds were available, BDC consider an increase in the support provided for the facilitation of your local Enviroschools, in order to allow for a greater number of schools and early childhood centres to join the network. The benefits of the programme are shown in the evaluation results above and, the more schools participating, the wider the spread of these positive outcomes.

## **Conclusion**

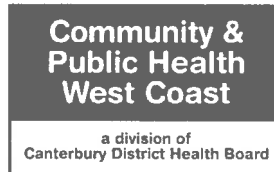
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The Enviroschools Programme has a proven track record of being an effective approach for engaging schools and communities in environmental and social action.

With the backbone support of Toimata Foundation, and a network of councils around the country, the programme catalyses learning and action among thousands of young people, their families and communities from early childhood to secondary school. By connecting and coordinating resources and people, openly building and sharing knowledge across communities, widespread action is enabled on a broad scale.

As a funder, the partnership with Enviroschools provides BDC with multiple points of leverage across the Buller community, extending the possible impact of its funding beyond what might be expected with a more traditional approach.

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**Submission on the Buller District Council's Draft Long Term Plan (July 2015 - June 2025) on behalf of Community and Public Health West Coast.**

Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division, Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

**Introduction**

Health is increasingly recognised as not just the absence of disease but is seen as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being where an individual is able to identify and realise aspirations, satisfy needs and change or cope with the environment.

The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion (WHO 1986) identifies the prerequisites for health as peace; shelter; education; food; income; a stable eco-system; sustainable resources; social justice and equity. This implies that health outcomes are not only the responsibility of the health sector but requires input and collaboration with other sectors at global, national and local levels.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide; furthermore changes in any of these areas can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people's wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers including Councils.



The Council's Strategic Vision, the Community Outcomes and the Core Activities described in the Plan highlight how the Buller District Council plays a large and important role in the health and well-being of its residents, as each links in some way to the pre-requisites of health listed above.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your draft Long Term Plan. Our comments are attached below.

We wish to speak to this submission, and can be contacted by phone on 768 1170 or by emailing [claire.robertson@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:claire.robertson@cdhb.health.nz)

Yours sincerely

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Specific page references and topics referred to in the draft Plan	Comments	Community and Public Health's recommendations:
<b>Part 1: Introduction</b>		
<p><b>How to find your way around the Plan: Page 9</b></p> <p><b>Our Welcome to the Daft Long Term Plan: page 9</b></p>	<p>We congratulate Council for the explanation provided to the public to assist them to understand the layout and contents of the Plan. This will be of particular help to people new to the consultation process. We also note this is the first Long Term Plan for 8 of the District's 11 Councillors.</p> <p>We acknowledge Council's decision to look for more long term economic diversification and a life after reliance on coal. We understand the current 'recovery' climate requires Council to be conservative in its spending.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Seeking to invest in building a better future for the district by creating attractive environments with good infrastructure.</p>
<b>Buller Vision and Mission: Page. 12</b>	A community that protects its ecosystems and invests in creating attractive places for people to live, work and play supports both economic wellbeing and the health of its population.	<b>Support:</b> Council's aspirational vision to be a thriving district where families enjoy a great quality of life while treasuring the distinctive natural, cultural and historical environment.
<b>Executive Summary: Pages. 13-15</b>	The Executive Summary is a comprehensive and very easy to read outline of the district's goals, history and current challenges. This section also assists readers to understand Council's activities described in the LTP. While it is realistic about the downturn in the economy and resulting population decline, it is also a positive marketing tool in 'selling' the Buller District to potential new	

	residents.	
<p><b>Council's Position: Our District 'now and into the future': Page 16</b></p>	<p>We applaud Council for signalling continued investment in its communities to create modern attractive and well-served locations as a way of supporting the district's economic recovery.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's work with other West Coast councils to secure improved services such as the Civil Defence service and the availability of high speed broadband.</p>
<p><b>Financial Strategy: Pages 21-34</b></p>	<p>We agree it is crucial that debt levels are kept within affordable and sustainable levels. We understand the need to balance rates levels and intergenerational equity with respect to Council services and asset management and that debt levels are a tool in providing that balance.</p> <p>We note Council intends selling its port dredge in 17/18. While we appreciate the arguments made, we are concerned about the future impact of buying in dredging services if required; especially if the river becomes integral to economic development. We draw Council's attention to the financial issues now facing Grey District Council as a result of them selling their river dredge.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's decision to prioritise drinking water projects within its Capital Expenditure as quality drinking water is critical to health and wellbeing and its provision is an essential core Council service.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council approach the Grey District to investigate the feasibility of 'sharing' the Bulfer dredge under a mutually beneficial cost and use process.</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure Strategy: Pages 35-39</b></p>	<p>We agree that natural disasters pose a large risk to asset performance and that economic swings can affect Council's ability to fund infrastructure.</p> <p>The proposed investment in water supplies, sewerage, stormwater</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Activities outlined in the Significant Infrastructure Decisions table.</p>

	<p>and roading has large positive benefits for the physical, economic and social wellbeing of residents and communities.</p>	
<p><b>Key Issues Affecting the Plan: Pages 40-47</b></p>	<p><b>Water Supplies</b> We agree investment in water supplies is a top priority for Council. While this is a costly activity, lack of reliable clean water supplies poses a risk to health and does not support economic growth.</p> <p>Although we acknowledge Council's commitment to working with local communities to determine the best and most affordable option, we are disappointed that the Karamea community has decided to decline the proposed water upgrade as the water supply issues there remain unresolved as a result.</p> <p><b>District Development and Diversification is important</b> We agree that a more diverse economic base will benefit the Buller District. However, while it is good to see a regional approach to economic development and diversification, we note that mining and dairying remain a central focus of the West Coast Economic Development Plan. We are concerned that there is continued reliance on these industries, in the hope that global demand and prices will rebound. Furthermore, both the burning of coal and dairying add greatly to our national (and global) green-house gas emissions which, via climate change and water and air pollution, are having costly environmental effects which in turn affect the health of the population.</p> <p><b>Tourism and Museum Support</b> We agree that the Buller District offers a wide range of attractions to tourists and that tourism has potential economic benefits to its communities. Recent projections indicate tourism may be New Zealand's biggest export earner next year and Buller is well-placed to take advantage of this.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's approach to ensuring the best possible long term solutions for community water supplies while addressing immediate concerns.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Having an economy based around a range of diverse small to medium sized business units, as this protects communities from the pitfalls of reliance on one or two specific industries.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Council's approach to activities related to tourism industry. <b>Support:</b> Council's commitment to supporting museums to sustain local tourism and enhance local culture.</p>

	<p><b>Westport Buildings</b> We acknowledge that Council has prioritised investment in its district water supplies before addressing earthquake risks for Council owned buildings which at less than immediate risk. We understand Council's staged approach to the Council owned Westport Buildings</p> <p><b>Reefton Community Centre</b> The Reefton community has been very active in restoring and enhancing its town environs and heritage over the past few years, resulting in an attractive town centre. We are pleased to see Council is continuing to engage with the Reefton community regarding whether to invest in a long-term upgrade of the Community Centre or whether to replace it. Since the Community Centre has been part of the social fabric of the community for a long time, residents may not be able to agree on a firm recommendation by the Council imposed September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.</p> <p><b>Designing a 'fit for purpose' RATING SYSTEM</b> We applaud Council's efforts to create a rating system that is fair and equitable, and the thoroughness with which Council has consulted with and engaged Buller communities. It is a sign of Council's integrity and commitment to getting it right that Council has extended the Rates Overhaul Project.</p> <p><b>The 'KEY RISKS' facing our community</b> <i>Impact of Holcim Cement Plant Closure</i> We acknowledge the impact the Holcim closure will have on the community and rating income. However, as stated above, future development of new industry and/or river effects from climate</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's intent to incorporate a central precinct to create a "Westport Town Heart". <b>Recommend:</b> Council fully engage with the local community and other building owners in determining a final plan for this area.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council is amenable to extending the September 1st deadline for making a decision on the fate of the Community Centre.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Council's efforts at creating a fair and equitable rating system.</p>
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	<p>change, may require river dredging facilities.</p> <p><i>Karamea Special Purpose Road</i></p> <p>The Karamea Road provides vital lifeline and economic links to the Karamea area and the Buller District. The loss of its 100% funding status has potential to seriously impact on maintenance required to keep the road operational.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council advocate strongly to NZTA and/or Central Government for continued Special Purpose designation for the road.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council continues its membership of the West Coast Road Safety Committee to improve road safety across the Buller District and West Coast Region</p>
<p><b>Major Assumptions: Pages 48-49</b></p>	<p><b>Resident Population &amp; Demographic Changes</b></p> <p>While Council assumes a population decline, increased economic diversity may encourage population growth. Research also shows that jobs follow people. Therefore continued investment in creating attractive living conditions (and marketing them widely) may assist in increasing the District's population.</p> <p>As Council states, the demographic trend is towards an ageing population. This may impact future demand for infrastructure such as provision of quality footpaths, street seating and lighting, and pensioner housing.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council markets the Buller District widely as an attractive place to live.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council ensures that its towns are accessible for an aging population through appropriate urban design and quality infrastructure</p>

	<p><b>New Technologies</b> We agree with Council's assessment that high speed broadband and mobile phone coverage assist in making a place more attractive to live and invest in.</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b> We commend Council for acknowledging climate change as a factor that needs consideration in Council's decisions and activities. Whilst the full effects of climate change are unknown, we are already experiencing increased sea surge patterns and storm events that have had negative effects on the land erosion and community safety. Predictions of increased rainfall and sea-level rises will affect the health and wellbeing of the District and have an impact on the levels of service required by Council.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's intention to extend broadband and mobile connectivity, without additional cost to ratepayers.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Council's acknowledgment of climate change as an important factor in decision making, and the acknowledgement that there is a need for economic diversification in anticipation of 'life after coal'.</p>
<p><b>Part 2: Community Outcomes</b></p>		
<p><b>Planning for our community together/ Achieving Community's Goals</b></p>		<p><b>Support:</b> Council for its ongoing commitment to "promote community wellbeing and to take a lead role in promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural aspects of our district"</p>
<p><b>Maori Contribution to Decision Making: Page 54</b></p>	<p>We support Council's effort to strengthen its relationship with Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae and local Maori who whakapapa to other hapu and iwi. We note that the recent work of Te Putahitanga has local Maori wellbeing as its focus.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council engage with Te Putahitanga project currently being established in Westport to support Maori wellbeing.</p>
<p><b>1 – Wellbeing</b></p>	<p>We commend Council for having wellbeing as its first priority and recognising the value of a vibrant, healthy and safe community. We</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council uses CPH as a resource for assessing when a Health</p>

	<p>are particularly encouraged to see Health Impact Assessments identified as a means to achieving wellbeing.</p> <p>We note that Council has a commitment to “work closely with West Coast District Health Board and Community &amp; Public Health Nurse”. CPH does not have a nurse and we hope that you are referring to CPH, the organisation and would be very pleased to work closely with you.</p>	<p>Impact Assessment would be beneficial, and use this tool regularly to assess the impact of various decisions on the health of the community, for example, Local Alcohol Policy development.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council clarify this statement.</p>
<p><b>2 – Learning</b></p>	<p>We commend Council on its commitment to supporting education in its many forms. ‘Keep Learning’ is one of the five ways to wellbeing that are shown to be beneficial to individual and community wellbeing. Council’s support for pool facilities and sports grounds also supports the five ways by encouraging the community to ‘Be Active’.</p> <p>We note that Council states its intention to contribute to ‘Youth Voice Development’. We support its ongoing work with agencies such as BullerREAP in working with young people and enabling them to be better engaged in their community. Youth-led planning and long term commitment to any strategy by Council, and other agencies, will be essential to retaining young people in the district and enabling them to achieve their potential.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council’s initiatives that encourage education and activity.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Implementation of a Youth Development Strategy for Buller District’.</p>
<p><b>3 – Who we are</b></p>	<p>We commend Council on its willingness to “provide opportunities for the community to work in partnership with Council”. Urban design,</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council’s urban design and the idea of developing a cultural hub as these</p>

<sup>1</sup> An excellent example of such a strategy can be found at [www.waimakariri.govt.nz](http://www.waimakariri.govt.nz) with guidelines at <http://www.mvd.govt.nz/documents/policy-and-research/policy-document-final.pdf>

	<p>good footpaths, accessibility to recreational facilities and library services are examples of ways in which council impacts on the health and wellbeing of its residents and contributes to economic growth.</p>	<p>provide safe, attractive environments for travel, economic activity, physical activity and community connectedness.</p>
<p><b>4 – Sustainable Environment</b></p>	<p>We support Council's intention to find an "appropriate balance between development and protection that promotes the diversity and sustainability of our natural environment".</p> <p>Climate change has the potential to affect a large number of areas Council has responsibility for example: water supplies, stormwater systems, roading, housing subdivisions and other infrastructure.</p> <p>It is now accepted that human behaviour continues to contribute to global climate change. The decisions Council makes now can positively or negatively influence the future impact of climate change.</p> <p>We acknowledge that Council is taking steps to plan for climate change impacts with respect to land-use, infrastructure, the economy and Civil Defence preparedness.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council continues its proactive focus with respect to planning for and mitigating against the predicted effects of climate change.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council takes a more preventive approach towards minimising the district's contributions to global climate change.</p>
<p><b>5 – Prosperity</b></p>	<p>We support Council's commitment to a "thriving, resilient and innovative economy" and would recommend that Council incorporates the ideas of young people into this goal. They will be the workers, adult students, parents and decision makers of a future innovative and resilient economy.</p> <p>Young people are products of the digital age, with the skills and vision to develop technology for the region. A technology hub would develop new opportunities for collaboration and move towards the District becoming more progressive and sustainable. It would also improve future career opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council work with young people, education services and other agencies, to develop a technology hub in the region.</p>



<p><b>Part 3: Council Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Regulatory Services: Pages 63-66</b></p> <p>We support Council's activities described in this section as they benefit the health and wellbeing of both the community and the environment.</p> <p>We particularly support Council's investment in Emergency Management volunteer training and provision of equipment for the Rural Fire Service as these activities build and support community capacity to deal with and assist in emergency situations.</p> <p>We remind Council that alcohol is a psychoactive substance which continues to cause significant harm in communities across the West Coast. We offer our assistance with this Policy development.</p> <p>The process of working with the community to achieve compliance rather than to prosecute is to be commended. From a long term perspective most people do want to comply with requirements, and costs of litigation provide extra burden to the ratepayer with little recoup of costs. The environmental health responsibilities within Council's jurisdiction include more than just food premises. The EHO is a contracted position. We are aware that there will shortly be substantial changes in food safety regulation. We suggest that the new legislation should be mentioned and some budget allocated for training council staff and food premises about the impending changes.</p> <p>The plan has no mention of the requirements placed on Council to the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act, including the</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Development of the new emergency management structure for the West Coast. We look forward to working with this new structure and feel that it will improve command and control of the civil defence response.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council continue with the development of their Local Alcohol Policy.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council has a long term proactive approach their compliance responsibilities to service their ratepayers.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> That council ensure a budget is available to train their contracted EHO, in areas including but not limited to food safety and hygiene</p>
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	<p>need for Council to employ or contract a HSNO officer.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> that Council allows for the provision of a HASNO officer.</p>
<p><b>Roading and Urban Development:</b> Pages 67-73</p>	<p>We support Council's roading and urban development activities as good roading infrastructure is vital to safety and the economic and social wellbeing of the district.</p> <p>We congratulate Council for working with the other West Coast Councils to ensure consistency of road classification across the West Coast. We are pleased to see NZTA's financial assistance rate is set to increase from 58% to 63% in the first three years of the plan.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Capital expenditure outlined in the plan, particularly bridge replacements and investment in road and footpath improvements.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> We encourage Council to include provision for cycle-lanes when constructing or upgrading its roading infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>Water Supplies</b></p>	<p>We are encouraged by Council's uptake of capital assistance funding available through the Ministry of Health Scheme. This programme only runs for 10 years (ending in 2016). We appreciate that some communities may believe upgrading their water supply, to ensure safe water, is not necessary (despite the eligibility for funding).</p> <p>Council, as a water supplier, is required to comply with the Health Drinking Water Amendment Act. Starting with large supplies (&gt;10,000) and cascading down each year, there is a requirement for suppliers to take "all practicable steps" to comply with the DWSNZ05/08. "All practicable steps" does carry a component of affordability - the Ministry of Health is preparing guidance on this. The option for communities to remain on existing Council owned schemes without upgrading, as stated on page 113, is not acceptable.</p> <p>Completion of Water Safety Plans (WSP) for water supplies will assist in identifying the risks to the supply and the options available</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> We commend council for its continued commitment to the upgrade of water supplies within the district.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council move to resolve water supply ownership issues as quickly as possible.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council ensure that all supplies have current and implemented water safety plans.</p>

	<p>for upgrading – those requiring capital input but also those improvements that can be undertaken, often at minimal cost and improve the quality of water in the short term. WSP's will be useful in consultation with the community and also in helping formulate the best upgrade solutions for the water sources. Currently three WSP's have expired.</p> <p>We note references to climate change in the infrastructure document and the work that BDC is carrying out with the West Coast Regional Council to examine its potential impacts in particular flooding in Westport township. This should include all of Councils infrastructure particularly water supplies. We note that some of the more vulnerable smaller supplies have already succumbed to storm damage in recent times and will need reassessment.</p> <p>We encourage Council to continue planning for and mitigating against the impact of climate change on infrastructure, including water supplies as the results of the joint work with the regional council become known.</p> <p>We are concerned that the LTP does not include more to protect existing public drinking water supplies. These are major infrastructure investments for the council but are vulnerable to source water degradation.</p> <p>We support introduction of a concept of 'source protection zones' (in accordance with the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Sources of Drinking Water) to be identified for the source of each established public water supplies and major private community water supplies. The zones should be protected from over intensification of land use (including mining, farming, gravel extraction, infrastructure projects and land engineering (flipping, humping &amp; hollowing)) that may threaten the drinking water quality.</p>
	<p><b>Support:</b> We commend the Council for the work that it is doing on Climate change with the Regional Council</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council continue to ensure that climate change mitigation be incorporated into planning for all water supplies.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Introduction of source protection zones to be identified for the source of each public water supply.</p>

	<p>The size of the zones will depend on the nature of the source, the degree of protection and the hydrogeology of the area. If this concept is taken up as a project by the West Coast Regional Council and the District Councils it would work to prevent outbreaks of enteric diseases.</p>	
<p><b>Wastewater/ Sewerage</b></p>	<p>The funding allocation for upgrades is sufficient to maintain the service of the community. It is noted that some of the systems are approaching midlife and increased maintenance may be needed in future.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council in its approach to budgeting for upgrades of its wastewater and sewerage services..</p>
<p><b>Stormwater</b></p>	<p>Stormwater is a common problem on the West Coast and flooding is still the most common cause of emergencies. We are pleased with the standards that have been set to minimise flooding damage as the approach will be beneficial long term. We are satisfied that the costing for the infrastructure will allow it to be kept in repair.</p> <p>We are also pleased with the 1 hour response time to issues as a goal.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's standards for minimising flood damage as this will help to minimise health risks from stormwater.</p>
<p><b>Solid Waste</b></p>	<p>Solid waste management is a consistent issue for all councils. Currently the solid waste management is outsourced and sent to Nelson. A long term contract has been established to handle the demand.</p> <p>We welcome the external refuse sites being maintained. This will minimise issues like fly tipping.</p> <p>E-waste is becoming more of an issue and needs to be considered for future management. If well managed, the breakdown of e-waste could be a possible option to provide employment.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> the Council's works with its plan as part of the waste minimisation Act and continue to service remote communities.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> A long term plan to handle E-waste for the district be explored as it will become an issue of the future.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Landfill extension planning</p>

	<p>The landfill sites are nearing the end of their useful life and there is no inclusion for any planning for dealing with this issue long-term. We suggest some budget for a feasibility study in this area.</p>	<p>be explored and that long-term issues on recycling and other methods of increasing life be explored.</p>
<p><b>Community Services</b></p>	<p>We commend the Council for its recognition of the importance of providing cultural and recreational support for communities.</p> <p><b>Reduction in Council Grants</b>  We support Council's ongoing commitment to providing grant funding to community groups but would also comment that the reduction of \$25,800 may well have a negative impact on community wellbeing.</p> <p><b>Economic Development</b>  As stated in the BERL report <i>Grey District: Opportunities for Growth</i> (2012), jobs follow people. Ongoing support for cultural and recreational facilities attracts people to the region, and also encourages them to stay long-term. It also has a positive impact on tourism. As noted above engagement of young people in developing these enterprises and exploring uses of new technology may be beneficial</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council re-assess its intention to decrease grants.</p> <p><b>Support:</b> Council's focus on diversification into new forms of economic enterprise'</p>
<p><b>Governance</b></p>	<p>Council has an important role to play in advocating for modern forms of infrastructure, such as broadband and mobile connectivity, and we refer to our recommendations above about exploring young people and technology as vital parts of this diversification process.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council for its recognition of the need for "a process of long term economic diversification for an eventual shift to life after coal" and acknowledging that climate change will have a major impact on future mining ventures.</p>

<p><b>Property Management, Amenities &amp; Reserves</b></p>	<p>We support Council's aim to ensure 'parks and reserves are healthy and safe' (see Smokefree environments recommendations below)</p> <p><b>Housing for the Elderly:</b> We thank Council for its continued role in provision of pensioner housing.</p> <p>We note Council is deferring the construction of the proposed pensioner housing pending funding availability. We are aware that central government finance assistance for pensioner housing has not been available for some.</p> <p>We note Council has highlighted increased maintenance costs as a factor in rent increases. We encourage Council to designate its pensioner housing stock Smokefree as a means of promoting the health of its residents and mitigating maintenance costs.</p>	<p><b>Support:</b> Council's exploration of other financial options as the increased age of the population may increase demand for housing provision.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Pensioner housing stock is designated Smokefree</p>
<p><b>Smokefree Environments</b></p>	<p>The higher than national prevalence of smoking on the West Coast significantly impacts on the health and wellbeing of its residents. Smoking related sickness and death also impacts on the economic and social wellbeing of West Coast communities.</p> <p>New Zealand has committed to becoming smokefree by 2025 in order to reduce the harm caused by smoking. There are various ways in which this goal can be achieved including taxation, services to assist people to quit, and creating indoor and outdoor smokefree environments.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council endorses the goal of Smokefree New Zealand 2025.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council include all outdoor dining areas on Council-controlled land in its Smokefree Environments Policy.</p> <p><b>Recommend:</b> Council designate its pensioner units smokefree.</p>

	<p>Creating smokefree environments assists people who wish to quit and protects people from harmful second-hand smoke. Smokefree environments also de-normalises smoking which assists in reducing smoking uptake. Smokefree environments are also attractive places to be; especially for the almost 75% of people who are non-smokers.</p> <p>Council can support the achievement of a Smokefree Aotearoa and promote the wellbeing of its residents, by designating areas under its control as smokefree.</p> <p>We encourage Council to endorse the goal of Smokefree New Zealand 2025 and recommend Council take the following steps to assist in its achievement.</p>	<p><b>Recommend:</b> Council considers designating as smokefree the new town square and central civic hub and associated public open spaces</p>
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## Buller District Council Long Term Plan Submission

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I would like to speak to my submission

### Our District

#### P3 Last Para

..... "Our schools are of the of the best quality and consistently turn out high achievers."  
Maybe this is the case for most schools but not for all. Unfortunately this is not the case for Karamea Area School of recent times as it is under statutory management at present.

### General Economic Assumptions

#### P5

"Tourism remains as the most likely industry to achieve growth."

Then carries on to recognise existing attractions e.g. Punakaiki Rocks, Heaphy Track a wide range of tourism projects underway and the Old Ghost Road mountain bike and walking trail under construction.

Heaphy Track 7,000 visitors, Oparara Basin 10,000 visitors.

#### OPARARA BASIN:

# With three limestone arches, one the largest limestone arch in Australasia.

#The Honeycomb Hill Cave system with a world famous collection of moa bones and other extinct bird species. The cave system also contains notable limestone formations in its 15 kilometres of passages.

# The Basin's facilities have been upgraded with car park, shelter and new walking tracks suitable for all ages and physical ability.

THIS PREMINUIN VISITOR DESTINATION HAS BEEN OMMITTED FROM THE PLAN.

The road into the Oparara Basin is a local road with the local portion funded by the Dept of Conservation, therefore costing ratepayers nothing.

This road developed into an appalling dangerous state over the summer tourist season, so bad that the Westport i site were recommending that visitors did not drive into the basin. At our own visitor centre in Karamea, visitors reported back on the unsafe condition of the road.



This came about by the lack of grading and maintenance at the beginning of the tourist season, and then despite repeated requests for maintenance none was done until the road was extremely dangerous.

IF TOURISM IS THE MOST LIKELY INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE GROWTH

Then the Oparara Basin needs to be acknowledged and the road well maintained.

A target rate is essential for tourism, it is unfair to rate the general ratepayer for what is clearly an industry cost.

While a new group 'Advance Northern West Coast.Inc' have come together for promotion of our area, (which is essential) it has been proven before that they will have a difficult task to get enough funds voluntarily to promote our district.

### Karamea Special Purpose Road

#### P13

There is no question that Karamea Special Road provides a vital lifeline to the Karamea community and a large part towards the economy of our district. Again the Oparara Basin has been excluded from tourism.

But the question is, what is meant by "In examining the unquantifiable risk associated with the the long term maintenance of the Karamea Special Purpose Road, the financial risks associated with this proposal are considered to be beyond the financial resources of the Buller Council's ratepayers to fund."?

The statement," If this does not eventuate Council has assumed that the Karamea Highway will revert to a State Highway." is difficult to understand.

The Karamea Special Purpose road was created because of a decrease in funding, a Special Purpose Road is of lower ranking than a State Highway hence less funding. To assume that the road would revert to a State Highway (a road with higher specifications) is highly unlikely.

It is imperative that the Council negotiate strongly to retain what we have rather than aim for a higher status road.



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re: Submission to the Buller District Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

### Active West Coast

Active West Coast (AWC) is a network of agencies and groups committed to improving the health of West Coasters through the promotion of healthy lifestyles such as physical activity, nutrition, smokefree, youth and older person's health. While member organisations were involved in preparing this submission, the recommendations in their entirety, do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual agency.

The World Health Organisation, as part of its Healthy Communities initiative, has stated that: "People in a healthy community enjoy a clean, safe physical environment, including adequate housing; a responsible use of resources sustainable for the long term; strong, mutually supportive networks; high levels of participation and control over decisions affecting health and wellbeing; adequate access to food, water, shelter, income, safety, and recreation; programmes for promoting health, preventing disease, and limiting the ill effects of disability; a chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication, including educational experiences; a diverse, vital and innovative local economy; a strong local cultural and spiritual heritage; access to quality health services.

We acknowledge the importance of Council's huge role in creating a healthy environment in which its residents can live, grow, learn, thrive, play and work.

### Vision:

We support the Council's vision that *'the Buller District will grow and for the district to become a thriving community where families enjoy a great quality of life and the distinctive natural, cultural and historical environment are treasured'* as these aspirations fit with the achievement of a healthy community.

### **Community Outcomes:**

We support the Community Outcomes as stated and described in the Plan as each of these outcomes promotes health and well-being. We wish to make the following comments:

#### **Smokefree Environments:**

Tobacco use continues to be a major contributor to disease and mortality in the Buller district. Therefore creating environments that support a Smokefree lifestyle would assist residents to be healthy and also assist in achieving the community 'Well-being' outcome.

**AWC recommends Council extend their Smokefree outdoor areas to include outdoor dining areas on Council-owned land.**

**We also recommend Council designate its Pensioner flats Smokefree. Our members are able to support Council and residents with the transition process if required.**

Our member organisations are keen to support Council with Smokefree matters to reinforce Council's commitment to the health and wellbeing of its residents and visitors.

#### **Health Impact Assessments (HIA):**

We applaud Council's intention to utilise Health Impact Assessments as a means to achieving the 'Well-being' community outcome. Our member organisations have recently partnered with Coast Councils to hold impact assessments and are available to assist Council in any future HIA processes if required.

#### **Enviroschools:**

We acknowledge Council's support for the Enviroschools programme delivered in the Buller district in 2014. However we note there is no mention of Enviroschools within the current Plan. Enviroschools is a powerful initiative that helps students (and through them their families and wider community) understand and appreciate their physical environments. This assists Council to achieve its vision and the 'Learning' and 'Sustainable Environment' community outcomes.

**We therefore urge Council to continue its support of the 'Enviroschools' initiative within the Buller District.**

#### **Economic Diversity:**

We acknowledge Council's decision to look for more long term sustainable economic diversification and population growth. We commend Council for looking

to invest in building a better future for the district by creating attractive environments with good infrastructure as this creates a place where people want to live, learn, work play and invest. While availability of work is a factor in population growth, jobs can also be created through immigration to an area.

**We recommend Council use both strategies to building a diverse economic base in working towards achieving the 'Prosperity' community outcome.**

**Youth Development:**

We note Council's intention to contribute to 'Youth Voice Development' and acknowledge its support of agencies such as BullerREAP to enable young people to be better engaged in their community.

Council has a role in creating environments that value young people. Council also has a role in involving young people with decisions that impact on them and their future. The introduction of broadband connectivity provides an opportunity for Council to work with young people to generate ideas, support job creation and provide a reason for young people to stay and invest their talents in the Buller District.

We support the development of a Youth Council in the Buller District to support engagement and to assist young people to achieve their aspirations.

**We recommend Council work with youth and youth-based agencies in the Buller District to undertake a Youth Development Strategy. We offer our assistance with this.**

**Council Activities:**

**Regulatory Services:**

AWC is aware Council's development of a Local Alcohol Policy has stalled, however communities on the West Coast remain vulnerable to alcohol-related harm. Additionally, research shows the risk of alcohol-related harm increases when communities suffer significant job-losses. Regulation is a viable step towards minimizing harm within the Buller District and across the West Coast.

**We recommend Council commit to the development of a Local Alcohol Policy in conjunction with the Westland and Grey District Councils.**

**Roading and Urban Development:**

We support the objectives and activities under this section as good urban design and roading infrastructure (including footpaths and cycle lanes) provide safe, attractive environments that support health and physical, social and economic well-being.

We endorse Council's support of the Westport Taxi Service as this allows the Total Mobility Scheme for the transport disadvantaged to continue. Taxi services also assist in the provision of safe travel options for hotel patrons.

We note a key service criterion for footpaths is that they are '*comfortable to walk on*'. We suggest Council enlists the help of its citizens, especially parents with children and older people, in determining this factor as individual abilities alter the level of comfort.

**We recommend Council infrastructure such as footpaths, cycleways, street lighting, shelters and furniture be designed to support an ageing population; this will create an environment that is attractive and accessible to all users.**

**We also note Council's membership of the West Coast Road Safety Committee is not mentioned in the plan. We trust this is an oversight and does not signal an intention to resign from a collaborative approach to achieving road safety across the West Coast.**

#### **Community Services:**

##### **Sport, recreation and cultural facilities, and services:**

We agree services that deliver to the cultural and recreational needs of residents enhance communities and provide an attractive place for people to live, work, play and invest. We therefore support Council's input into provision of libraries, sports and recreation facilities and museums. These facilities provide opportunities for people to learn, be active and connect with each other.

##### **Council Grants:**

We note Council has signalled a decrease in grants to community groups. While we understand Council's need to be conservative in its spending, we remind Council that grants investment supports people to take leadership of projects thereby increasing social capital and promoting community wellbeing.

#### **Property Management, Amenities & Reserves:**

We support Council's provision of services described in this activity as they promote safe environments, support active and passive recreation and assist Council to achieve its vision.

##### **Punakaiki Community Facility:**

We are pleased to see Council is working with the Punakaiki community to address their desire for a community facility within the Punakaiki reserve area as we advocated for this in our submission to the 2012 Long Term Plan.

Housing for the Elderly:

We commend Council for its ongoing provision of pensioner housing as affordable housing is important to people's wellbeing. We note Council is deferring construction of further proposed units while it seeks funding external streams.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft LTP. We do not wish to speak to this submission; however we may be contacted by phone on 768 1160 ext 716 or by emailing [rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz) if required.



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**Mary Wilson**

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**Subject:** Draft Long Term Plan

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**Key Issue: Changes in Level of Service, Punakaiki**

The proposed contribution of \$100,000 for a community facility at Punakaiki is an extremely positive move by BDC and one we fully support. It is great to see this recognition of Punakaiki and its rate-payers as a vital part of the Buller District.

We are confident that such a facility would be made full use of by the community and that it could also have a commercial benefit. The community could use it for already existing activities for example public meetings [including with Council], workshops, educational purposes eg the Spanish night-classes currently held in a canoe shed, yoga classes and fund-raising concerts. It could have a commercial benefit as an extra facility for the camping ground at peak times and/or in wet weather, and by being hired out as a self-catering function venue eg weddings, family reunions etc

Such a facility would also have an important role in a civil emergency as accommodation for stranded tourists, hundreds of whom can be in Punakaiki at any one time without food or accommodation [tour buses etc at the blowholes]

Thank you

Marie Elder and Tony Sole

Please Note: This is our second attempt to email in this submission; the first failed due to the wrong email address having been given on the submission form. We know there is widespread support in the local community for this facility proposal and ask BDC to take

into account the possibility some submissions have not been received due to this publication error



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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL  
29 MAY 2015  
Per 12:30pm

Tell us what you like?

## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Ken WATSON

Organisation (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Issue: urban design. -

Comments: Don't waste anymore Ratepayers money on what we would like. Dreams. We have spent enough money on white elephants that suck the guts out of our rates as it is. Not one of the big spends (NBS) sold Energy Centre museum etc etc) will ever pay for itself. We will be forever paying for them.

there are a lot of assumptions made in this plan all positive but we can't make plans on the never never. If we don't keep our rates paying for the basics we will never have a debt free ~~no~~ community again. ~~rain~~ tourism will never fully develop because we miss more tourists that don't even get to Westport. We are not on the direct route. that they take.

Dressing up the town won't bring anymore tourists. and will waste more money. If we had just the basic utilities finished and paid for rate payers would be more happier to look at other ideas. With water, sewerage, at a very poor. condition. with many thousands to be spent to remedy the situation. Don't waste money on dreams.

Anything else to comment on?

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Phone: 789 9782

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Issue: <sup>YES</sup> DREDGE, STORM WATER DRAINAGE, DRINKING WATER,  
NO TOWN HUB & PRETTY GARDENS

Comments: I HAVE READ YOUR POSITIONING FOR PROGRESS & LONG TERM CONSULTATION 10yr PLAN AND YES ITS LOVELY TO HAVE A DREAM BUT ITS TIME TO LOOK AT REALITY.

OUR WEE TOWN ITS STRUGGLING, SWIMMING LIKE HELL TRYING TO KEEP ITS HEAD ABOVE WATER, SOMETIMES LITERALLY WE HAVE SPENT A FORTUNE MOVING COAL TOWN - LOSING ITS FEEL OF A MEASUREMENT, MOVING WILKINSONS COUNCIL NBS CENTRE SOILD ENELY - BY RIPPING DOWN & LEAVING DIRECT BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS, ~~IF~~ WE SPEND THOUSANDS ON LITTLE CONCRETE GARDENS AT OUR INTERSECTIONS AROUND TOWN, CREATING ROAD HAZARDS AND DANGER TO CYCLIST & PEDESTRIANS & CARS AS NICE AS THEY MAYBE, ALL UNFORABLE BRING A HUGE DEBIT TO THE TOWN FOR THE BENEFIT OF TOURISTS WHO DON'T COME BECAUSE THERES NO MAJOR ATTRACTION.

SPEND THE 6 MILLION FOR THE TOWN HUB ON A LURGE DOWN THE DENNISTON INCLINE, WITH A BACK PULL CARRIAGE UP THE HILL. ~~FOR~~ TOURSIT ATTRACTION. OR FORGET THAT AND SPEND IT ON BROAD BAND INTERNET WONT SAVE US EITHER GETTING OUR STORM WATER DRAINS UP TO A APPROPRIATE STANDARD SO OUR TOWN DOESNT FLOOD MAINTAINING THE DREGE (OUTHIRE OF DREGE) TO KEEP THE RIVER MOUTH CLEAR SO OUR TOWN DOESNT

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KEEP FLOOD  
HIRING DREGE OUT IN  
DOWNTIME



Contd).

IF OUR RIVER/BAR IS NOT UP TO STANDARDS  
HOW WILL OUR ONLY HOPE "VEOLIA" OF JOBS  
PROCESS, AS OUR RAILWAYS ALSO NEED TO BE  
MAINTAIN WHEN SOIHD ENERGY CLOSSES.  
6 MILLION WOULD ALSO GO A LONG WAY  
TO GETTING GOOD DRINKING WATER, WITHIN  
OUR TOWN. "BEFORE THE 25yrs" QUOTE TO  
REPLACE ALL WATER PIPES WITHIN WESTPORT.

IN SHORT LIKE EVERY RESIDENT IN WESTPORT  
THAT WILL REMAIN ONCE HOHCIM SHUTS  
SOIHD ENERGY SHUTS INTO  
CARE & MAINTANCE

WE ALL KNOW THIS WILL HAVE A ON  
GOING EFFECT TO BUSSESSES CLOSING,  
SCHOOLS CLOSING - OR BEING WASH AWAY - GRANTY  
HOSPITAL DOWNSIZING TO A PATCH UP CENTRE.

USE OUR RATE PAYERS MONEY FOR  
NECESSITIES NOT DREAMS:

OUR RATES ARE ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN NZ  
AND OUR RESIDENTS WILL BE MOVING  
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### Key Issue (max 370 characters):

336% Rate Increase

### Comments (max 2,700 characters):

I would like to add further Information to the Letter, I sent to the Buller Council, Gary Howard, Angela Oosthuizen on the 21.05.2015.

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## Thank you for your feedback

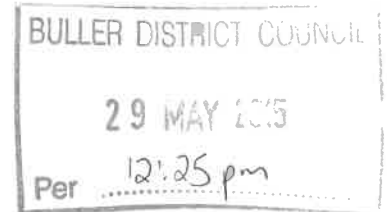
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Copy to

Mayor, Gary Howard

Manager Corporate Services, Angela Oosthuizen

Director of ECO Investments Ltd & Alton Drilling Ltd,

Cory Ibbotson

21.05.2015

Purpose of this Letter to provide Proof that a Rate Increase of 336% for ECO Investments Ltd. is unjustified, considering the Land is being grazed and no Properties are advertised for Sale.

The Director and interested Parties of ECO Investments Ltd. held a Meeting in July 2012 to decide the best Action to take for the Survival of the Company. There had been no Sales of Properties for 5 Years and with a Recession hitting hard in NZ. The Prospects of selling Properties in the Future looked very unlikely.

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ECO Investments Ltd. looked to provide Lifestyle Blocks in Rural West Coast rather than Sections in Residential Zoning, these became even less attractive, after financial Climate of the Country.

However we needed to find a Way to service the Expenses of Mortgage (\$ 1.2 M), Rates (Buller District Council, West Coast Regional Council) and Oparara Services Company (Sewerage).

We decided on 4 Options:

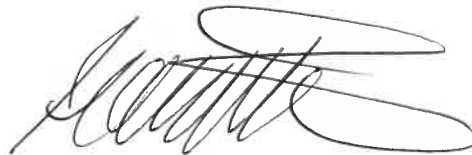
- 1) Liquidate the Company
- 2) Fire Sale of all Properties to clear Mortgage at 1/3 of their rateable Value
- 3) Lease Grazing for the 3 Properties (Sunset Heights, Baker Creek, Black Water/ Little Wanganui/SH67). Approx. 270 Acres in Total.
- 4) Take all Properties of the Market, buy Stock to graze and fattening our own Herd.

The Outcome of the Meeting was that Alton Drilling Ltd. would finance the Purchase of Cattle & Sheep and would continue to finance the Interest on the Mortgage in the Hope the Economy would become more buoyant in the coming Years.

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At May 2015 there has been no Income for ECO Investments Ltd. for 8 Years. A Fire Sale of one Lot with a Settlement Date of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at \$ 45.000 + GST is being considered to help finance Interest Payments. The Property has a GV of \$ 120.000.

Regards



Tony Ibbotson for ECO Investments Ltd.

Enclosed Documents are:

Land Agent Declaration

Detailed Figures of the 336 % Rise in Rates

Copy of Manager Corporate Services Letter R2/1.13.05.2015

# Submission Form

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Please read the Consultation Document and/or the Draft Long Term Plan **before** providing your feedback.

Please return your completed form to Council by **4:30pm Friday 29 May 2015**:

**Email:** [submissions@bullerdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bullerdc.govt.nz)

**Fax:** [03] 788-8041

**Post:** Buller District Council, PO Box 21, Westport 7866

**Deliver to:** Buller District Council, Brougham Street, Westport 7925

Tell us  
what you  
like?

## Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Mary McGill (Andrews)

Organisation (if relevant):

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes  No

Address:

60 Queen St, Westport

Phone:

03 789 7158

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marymcgill@xtra.co.nz

**Key Issue:** Tip Head, Warren Park and access

**Comments:** I believe that the North Beach Warren Park area is Westports best beach-side recreational spot. The access road and barbeque area has been sadly neglected but still remains hugely popular with locals. With a little care and maintenance by council this area would continue to be a major asset to the town. Please recognise the value of this area to locals and visitors and contribute to its future.

If the access road was maintained to a basic level it would make it much easier for people like me (getting older and without a 4 wheel drive vehicle) to collect driftwood, walk on the beach and even pick up other peoples rubbish.

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BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

29 MAY 2015

Per 10:15am

Anything  
else to  
comment  
on?

**Thank you for your feedback**

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