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Name Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms: Bob Andrews

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

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Key Issue: Tip Head, Warren Park and access

Comments: I believe that the North Beach Warren Park area is Westport's 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.

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29 MAY 2015

Per 10:15 am

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**Submission on Buller District Council Long Term Plan.
Proposed Community Contributions to Punakaiki and Fox River**

This submission is made on behalf of myself and members of the Fox River community. Thanks to the Council for their deliberations on this matter. The growing communities at Fox River and Punakaiki have waited for a long time for recognition of their community needs. The permanent populations of both Fox River and Punakaiki have been steadily growing over the last several decades and now need facilities to cement that growth.

A Meeting Space

The Punakaiki Village has long needed a facility for meeting. With a playground outside or near it for the children to play while the parents and grown-ups get on with the business of talking about the local promotions group, or craft co-op, or conservation effort, marine protection, water supply or whatever. Basically, it is difficult for a small community to operate successfully, or to reach its potential, without such a facility. The Punakaiki Radio Station has been operating for about 15 years in various locations in and near Punakaiki and has earned the right to a permanent home where it could play a full role in Punakaiki's village life.

There is a wide range of important uses that this building could have been put to in the past if it had existed. Those uses and many more will be served well in the future once it is built.

A Performance Venue

\$100,000 sounds like a lot of money and it is but when building costs and the associated compliance issues are being met it would soon get gobbled up. One cannot see it meeting more than the cost of the meeting room outlined above even if it can achieve that. Extra funding will have to be found for anything other than a very modest asset.

Halls cost lots of money to build and in many communities that have them they receive little use and become a large maintenance problem. Any provision for performance venue would have to be created on a modest budget.

In the north-west corner of the camping ground an area could be created with a reasonable amount of excavation and earth moving for an outdoor performance venue. Careful plantings for windbreak, earth mounding for a stage, perhaps shade trees, electricity to the site, permanent poles erected to take a large sail (eg. At Westport South School).....

Gigs, buskers, drama, dance, movie screenings.....performance of all sorts could be held in this one venue over six or so months of the year just as outdoor performances are put on in lots of other locations around Aotearoa. Occasional markets could also take place at this site.

Any proposal to meet the needs of the community that is situated within the bounds of the camping ground is obviously going to have to fit in with the camp's commercial operations. Many of us in the local community can remember motor camps in the past where a village within a village, or local town, came into existence for the summer. Facilities and events in the camp and around it became a focus for visitors and locals alike. This mix created opportunities for interaction that meant that both groups were enriched and had the opportunity to learn from each other.

It is a challenge for the community and Council to create facilities on land that was once reserve land set aside for the local community's recreation that will serve that need and enhance the operations of the camp at the same time.

As far as Council's contribution to the Fox River area and its long term development is concerned the issue is much more simple;

Please help us provide rubbish collection on a regular basis and toilets for the growing tourist traffic. The case for these has been well established at other meetings.

Thanks to the Council for the opportunity to submit on this issue. I would like to speak to this submission when the opportunity arises.

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Please inform when hearings on this proposal are to be held.

Yours etc.,



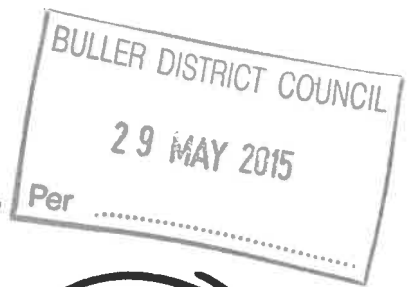
Ross Smith,
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29 MAY 2015
Per 9:55am

SUBMISSION TO COUNCILS 2015 LTP.



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DID YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION? NO.
(limited availability)

This submission is in relation to **Commercial Kitchen Inspection fees.**

The requirement to have a kitchen inspected is for obvious maintenance of health standards and to ensure that operators have premises that are clean, food is handled in a safe manner and fridges etc work to correct temperature .

This we fully understand and support without reservation.

However we feel that:-

A/. The requirement is largely a social issue.

B/. Responsible operators are expected to pay unreasonably.

C/. The amount charged is simply outrageous.

The present fee as charged and as signalled to increase is simply viewed as an outrageous imposition offering no incentives.

A/. The social aspect of the inspection regime has been overlooked in setting fees. Page 176 refers to **General Benefit**:- "Entire district benefits from health and safety in business meeting standards" also "The community as a whole benefits through control of infectious diseases and monitoring of environmental standards".

These statements are at odds with the **Private Benefits** of "Individuals who require certification of their businesses". **As a business owner we do not "require" anything but it is the community that is requiring.**

To run a pub the law requires food to be available ---- not necessarily the pub owner requirement. As a consequence BDC (by statute) demand fees for licensing fees, building WOF inspections and Kitchen inspections ---- all required by laws of various sorts and in essence simply more compliance tax.

To run a Commercial Kitchen an operator has similar fees imposed.

B/. As a responsible operator we feel that we do not even need an inspection which for us is simply a formality. If there are other operators that require more

than a "formality" visit because they have compliance issues of some sort then they should be dealt with accordingly.

To split the fee to reward those that require simply a cursory visit and charge those that require additional attention, then that would make sense.

C/. The amount charged and increases proposed are simply outrageous.

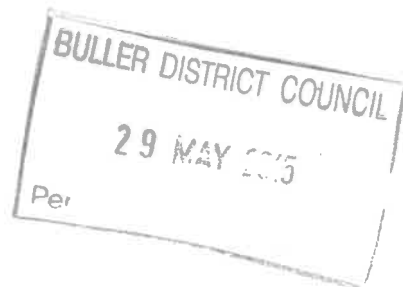
The inspector can make inspections north of Westport to Mohikinui of at least 9 premises of 10 minutes each in much less than a day.

Simple do the math and arrive at the conclusion that the fee charged is outrageous.

If any of those operators then require a second follow up visit then that is the time to cost recover if necessary but not on first visit for genuine operators.

Conclusion. We look forward to the inspection fees being levied in a more realistic fashion.

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DID YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION? NO.
(limited availability)

This is a submission in regard to the Governance of Buller District Council.

Under the present political set up of Buller there are 10 Councillors plus a Mayor. Also Inangahua has a Community Board of 3 members plus a chair.

Total of 15 elected persons covering a population of only 10,500 projected to reduce to 9,500.

Yes the geographical area is large however most of the land area is DOC controlled and therefore out of the equation.

For the present leave the Inangahua Community Board out of the equation.

That then leaves some 11 elected people with only (average) 10,000 population. By anybody's imagination that is a huge number for so few people and far in excess of recommended ratios.

This level of representation is simply not necessary, uneconomic and unwarranted.

Buller in its present state cannot afford the luxury of this representation and must trim **ALL** costs to become lean, mean, and efficient.

Buller could quite well be represented by elected members of:- North of Westport -----1, South of Westport -----1, East of Westport -----1, with Westport itself ----- 2, plus a mayor. **Total of 6 elected members.**

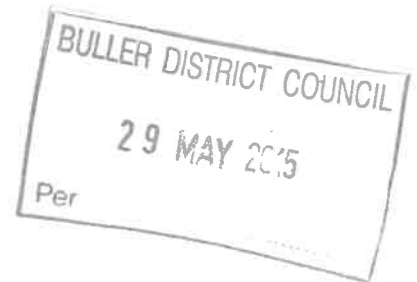
If it were thought necessary Community Boards could be established in the 3 areas out of Westport with very little funds and would be the eyes and ears in those areas feeding into BDC through their elected representative.

Clearly BDC have done a great job with the proposed budget cuts and rates to be held if not slightly reduced. Frankly that is the **ONLY** way forward.

Together with support services the above proposal amounts to a significant saving under our present circumstances. Radical changes need to be made.

I therefore ask that the number of elected representatives be reduced for the next elections.

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NAME. WAYNE SKELTON (Sec/Treasurer)

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DID YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION? NO.
(limited availability)

Granity Museum has been established for some 20 years and is run on a shoe string basis with very little funding on a volunteer basis.

The museum is registered as a charitable trust as Northern Buller Museum Granity.

The museum is located in a Solid Energy owned historic workshop building alongside the historically listed Coke Ovens below the Millerton incline. There is an occupation agreement in place with Solid Energy which assures our tenure.

We have a significantly large collection of items ranging from machinery, equipment household goods and furniture plus a significant collection of photographs. Our intention is to obtain, retain and preserve the history of European settlement of this immediate area.

Granity in its day was the major support town for mining activity undertaken at Millerton, Stockton, Seddonville, Mokihinui plus many small mines in the immediate area.

The Museum has been working on the mounting of the Marion Shovel remains (which BDC supports) outside of the museum which is a Lotto funded project well underway. This will become the main focal point of the Museum and also the main focal point of travellers entry into Granity. This one feature alone will generate interest in visiting the Museum to view the collections on display.

We have been promised two pylon towers from Stockton and intend to mount these outside connected with steel rope and hang a coal bucket from this. We have also been pursuing what- ever other large items we can beg or borrow for the area outside.

We need to have a surety of basic funds to allow us to have electricity connected to enable in particular, the Marion Shovel floodlighting and also the ability to have some electrically driven machines operational and to be open at night for visitors and for work to be carried out. There are a myriad of things a museum requires such as display cabinets, display boards, photo portfolios/preservation plus maintenance items to ensure items are preserved for future generations in an area where Coal mining future is uncertain which risks history being lost.

Recently we have been loaned on a semi permanent basis a Corrugated Coal Tub by DOC which requires mounting on rails plus interpretative signage. This is a rare example of a tub imported in flat pack from England and recovered out of Rockies underground mine. This is simply an example of the type of ongoing work that is required.

BDC has committed itself to supporting the retention of European history of the area and supports several museums already. For some reason unknown Granity has never asked nor received a permanent funding allocation and we ask that now it is so.

We note with interest that BDC funds Karamea museum with \$7000, Blacks Point museum with \$10,000 and the Coaltown museum with something like \$160,000.

Our request therefore is modest and in line with Karamea and Blacks Point both of which are on a par with our own in terms of size and the job that is being performed.

We are seeking \$7,500 annually, as a permanent funding for our museum.

Notes. BDC Mission Statement Page12 is a clear commitment to "historical environments". Museum support on page 41 is a very clear intention and a recognition of museums and tourism. BDC also recognises museums as a desirable Community Outcome page 59. Commitment is enhanced further on page 100. Page 173 also commits to museums.

Looking forward to favourable consideration.

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Alison Duncan

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

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Phone: 789 5209

Email: _____

Key Issue: Water Upgrade / Hub

Comments: With regard to the water upgrade, if there is good reason to believe large areas of the existing pipe are in good, long-term condition, then investigate. If not, just get on with it - costs will just increase. No other major spending should occur until this upgrade is complete. What is possible to improve the taste and smell of the water once supply is sorted?

While the hub is a nice idea I am unsure what exactly it will add in 'real terms' to a town the size of Westport. Relocating Canal + Library is ridiculous in the current economic environment - we may not have a local council in 10 years time.

We do already have well-used recreational areas like Warren Park providing a favourite spot for locals and tourists and a growing number of surf-tourists with some potential for development. This area is totally neglected. The 'alternative site' at the end of Derby St is unused - no wind shelter, no rock pools, no surf. Maintaining the access road to Warren Park would at least make it safer as speeding hoons on the tip head are a real hazard.

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: MAX GALLAVIN

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

Address: 140a Brougham St.

Phone: 789-5209

Email: _____

Key Issue: Water Upgrade.

Comments: I think the water issue has dragged on for far too long. I don't support a "patch up" as opposed to a real fix, so that we can spend more money on "nice to haves". Infrastructure is all important and must work! The storm water needs a lot of work as do all the mundane house keeping jobs, like litter and gutter sweeping. Our future is very uncertain and it dismays many to view Council seeming to expand rather than belt tighten.

Surely if you vacate a couple of buildings you can't sell that may fall into disrepair, in favor of flash new digs, the end result may look worse than ever. More empty buildings in town!

I have a further submission on maintaining the road to Warren Park, which I don't believe is a nice to have, but building on our strengths, our natural assets that locals and tourists enjoy.

Perhaps Council should look at the costs of maintaining the many Parks & Reserves that hardly get used and do something clever with the ones that do!

Does anyone know where Brougham Domain is?!

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Submission to B.D.C.
From Max GALLAGHER
140 a Brougham St
789-5209.

Key Issue "Tip Head beach area and access."

I note in the plan, the intention to make the town more attractive and promote our recreational potential. I agree with this principle, but suggest more attention be paid to the existing areas that already draw a huge number of locals and tourist alike. Specifically the area of the North beach known as Warren Park.

Since the excellent work has been done to develop the Kawatiri Reserve, the access road to the Warren Park end of the beach has been neglected so much it is almost unusable.

This end of the beach has many advantages, being a good surf spot, safer swimming, shelter from the wind and very nice rock pools for kids to play in.

This area was used frequently by Baller Beach Riders kids learn to surf program, as well as private surf school teaching tourists and schools, over the summer.

While there is access from the tip head itself, parking is severely restricted and makes the road narrow and dangerous.

The road either side of the steps, could be made much safer with some traffic calming (speed bumps) to slow things down.

While this would help, maintaining the access road would allow this great area to be used to its full potential.

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SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN

Name: Hofmans Millar Family Trust

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

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Key Issue

Proposed Rates - In particular, the Council decision to treat each rural property as a separate rating unit. This means our property is now treated as 3 separate rating units instead of 1.

Comments

The impact of this decision on our property is significant. The annual rates will increase from **\$1333.90** to **\$2815.30** due to:

- a \$340 increase in the general rate.
- a \$1141 increase in the uniform and solid waste charges by virtue of our property now being treated as 3 separate rating units and therefore subject to three (3) sets of uniform charges and solid waste charges.

We would be grateful if Council would reconsider its decision for the following reasons:

1. **Our property is and has been managed and treated as a single rural property since it was purchased in 2005.** Despite purchasing the property as four (4) titles the land has been continuously leased as a single rural block to neighbouring dairy farmers for grazing stock.
2. **It is difficult to understand the justification for multiple targeted and solid waste charges for a vacant property, residential or rural, that is managed and owned as a single entity.** The property only creates a singular demand for the services paid for by these charges. Multiple charges should only be applied when the property is no longer owned by the same ratepayer, and/or is no longer vacant, or no longer managed as a single entity.
3. **The decision to treat our property as three (3) separate rating units is inconsistent with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.** Section 20 of the Act states:
"Two or more rating units must be treated as 1 unit for setting a rate if those units are (a) owned by the same person or persons; and (b) used jointly as a single unit; and (c) contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water race, river, or stream."
Our property satisfies all of these criteria and should be treated as a single rating unit.
4. **The decision to treat our property as three (3) separate rateable units is also inconsistent with the current rates remission policy for non-contiguous farmland adopted by Council in the LTP.** The policy allows Council to provide rates relief for non-contiguous land that is farmed as a single entity and owned by the same ratepayer. Our property meets these criteria, and furthermore is contiguous, making it even more favourable for treatment as single rating unit.
5. **The resulting increase in rates is excessive.** Council has a difficult task in apportioning rates across the district. However, perhaps it has not realised the implications of the changes. The cumulative effect on our property, including a 45% increase to our general rate, is a 200% increase in our total annual rates bill. For two of our lots, it represents a 400% increase. These increases cannot be considered fair and equitable and bare no relation to changes to the average income of ratepayers.

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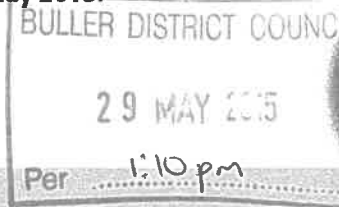
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Organisation (if relevant): _____

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

I support the proposals in the draft Long Term Plan

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

I think it strikes the right balance between keeping rates down and moving the district forward.

I agree water is a priority and that this will be ongoing with gradual pipe replacement.

I like the way it supports community initiatives; Karamea hub, Punakiki community facility, Reefton community hall, Westport domain to North beach/river front development. Also the longer term vision of rationalising council buildings, providing a hub in Westport and modernising our service delivery.

I particularly like the focus on developments with community input - giving a hand up not a hand out.

I agree with the regional approach to civil defence, tourism and economic development while retaining local input e.g. part time staff/local industry promotion groups.

I am a firm believer that like any business the image you portray reflects the return to the business or district. If we want people to invest in the district or visit then we have to be attractive to them and welcoming. Thus I support the town hub developments. In particular the signage, seal colony loop and walkway projects. Once implemented in Westport I would like the concept developed throughout Buller. We need to be unique. Working with local artists and community groups is very cost effective.

I agree to the conservative approach to revenue even though council and the holding company are working on a number of initiatives e.g. the affordability of the dredge and rates from industries as examples. The restructuring of expenditure to match revenue and associated staffing adjustments is commended. (Staff are to be commended on their willingness to adjust and take on new roles).

I am glad they are acknowledging the increasing age of our population and are mindful of this in service delivery.

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Background Information about Buller REAP.

Buller REAP (Rural Education Activities Programme) was established in 1981 by the Government to provide supplementary and complementary education services for the people of the Buller District.

It is one of the thirteen REAPs in New Zealand that were set up between 1978 and 1982. REAPs are based on the belief that local communities are best able to identify and direct resources to meet their own special needs.

Our organisation is contracted (through our national association) to the Ministry of Education to identify local education needs and gaps in mainstream education in its remote area, to be flexible in providing those needs through formal or non-formal learning activities, to provide integrated and seamless educational initiatives across the early childhood, schools, adult and community (ACE) sectors and, "to encourage and promote lifelong learning".

Buller REAP is also contracted to the Tertiary Education Commission to provide educational initiatives in the adult and community (ACE) sector, to encourage and promote lifelong education, to strengthen communities by meeting identified community learning needs and to strengthen social cohesion.

We also have contracts with the Ministry of Social Development to provide services to and for youth and the elderly.

Over the 34 years of operation the focus has diversified from only being an education base, to one covering a much wider social and learning community need.

Buller REAP is an Incorporated Society with 40 member organisations. We employ up to 22 people (10 FTE) across the district and have an annual income of approximately \$700,000.

Our Submission

1 "The Choice" – Page 3

Buller REAP fully supports the proactive approach outlined in the consultation document.

We believe there is good reason to continue to be confident about the future of the Buller District. It is important to continue attracting new residents to Buller.

In order for this to happen there needs to be a coherent economic development strategy geared towards a more diversified economy leading to the creation of additional, sustainable employment opportunities.

The district's "social infrastructure" is integral to this strategy. Educational, recreational and cultural facilities and activities must be maintained at a high level of service so that the district continues to be an attractive and viable place for people to reside.

Buller is fortunate in the number and range of community organisations offering activities to its residents. The Council needs to work with community organisations to support their continued viability.

Buller REAP looks forward to working with Council towards these ends.

2 Westport Building Upgrade – Page 10

Buller REAP supports the creation of a "Westport Town Heart". We are, however, surprised to see that the proposal involves Buller District Council purchasing, at some time in the future, the REAP building at 111 Palmerston St.

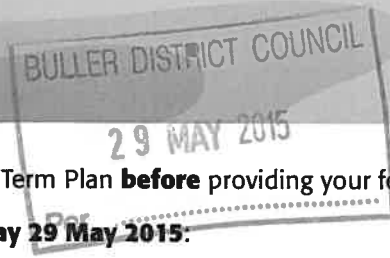
Buller REAP made a strategic decision to purchase its current building in 2003 after having previously been located in Peel St. The Executive Committee at the time saw significant value to the community in having its operations based in Westport's "civic centre". We have never regretted the decision to re-locate. We are involved in a range of education and community development activities which complement those of the Buller District Council and see ourselves as the most appropriate organisation to occupy this site.

At this point in time Buller REAP has no intention of moving premises.

We fully endorse the pedestrian precinct proposal and believe that this can proceed at minimum cost to ratepayers. We look forward to the Carnegie building being available, once again, for community use.

Buller REAP looks forward to working in partnership with the Buller District Council on progressing the "Westport Town Heart" concept in a cooperative and open way that acknowledges REAP's importance to this community .

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Key Issue: A cycle way from Westport to Tauranga Bay / Seal colony: Grade 2.

Comments:

This would be of benefit for locals and a draw card for new locals living in Westport.

Also the quality of water, please this is #1

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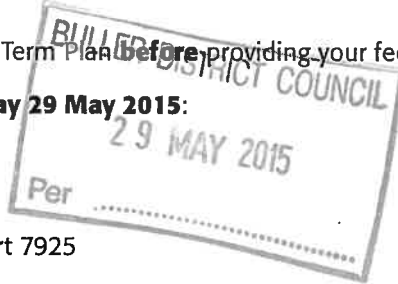
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Key Issue:

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Submitters details

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Organisation (if relevant): _____

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Provision of \$100,000 in 2015/2016 towards development of a Puhakahi community facility within Puhakahi Recreation Reserve.

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

I support this initiative. A community facility in Puhakahi is urgently needed. This positive commitment will support and enhance our community. The recreation reserve is a logical place to site this important facility.

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Thank you for your feedback

Submissions must be received by 4:30pm Friday 29 May 2015



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Mary Wilson

From: costejim@snap.net.nz
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2015 1:55 p.m.
To: Submissions
Subject: Re Submission for BDC

Kia Ora Tatou.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the long term Plan 2015-25.

Good luck. Could I just thank you for the provision of finance for a facility for the Punakaiki. As a resident of Punakaiki I can see this being a vital and very necessary part of our village. May God bless you all in your planning and deliberations.

James WF Costello,
CMB 80,RD 1,
Runanga, 7873.
PH. 037311496.

PS I do not wish to speak to this submission.

Submission to Buller District Council Long Term Plan

Key Issues

1. Yes, we agree with this approach for Westport's water supply. Please employ someone who knows what they are talking about to take on this investigation. Current council staff do not.
2. N/A
3. No, we do not agree with councils support to economic development. Council needs to first concentrate on the towns infrastructure ensuring we have good quality drinking water, new drainage, cost effective rubbish disposal and a properly working sewerage system. The P & D rate should be scrapped. It is simply taking money off people who could use it more wisely themselves.
4. Council should stick to option 1 for earthquake strengthening. This is not the time to be spending up large to rebuild when a renovation will suffice. Prove to us your worth by updating on a budget. The ratepayers of Westport will respect you more for this approach rather than wasting money on elaborate designs.
5. N/a
6. Yes. We do not believe it is Councils job to be building units for the elderly, this should be a Government issue.
7. Yes, we agree with a significance and engagement policy. The public should have the right to have a say about all policy. The council is employed by the ratepayers. No, we do not agree with the Treasury Management Policy. While council might believe this may lower costs, it is also higher risk. Where you have higher risk, you may end up paying far higher costs in the long run! We do not need any further risks. We have enough woes to deal with.
8. Clearly there are issues with our rates. It is obvious that a rates review is essential but that does not mean we need to go to a different rating system, simply fix the current one. Council needs to keep rates as low as possible as the town is not in a position for continual increases.

Other comments

\$6.4m upgrade

Council appears to be of the opinion that to maintain positivity in the town they must spend more money. I am confident that most of the ratepayers in Westport would rather see money spent on infrastructure rather than needless spending to 'pretty the town'. Those kind of dreams are only appropriate for a town that is booming not one that is already in a financial slump with worse to come. Too much money has already been spent on extravagant projects such as the solid energy centre, NBS theatre and Coaltown, not to mention all the curbside gardens that have gone in around town and will require maintenance. Spending large amounts of money on shifting an already adequate library to a shell of a building requiring huge amounts of work simply does not make any sense in a struggling town.

The aim of the LTP should be to ensure we have a town that has a good infrastructure that can then lead to future development. Your goal should be to ensure we have good quality drinking water,

new drainage, effective rubbish disposal and effective sewerage disposal. To grow a good town you first need to have good infrastructure.

Council Accountability

We believe council need to ask themselves some questions as to their own accountability.

Is council doing enough to cut their costs? Are all staff doing their jobs properly? Are they qualified for their jobs? Can they justify their wages? Do they stick to budgets? Perhaps they should have incentives for finding innovative ways to cut budgets. Council needs to stop needless spending and borrowing and have the aim instead to be debt free.

Dredge

By now the Council has realised that it would not be a prudent move to sell the dredge. Clearly there is still work for it to do and it could even make us some money. Selling it does not make sense.

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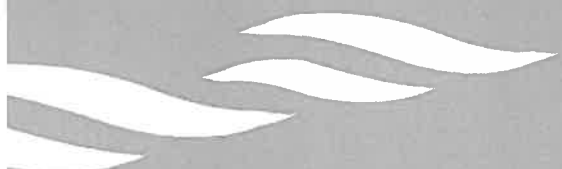
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**SUBMISSION TO BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT LONG
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Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of our submission.

Summary of Submissions

Quality of consultation - Federated Farmers largely supports Council's overall approach to consultation, although for future plans it would be useful for the example properties to include a rural property that is more representative of an economic farming unit, and for the proposed change in rates to be explained across these example properties.

Positioning for progress – We appreciate the challenges facing the district and support the intention to work with West Coast councils and Development West Coast (DWC) to set up a tightly focussed Economic Developments service. We believe that in order for Council to address these challenges effectively and efficiently it should develop and consult on an economic development strategy that aims to define Council's appropriate role in economic development. This would ideally include a framework for identifying economic development priorities.

Financial Strategy - Federated Farmers supports Council's proposed policies for rates increases, and rates as a percentage of total revenue. However, we oppose the proposed policy to allow for additional rates increases if this attracts new economic activity and retains loyalty of existing economic activity, or if borrowing for new development provides a strategic advantage, as it is too broad. We support Council's proposal to produce a balanced budget, and proposal that expenditure will be focussed on both maintaining services and quality, and to avoid deterioration of assets and capacity.

Rating review - We congratulate Council for the decision to scrap the rating system proposed earlier in 2015. Federated Farmers has extensive experience with council rating issues and a breadth of knowledge around different approaches to rating. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Councillors and staff to assess Council's revised proposal before this is released for consultation.

Targeted Rate for District and Tourism promotion – Now is not the time to be discarding the targeted tourism rate given Council is signalling additional spending for tourism promotion in the District. Instead Council should retain and refine the targeted rate for tourism promotion.

The Special Purpose Road (Karamea Highway) - Federated Farmers supports the LTP's forecasts that the Karamea Highway continue to be 100% funded by the NZTA, either through specific Special Purpose funding or through designation of the road as part of the State Highway network.

Rural Drinking Water upgrades - Federated Farmers supports Council making use of the Ministry of Health subsidies for these upgrades.

1.1 Introduction – quality of consultation through the LTP

- 1.1 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to Buller District Council's 2015-25 Long Term Plan. We support Council's approach to consultation through this process, which has included summarising the key challenges within the consultation document itself, with the full background information (including the full LTP and other related policies) available on the website.
- 1.2 The consultation document includes a good breakdown of the rates paid across rating examples on pages 17 to 19. However, the choice of valuations for the properties in the rural sector may be too low to accurately represent the rating contribution from individual farms. The three rural examples used have land values of between \$810,000 and \$1,870,000; these may represent the average value for properties within the rating area but would at best be considered at the lower end of a the scale for an economic farming unit. This is a concern as it may lead the reader to conclude the contribution from an economic farming unit is similar, misrepresenting the rates paid by an economic farming unit.
- 1.3 It would also be useful if Council provided an indication of how the rates are increasing for each of the example properties provided in the consultation document. This provides the reader with a quick reference 'snapshot' of the overall rating impact of the spending proposed in the LTP, and also offers an opportunity to assess any shifts in the relative rating burden across different types of ratepayers.
- 1.4 Aside from these concerns, Federated Farmers supports Council's approach to developing the consultation document and agrees it provides a useful basis for engagement with the community, particularly given the related policy documents are able to be referenced through Council's website as needed.

Recommendations:

Federated Farmers largely supports Council's overall approach to consultation through this process.

For future plans it would be useful for the example properties to include a rural property that is more representative of an economic farming unit, and for the proposed change in rates to be explained across these example properties.

2.1 Positioning for Progress

- 2.2 The consultation document discusses the impact reductions in coal prices has had on the district, in both economic terms and the subsequent decline in jobs and associated social issues. The consultation document then goes on to outline that simply accepting a future of continual decline would be unacceptable to the District.
- 2.3 Federated Farmers agrees that the long term reduction in economic productivity in the region is a concern for the District. Not only does a decreasing population reduce the potential for economic innovation and diversification, it places the cost of a relatively fixed amount of infrastructure on a smaller population, or it results in an unacceptable

degradation in the quality of infrastructure, leading to further decline and fewer responsibilities.

- 2.4 At the same time, economic development initiatives can place a significant cost on a district and can result in an unacceptable transfer of wealth from ratepayers to industry (either directly or indirectly) often based on spurious assumptions of downstream economic benefits which may or may not eventuate. Poorly considered local government initiatives can also 'crowd out' the private sector, ultimately detracting from economic development.
- 2.5 Therefore, while Council has a role to play in addressing issues associated with the downturn for coal prices, it is important that this role is strategically considered and clearly defined, with Council's roles governed by a clearly understood framework. Council indicates that it is working with West Coast councils and Development West Coast (DWC) to set up a tightly focussed Economic Developments service "that will facilitate the desired economic diversification". Federated Farmers believes this needs to begin with Council developing its own principles for economic development as a priority.
- 2.1 For example, Council may consider adopting a decision making framework specifically for economic development initiatives which includes:
1. The potential or expected costs, weighed against the potential or expected benefits to the District,
 2. Whether and to what extent any 'externalities' (positive or negative) justify Council action,
 3. Whether the concern or issue to be addressed is a District issue, or is instead a regional or national issue,
 4. As a result, what roles the Council may play (facilitator, advocate, provider, funder),
 5. Other agencies responsible or able to provide for development, and the roles these agencies will play.
- 2.2 A clearly understood framework of this nature provides a good basis for assessing what needs to happen, and what other agencies or organisations can contribute to the desired outcome, rather than Council shouldering the 'economic development' role on its own, providing 'more bang for the ratepayer buck' and ensuring that the question of whether other parties are or should be delivering on the desired outcomes is addressed.
- 2.3 A key question is 'why Council should be involved at all'; as outlined what specific externalities are justifying council involvement over and above some vague promise that it will be 'good for the district'. Where there are no such externalities, Federated Farmers agrees Council still has the following roles to play to promote economic development:
- Developing a strategic direction for the District through an economic development strategy, in conjunction with stakeholders,
 - Working with governmental agencies, ratepayers and stakeholders (both internal and external to the District) to achieve this strategic direction,
 - Aligning infrastructure provision with the strategic outcomes identified,
 - Aligning public good/service provision with the strategic outcomes identified,
 - Monitoring and reporting back on progress towards the strategy's goals against the strategy's evaluation framework,
 - Providing a forum for issue identification and solution development as a component of this monitoring and evaluation role,
 - Representing the public good interest through this forum.

- 2.4 All of these aspects require Council to engage with interested parties and the wider community around what is needed. Federated Farmers recommends Council develop and undertake an economic development strategy in order to provide direction to the Council's intentions as explained within the draft LTP.

Recommendations:

Federated Farmers supports the intention to work with West Coast councils and Development West Coast (DWC) to set up a tightly focussed Economic Developments service.

However, we believe this needs to be informed by a set of relevant principles and a framework for decision making, agreed by the community.

We recommend Council develop and consult on an economic development strategy that aims to define Council's appropriate role in economic development, including a framework for identifying economic development priorities for the District.

3.1 Financial Strategy

- 3.2 Council summarises the proposed Financial Strategies on pages 24 to 29 of the consultation document. We submit on these policies in this section.
- 3.3 Proposed rates increases – Council has three policies directly relating to rates increases. The first is to keep average rate increases within the long range Local Government Cost index (ie at below 3.6%). The graph on page 27 underlines that Council is forecast to remain within this limit for all but three years over the operative life of the plan, where rates are forecast to increase between 3 to 4%, with rates increases in other years largely forecast at below 2%.
- 3.4 Federated Farmers supports this policy, as it largely captures the overall drivers of council's cost increases. Rates increases within this proposed limit will still have an impact on ratepayers, and Council should continue to seek cost savings and reduce expenditure in non-core areas. However we recognise it is a delicate balance to ensure spending is sufficient to maintain important infrastructure and services vital to the wellbeing of the District.
- 3.5 The second rating impact related policy is that rates must comprise a maximum of 65% of total revenue. Federated Farmers supports this policy broadly; it provides some limit to expenditure and overall rating impact. However, it can also be considered a driver to source additional non-rates revenue. While it is worthwhile outlining a policy to keep rates down to a set proportion of revenue we feel the better approach is to focus on keeping spending, and rates increases down to the lowest possible level.
- 3.6 The third policy relating to rates increases outlines that Council will allow for rates increases if this attracts new economic activity and retains loyalty of existing economic activity, or if borrowing for new development provides a strategic advantage. Federated Farmers considers this policy is too broad and subsequently provides no confidence to the ratepayers that the policy will not be used to ramp up rates in future years as a matter of

convenience. We consider a better approach would be to fund these additional costs within the proposed rates increases by deferring other expenditure. As above, we also consider it important for Council to develop an economic development strategy so Council has some robust and objective processes to assess these potential areas of spending.

- 3.7 Balanced budget and Expenditure policies – Federated Farmers agrees both with Council's proposal to produce a balanced budget, and that expenditure will be focussed on maintaining services and quality, and to avoid deterioration of assets and capacity. As Council outlines there is a need to ensure cost savings (and reduced rating impact), while at the same time ensuring that the critical infrastructure which provides the basis for the district's economic wellbeing continues to provide an appropriate level of service. In many areas, particularly roading, a failure to maintain these assets appropriately results in additional costs in the future. This underlines our concerns in respect to Council's role in economic development; in the first instance Council needs to ensure that priorities for spending are appropriately focussed on infrastructure, in areas where Council is the sole provider.

Recommendations:

Federated Farmers supports Council's proposed policies for rates increases, and rates as a percentage of total revenue.

We oppose the proposed policy to allow for additional rates increases if this attracts new economic activity and retains loyalty of existing economic activity, or if borrowing for new development provides a strategic advantage. We consider this is too broad, and recommend an economic development strategy would provide a better basis to assess and prioritise potential opportunities of this nature.

We support Council's proposal to produce a balanced budget, and that expenditure will be focussed on maintaining services and quality, and to avoid deterioration of assets and capacity.

4.1 Rating review

- 4.2 Federated Farmers congratulates Council for the decision to scrap the rating system proposed earlier in 2015 and the subsequent decision to undertake additional work on a new proposal. We consider the proposal was based on a deeply flawed understanding of what an equitable approach to allocating Council's costs through rates should look like. Simply modifying the proposal would not have been anywhere near sufficient to address these shortcomings.

- 4.3 Federated Farmers is keen to ensure that a further rating review proposal is better placed to deliver equitable outcomes for the District's ratepayers. We regularly submit to the Long Term Plans and rating reviews of the vast majority of councils in New Zealand. We can appreciate both the complexity and challenges that come with a change of rating systems, and we can provide some good examples of what works well for other territorial local authorities. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Councillors and staff to assess Council's revised proposal before this is released for consultation.

Recommendations:

Federated Farmers congratulates Council for the decision to scrap the rating system proposed earlier in 2015.

Federated Farmers has extensive experience with council rating issues and a breadth of knowledge around different approaches to rating. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with Councillors and staff to assess Council's revised proposal before this is released for consultation.

5.1 Targeted rate for District Promotion and Tourism

- 5.2 The draft plan outlines that Council has agreed to discontinue with the targeted rate for District Promotion and Tourism. The plan proposes that all activities associated with district development, promotion and museum funding will be funded through the general rate, especially the commercial differentials.
- 5.3 Federated Farmers is concerned at this proposal, particularly in light of the fact Council is signalling a heavy focus on tourism promotion as part of an economic development strategy. This proposal, coupled with the proposed policy to allow for additional rates increases if this attracts new economic activity and retains loyalty of existing economic activity, creates a perfect storm for those within the tourism industry to argue for additional ratepayer funding for the promotion of their private businesses.
- 5.4 Businesses in the accommodation, entertainment and retail sectors obtain a direct increase in turnover from enhanced visitor numbers - and therefore have a higher degree of direct benefit from council funding of tourism promotion than farmers and other residents. While tourism income provides indirect economic benefit to all ratepayers, so too do other industries which fund their own promotion. The distribution of economic benefit resulting from tourism is not evenly spread among the community, and nor should the costs of promotion. Tourism promotion is not a public good service and therefore should not be funded as such.
- 5.5 If those standing to benefit from tourism promotion are unwilling to fund a proportion of the proposed costs associated with these activities, it may be that they do not see sufficient value in this expenditure to warrant Council continuing to spend ratepayer money in these activities. Wanting others to pay for this promotion is an expected response, but it does not lead to efficient or equitable outcomes.
- 5.6 Comparatively the primary sector, which also provides significant benefit to the District, funds the entirety of the cost of promoting their own products. Asking farmers to contribute to the promotion of other industries in addition to funding their own industry good promotion is not equitable. Nor should residential ratepayers be asked to contribute a significant portion of the costs of promoting commercial entities.

- 5.7 A targeted rate allows tourism bodies the ability to influence levels of expenditure as appropriate without creating issues of affordability for other ratepayers. A targeted rate also reduces the cost impact of tourism promotion on ratepayers who receive no direct benefit, assisting Council to address rates affordability concerns. Subsequently we ask Council to continue with the use of a targeted rate for tourism promotion, and include this as a consideration for the forthcoming rating review.

Recommendations:

Council retain the targeted rate for tourism promotion, particularly in the face of proposed further expenditure for the promotion of tourism in the District.

Where there are issues arising from the contributions of ratepayer groups we support Council refining the targeted rate, rather than removing it altogether.

6.1 The Special Purpose Road (Karamea Highway)

- 6.2 Federated Farmers is concerned at the cost implications for Council and its ratepayers should the Special Purpose funding rate drop to the District's proposed overall FAR rate, or should the Karamea Highway be designated a local road, rather than a State Highway. This would place a significant portion of the costs of maintaining the road onto Council, and the ratepayer.
- 6.3 As outlined in the draft LTP, the Karamea Highway is a difficult and expensive road to maintain, with over 90% of land serviced by the road being non-rateable land. Federated Farmers has long opposed the rating exemption on public land for this reason.
- 6.4 We note the current 100% funding is guaranteed for the Karamea Highway until 2017/18 and we support Council planning that this level of funding will continue beyond this point, either through the continuation of Special Purpose funding for the road at 100%, or through designation of the road as part of the State Highway network, rather than a local road. We would also be happy to advocate with Council at the local level for one of these mutually desire outcomes.

Recommendations:

Federated Farmers supports the LTP's forecasts that the Karamea Highway continue to be 100% funded by the NZTA, either through specific Special Purpose funding or through designation of the road as part of the State Highway network.

7.1 Rural Drinking Water Upgrades

- 7.2 Federated Farmers supports Council making use of available Ministry of Health funding for rural drinking water upgrades. While there are not a large number of farmers impacted by these upgrades, if the costs of the improved levels of service are borne entirely by the community this will result in what may be unacceptable costs. Use of the MPH subsidies mitigates the cost impact of improved rural drinking water to the local communities.

Recommendation: Federated Farmers supports Council making use of the Ministry of Health subsidies for upgrading Rural Drinking Water supplies.

8.1 About Federated Farmers

8.2 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation representing farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.

8.3 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming business. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.



Name: From various Reefton community users
 - Reefton Inc & Reefton i-site
 - Some of the regular pool users with families
 - Reefton pool staff

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Key Issue: Reefton Swimming Pool submission

This submission was developed and supported by Reefton Inc, the Reefton i-site, staff at Reefton Swimming Pool, and some of the local regular users of the pool we have talked to - Karen and Emmett Fortune, Andrea and Joe Larrington, Kirsten and Caden Hobbs, Zikona and Scott Rosanowski, Toni & Wayne Bang, Julie & Rory Kennedy. These are parents who have kids who enjoy coming to the pool to recreate, are enrolled in swim lessons and are swim club members.

Comments:

Firstly, from our perspective it has been a really good season at the Reefton pool, and we do hope that it has been equally positive from the Council and BRL's perspective.

The pool was consistently open, the temperature maintained at a lovely warm 28 by Graham, life guards friendly and helpful, and there were more days in which the inflatables were used compared to previous years.

With Hayley back and the children's swimming lessons covering the ages of 3yrs – 14yrs along with infant classes being offered we saw the pool being utilized substantially more than previous years. Aqua Aerobics was also offered to the public this season which was great for those wanting a challenge or wanting to experience the benefits of the water. The Annual Business Cup was also brought back into the swimming pool calendar which involved a variety of local businesses and associations getting teams together for a few fun nights of races and relays over the summer period.

What topped it off was that the BRL and BDC supported the ICB/Reefton community request to fund the extension of the swim season an extra two weeks to include the April school holidays. This was funded partly from the ICB budget. This was great for the kids and families in and



around Reefton, and coupled with Reefton Inc/Reefton i-site running a school holiday programme incorporating the pool three days each week, it was positive to hear that numbers were steady and it was worthwhile opening.

What we'd like to request as part of the annual plan process:

- **Pool opening period**

The 26 week pool opening period to extend from the September 2015 school holidays through to the April 2016 school holidays. This would be from Saturday 26th September 2015 to Sunday 1st May 2016, the last day of the first set of school holidays in 2016. Next year Easter falls early – the last weekend in March – but the school term doesn't actually finish until Friday 15th April, making the season 29 weeks.

- **Starting blocks**

One or two starting blocks (removable ones) to be purchased for the Reefton pool. With some of the Reefton kids competing at the Buller and West Coast swimming sports, it would be great to have at least one board here so the kids can use it and be familiar with starting a race on. At the moment we don't have any so our kids are at a disadvantage.

- **Pool ladders**

The ladders into the pool extended/replaced from the three step ladders we have now to at least a five step ladder to allow easier access in and out of the pool.

- **A third pool needed – between the toddler depth and main pool depth**

- **OR.... Making a removable separate 'block' which would fit right across the shallow end reducing the depth to under 1m.**

With the relining of the main pool last year, the pool's depth was increased to the current level of 1.4m at the shallow end. This is not an issue for adults, but definitely an issue for younger children, especially as many of these younger children are the main users of the pool with their families, as well as coming along for swimming lessons. With the new depth, majority of children under the age of 8 are struggling to touch the bottom.

This is a huge disadvantage to children who are new to swimming. It means smaller class sizes for safety reasons and the children must wait at the platform for the instructor which results in concentration issues and the children feeling the cold while they are waiting for their turn.

Our toddler pool is a lovely toddler pool ranging from 10cm and 30cm. Our main pool starts off at a depth of 1.4m. What many parents of young children have been asking for over the years is a third pool to be considered which meets the needs of children learning to swim who can't touch the bottom of the main pool. This could be sited in the seating area towards the deep end of the lap pool. That area is underutilised and provides plenty of room for a small pool (8m x 15m). Alternatively extend the existing toddler pool to accommodate all these users. The other option is to investigate a removable separate 'block' which would fit right across the shallow end of the pool, reducing the depth to under 1m.

- **Pool slide**

In the 2010 Vision plans there was the potential for a slide to be positioned at the Reefton Swimming Pool. The Reefton community still wants a slide – we would love to see more activities offered at the Reefton Swimming Pool.

- **New roof**

The pool roof is due for an upgrade so when it is, we need to consider an insulated roof which would allow for more comfortable temperatures in shoulder season swimming as well as possibly provide for winter swimming.

Changing room upgrade to be more baby friendly.

It would be great to see a baby change station or fold out table added to the female change room. Many of our users are people with young families and we want the babies to be changed safely.

- **Reefton pool manager**

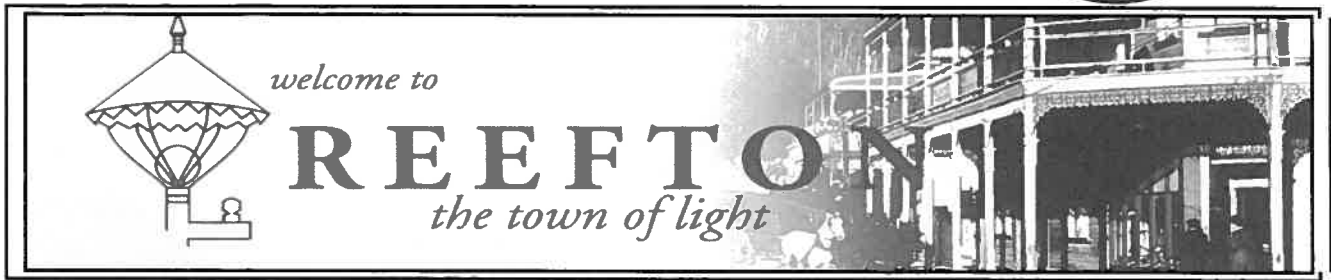
Lastly, we would like to work towards having someone in Reefton who is able to have more input with the day to day operation of the Reefton Swimming Pool – a pool manager. This could be a first step towards Reefton managing the pool on a separate contract as proposed currently with the Reefton Cinema.

With Hayley returning to Reefton and back at the pool this season along with her role as manager of the Visitor Centre it is perfect timing. She has the required skill set, experience and enthusiasm when it comes to promoting and operating the Reefton Swimming Pool and

During the 2014/2015 season she was effectively managing the pool and putting in all of the work to make sure activities such as swim lessons, swim club, aqua aerobics, school holiday activities, pool bookings and social events were promoted, carried out and were able to be a success this year.

So our request – is to have Hayley’s current role formalised into Reefton Swimming Pool manager. Her duties would include those above already undertaken in the 2014-2015 season, but also to have input and some accountability into the Reefton pool budget, staff management, authority to make the day to day decisions crucial to the pool operation, and to get regular financial visitor number reports.

Hayley will be well supported by Graham who operates the boiler – between the two of them, Council should feel confident.



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Key Issue: For Reefton Inc/Reefton i-site to manage the Reefton Cinema, which operates within the theatre area of the Reefton Community Centre.

As part of this to manage the bookings for use of the theatre among theatre users, which include the Reefton Cinema and performing arts (ROARS, the local operatic group and visiting shows).

Background:

- V2010 funding for the Reefton Community Centre bought and installed AVE digital projector and relevant equipment for the Reefton Cinema
- Digital movies began screening April 2014
- 2014-2015 year, the NBS Theatre has continued to manage the Cinema
 - o Accountability for the cinemas operation
 - o Accounts, staff, movie selection, etc
 - o The admin and marketing undertaken by the Reefton i-site on a contract rate
 - o Projectionist, Trevor Johns employed on an hourly rate via NBS

Reefton Inc/Reefton i-site proposal to fully manage the Reefton Cinema:

- An agreed contract with the BDC to operate the Reefton Cinema based on an annual budget / right for renewal for three years
- As part of this to manage bookings for the whole theatre area
- Council continues to own cinema equipment, allow for its depreciation and include theatre maintenance in their budget, along with the contract for operating
- Operation includes
 - o Direct accountability for the Reefton Cinema operation along with the bookings for the whole theatre
 - o Full financial management, movie selection through to payment, admin
 - o Employment/contract of all theatre staff



Advantages to Council:

- Retaining cinema operation maintains regular and positive use of the theatre within the Community Centre
- Removal of potential annual loss / risk of budgeting deficit increasing – we take the risk
- Freeing up of staff time (NBS staff/BDC council charged as overheads)
- Positive community partnership where Council still maintains obligations – Council sets kpi's and contract; the community manages the operation

Advantages to the community:

- Reefton Cinema run by the Reefton community with ability to rapidly adapt to current trends and opportunities
- Movie selection streamlined to local audience
- Opportunity for input from the cinema committee for movie selection
- Actively manage our own marketing
- More chance of local sponsorship/involvement by businesses and community organisations
- Greater revenue stream to the Reefton i-site – assists with the sustainability
- Accountability rests with Reefton community - more focus and energy into the cinema's operation and marketing

Reefton has movies now..... what has Council to lose.... The Visitor Centre has much to gain.

Marketing

Our plans for improving the promotion of movies in the community

	Currently doing	Additional marketing currently being put in place
Facebook	252 likes - Upcoming movies posted, usually day before or on the day	- Posting weekly movie schedule - More regular posts - Encourage/provide incentives for movie reviews / comments to get people talking - Using more trailers
Rn website	- Currently posting, good format, lots of info, kept updated	- Tab to movies direct from homepage view - Remove old movies from list - Put on trailers - Put on some images - www.reeftoncinema.co.nz should take you there?
Clarion	- Weekly poster in clarion, looks good	- Emphasize the days showing movies – maybe along bottom of clarion pages as footer
Posters	- Around town, A3 and A4	- Check re best locations; best poster size etc
Email	- Currently once a week to a mailing list of 57 pax	- Good format, movie schedule in body of email as well as an attachment
Televisions		- Within town, visible 24 hours & inside key places incl i-site
At community centre	- Posters on doors and inside - 'Movies tonight' sign out early on movie nights	- Better market the movies both when centre open as well as 24/7 – make it visible from Broadway
Local groups	- Currently 'open to options' if groups enquire	- Identify fundraising opportunities for local groups and go out and talk to various groups
Business support	-	Sponsorship and/or business film underwriting proposals – target one/month
Trailer advertising		- Look into for local businesses
Shop	- Currently 'making do' with small room away from main entry flow for ticket and shop sales	- Better range of drinks, rolled ice creams etc - With cinema upgrade need to improve the location and layout of the shop and provide for much better sales and promotion space etc
Admissions	Admissions set within in district plan	- We need to find the 'best fit' admission price particularly for kids and families
Timing	- Working towards consistent screenings, other community centre users impact	- More consistent times; aim for same days each week?

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Ms-

Organisation (if relevant):

Peter Langford

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

Address:

Phone:

Email:

415 Granite Road Karamea

(03) 782 6650

langford@fionside.co.nz

Key Issue: Rural Drinking Water, Tourism, Earthquake works Reef Pt
Karamea Highway, Rating System

Comments:

Overall the LTP appears moderate but there are areas where it could blow out.

1. Rural drinking water - make the most of all subsidies in a timely manner.

2. Tourism - Until full plan is in place, employ Nobody
- Directly rate those who benefit to do this
- Farmers collectively already pay many levies

3. Reef Pt Hall - serious evaluation required
- Already O&D
- Mine closing -> population drop
Same problem as Karamea

4. Karamea Hwy - essential road - no barge, ship or aircraft services 100% fund

5. Rating review - Take advice and be very thorough

6. Internet + phones for all essential

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Mary Wilson

From: Robyn Langridge <writerobyn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2015 4:50 p.m.
To: Submissions
Subject: FW: R Langridge submission LTP
Attachments: Submission R Langridge LTP Buller 15 2.doc

From: writerobyn@hotmail.com
To: submissions@bullerdc.govt.nz
Subject: FW: R Langridge submission LTP
Date: Fri, 29 May 2015 16:46:10 +1200

Hi there please find attached my submission. I really hope it is valid as really struggled and could not get the on-line form to work!!!! Also the address on your electronic form seems to be wrong as my email has been bouncing back.

Please find attached my submission attached as a word file.

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Regards

Robyn Langridge

Main Road, Punakaiki

Email: writerobyn@hotmail.com
Ph: 022 140 4461

Key Issues.

3) Economic Development

Punakaiki: I support that council is providing \$100, 000 towards a public space at Punakaiki Reserve.

A lack of a community space has been an issue in Punakaiki. I have worked a lot in Punakaiki over a span of 17 years; the fact that there is no building space big enough for public meetings, hosting events/conferences, to use for educational purposes, or somewhere for visiting school groups or university groups to gather has been a real problem. Having such a space will serve to enhance and benefit the community in many ways- including potentially providing a much needed base for other organisations to work with the community, such as civil defense. The population swells to bursting in summer with visitors; I see also there will be many additional opportunities created by such a space, and that it would benefit by creating additional reasons for both domestic and international visitors to spend time in our district. I support this move by council.

Tourism

I have worked in West Coast tourism industry for many years and agree with Buller Councils approach to working in with other West Coast councils and organisations like Tourism West Coast, and DWC on tourism specifically. I do however feel that together with any “group marketing approach” there must be more campaigning and teamwork at a “local” level to involve the residents of each township in promoting its own activities. I feel having our residents all working together with our local authorities and organisations on knowing about, taking pride in, promoting, and actively participating in what is on their doorstep, and creating more “Must-sees” is going to be vital for moving forward. It is the individual positive experiences that sells any location to a visitor, and with web-based ranking websites now, such as Trip Advisor, more and more people are using personal recommendations- either by “word of mouth” or “word of mouse” to plan where they go. An entire local community approach to creating opportunities and positive experiences for all visitors has never been more important.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and Buller Districts Long Term Plan

Many councillors will by now have heard of the TPP.

Currently this agreement is under negotiation without public input. It is 29 chapters long- only 5 of the chapters are known to be about trade. If signed by all 12 nations it would be the largest trade agreement so far in history.

I wish to urge our council consider this issue, if it is not already, and the implications TPP could have for Bullers Long Term Plan, and the people of Buller. Everything from the costs our local public library face when accessing books and information (a chapter of TPP aims to change copyright law and make parallel importing illegal), to the procurement processes undertaken by council, many areas of Buller districts' economic future are likely to be impacted significantly.

I feel one of it's most concerning aspects, is that it is known to contain an ISDS clause- (Investor-State Disputes Settlement clause) which, if New Zealand signs into it, will allow overseas companies/corporations the ability to sue our government for damages at off-shore tribunals (which would act totally apart from our own judicial system), if we try to pass legislation that would cost these corporations money. This could affect Buller Council's procurement activities over the next 10

years- if it ever wished to award local contracts to local companies.

(For a very good description of what ISDS is, and what implication it would have for us if we are allow this to affect New Zealand by signing into the TPP, U.S Senator Elizabeth Warren offers a very good explanation when she addressed the U.S senate recently on 19th May 2015. She also makes reference to how ISDS provisions in trade agreements are already affecting New Zealand's decision making.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcKSeHViMmY>

It believe that Local Authorities, because they represent the individual needs of each region, also should have a voice in such a massive agreement as TPP. Buller is facing a combination of economic challenges specific to this region(including the Holcim closure next year and our waning coal mining industry). If as a nation we are signed into the TPP, especially ISDS (the clause which would give overseas companies the power to sue our Government at off-shore arbitration tribunals), then we face a future of legislating in fear, and our future will be placed in the hands of the highest bidder.

Seven major councils around New Zealand have considered and adopted a resolution (also been called a 'policy solution')- echoing that passed in Auckland city in 2012 asserting to central government that to enter into the TPP agreement should only be done into if it is of benefit of New Zealand, and with adequate consultation with the New Zealand people.

I feel this is a pragmatic well-worded resolution, which lays out the far-reaching implications of the TPP, and shows the concern of the people that such an agreement should only be signed if it is of actual benefit to New Zealand and New Zealanders, and that such a wide-reaching agreement should be done in consultation with ordinary people.

Please see the same resolution below (with Buller inserted):

TPPA resolution for Local Government consideration

That Buller District Council encourages the government to conclude negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Free Trade Agreements in a way that provides net positive benefits for Buller District and New Zealand, that is, provided the Partnership and Agreements achieve the following objectives:

- 2) Continues to allow the Buller District Council and other Councils, if they so choose, to adopt procurement policies that provide for a degree of local preference; to choose whether particular services or facilities are provided in house, by council-controlled organisations (CCOs) or by contracting out; or to require higher health and safety, environmental protection, employment rights and conditions, community participation, animal protection or human rights standards than national or international minimum standards;
- 3) Maintains good diplomatic and trade relations and partnerships for (local region) and New Zealand with other major trading partners not included in the agreement including with China
- 4) Provides substantially increased access for our agriculture exports, particularly those from the Buller District into the US Market;
- 5) Does not undermine PHARMAC, raise the cost of medical treatments and medicines or threaten public health measures, such as tobacco control;
- 6) Does not give overseas investors or suppliers any greater rights than domestic investors and suppliers such as through introducing Investor-State Dispute Settlement, or reduce our ability to control overseas investment or finance;

- 7) Does not expand intellectual property rights and enforcement in excess of current law;
- 8) Does not weaken our public services, require privatisation, hinder reversal of privatisations, or increase the commercialization of Government or of Buller District Council or other local government organisations
- 9) Does not reduce our flexibility to support local economic and industry development and encourage good employment and environmental practices and initiatives such as the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs which enable marginalised young people to develop their skills and transition into meaningful employment;
- 10) Contains enforceable labour clauses requiring adherence to core International Labour Organisation conventions and preventing reduction of labour rights for trade or investment advantage;
- 11) Contains enforceable environmental clauses preventing reduction of environmental and biosecurity standards for trade or investment advantage;
- 12) Has general exemptions to protect human rights, the environment, the Treaty of Waitangi, and New Zealand's economic and financial stability;
- 13) Has been negotiated with real public consultation including regular public releases of drafts of the text of the agreement, and ratification being conditional on a full social, environmental, and economic impact assessment including public submissions.

I believe New Zealanders have the right to determine and drive their own futures, to manage effectively the resources that we have here, and create opportunities that will sustain us for many years. I fear under TPP conditions such as the ISDS clause, in Buller, we would not be able to do

this.

I wish to urge Buller District Council to consider adding their voice, along with those other Local Authorities who have already done so around New Zealand, and also consider adopting this stance.

**If Buller council would not see such a resolution as being a good fit for the Long Term Plan process, then I please seek that it may be tabled at a future council meeting (including public forum) by myself or other concerned members of the community.

Many thanks, in advance for your consideration.

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Submitters details

Name: Brian Hateley

Organisation (if relevant): n/a

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

Address: 62 Bulls Road RD 2 Westport

Phone: 03 789 7916 or 0274 316 318

Email: blnh@xtra.co.nz

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Road maintenance of Bulls Road, including permanent seal.

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

My concern is the poor condition of Bulls Road especially the northern end of approx 1.5 km . This section has five resident households with daily use of owners, farm staff and support people, school buses and milk tankers ,etc... and is a through road to Wilsons Lead and all its farm network.

The road is very dusty in the summer months and very pot holed the remainder of the time. This twisty and hilly section of Bulls Road by its nature; creates the problems mentioned and could be avoided if the section was sealed.

Heavy braking of milk tankers, etc create more problems as they exit Bulls Rd onto Cape Foulwind highway.

Council should extend this entrance by 150 meters to overcome this problem

Would Council also consider contributing to a further extension of say 1.5 km with contributions from adjoining land owners in the form of a target rate.

Thank you
Brian Hateley.

ps. Congrats to the grader driver who last week not only graded the road, but removed the ever increasing verges and restored the road width to its former glory It is dryer in the wet and also much safer as well.
A very quick and economical fix.
thanks

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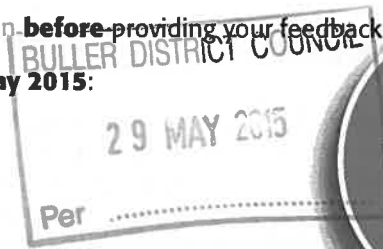
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Submitters details

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Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

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Phone: 789-8787

Email: MH.WESTPORT@GMAIL.COM

I ask that council give full consideration to the following....

> **GOVERNANCE.** More and better governance is required by elected councillors. Councillors are presented with the draft LTP estimates giving expenditure figures for each year for the different council departments but in some cases not a lot of real detail as to where the money is to be spent. Councillors are not presented with plans/designs for work to be done and usually know nothing of it till the job is commenced and in some cases finished. Derby St. upgrade and the corner of Packington/Russell St. are examples of this.

> **DRAINAGE/STORMWATER.** These should rank as important to a town as a good water supply yet lag well behind in priority and spending. There are areas in the district that flood regularly in heavy rainfall, Brougham St. Romilly/ Peel St (St. Canice's school area) and Cobden St. are just two examples. Councillors were advised at the March 2015 meeting the cost for Brougham St. remedial work appeared to be in the region of \$1m-plus yet in the LTP only \$400,000 has been allowed for this. Cobden St. and other areas in the district are not mentioned. This work, like water, should come well before any expenditure on the "HUB" complex.

> **DELEGATED AUTHORITY AMOUNT** for tenders should be lowered considerably so councillors know what is being tendered and the costs. This would also give for better governance.

> **FOOTPATHS** should have a planned upgrade program that gives a quality footpath, better a bit less and good quality, than the haphazard cheap chip approach we appear to have at the moment.

> **ROADING RESEALS.** At present ratepayers are getting poor value for money with some roading reseals that are being done – "seal over what's there" – instead of repairing/upgrading the base so a better standard of road is maintained. Packington St (outside TRT) is a good example.

> **LIBRARY RENTAL BOOKS.** The LTP estimates indicate 2015/16 spending on rental books for Westport at \$52,800 and an income of only \$37,000, a loss of \$15,800. Reefton library spend of \$16,000 and income of only \$3,500, a loss of some \$12,500 - making a total loss \$28,300. No business in their right mind would budget for a loss like this. Spending should be reduced to match the income.

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> **BULLER HARBOUR DREDGE AND TUG.** Disposal of these should not be considered for some four to five years after Holcim finish cement production. The effects on the town of Westport if no dredging is undertaken, through a build up of gravel and sand on the river bed, could be serious in time of flooding plus if coal comes back into full production there is always the possibility the port will be required again. In the meantime we have a fishing fleet that gives considerable employment in Westport, to be looked after and encouraged. Recreational boating, through a deeper water access, also needs encouraging.

THREE YEAR REVIEW OF LTP. I would ask that council take all possible steps to have this costly government requirement removed from the regulations. The present government are looking to see how they can cut red tape and costs for ratepayers and local government so it would appear to be a good time to make a push for this regulation to be removed.

As requested by councillors, after my Public Forum presentation to Council on the 27th. May, I present the following submission on **PETITIONS V SUBMISSIONS** and request extra speaking time above that allotted for my other submissions, if required, to cover this topic as it was requested by council that that it be presented in this way.

Under the Council regulations (see first Draft Long Term Plan 2015/2025 page 13)

YOU CAN MAKE A JOINT SUBMISSION: You may like to share your ideas with others etc.

PETITIONS ARE ACCEPTED: Please note petitions are treated as one submission, etc.....

In the English language there are different meanings to the words PETITION and SUBMISSION and they can be found in any English dictionary.

PETITION.. is shown as - **Formal request** signed by many people and presented (to Parliament etc.)

SUBMISSION.. is shown as – **Something submitted for consideration.**

There is a vast difference between **requiring something be done** and asking **that something be considered.**

While it must be acknowledged that the chances of a PETITION being presented at the same time as SUBMISSIONS are being called for are slim, it has happened in the past, it must be acknowledged that the two are different and should not be lumped in together as one.

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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: PETER MOYNIHAN

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

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Key Issue: Economic diversification HORTICULTURE

Comments: That the promotion of and support for horticulture be given a higher priority in the long term economic development district plan.

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

Margaret Montgomery

Organisation (if relevant):

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

No

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37 Donnett St

Phone:

789-7043

Email:

westportholidaypark@xtra.co.nz

~~Issue:~~ * Westport's water-^{main} pipe line should be replaced immediately & not put off again - reports have been tabled for over 10 years and costs **Comments:** continually increase - enough paperwork has been done - action & better water delivery is needed.

* Westport Dredge & Kawitiri tug boat - should not be sold. Out sourcing contracts will increase revenue. The short term gain by selling the dredge will end in a massive expense to the ratepayers over coming years, in potential flooding, loss of employment, the fishing industry, and coal across the bar will be severely effected by bar depths.

* Housing for the Elderly - with an aging population more modern units are needed ~~de~~ deteriorating building them will only lead to increased costs and social issues. Elderly people need to be near family's.

* Marketing money is needed to promote the Buller District - providing staff is fantastic but marketing dollars is also needed.

* Roading - Save money by not doing "knobs" - (traffic calming) on Derby street and all other streets that are planned. This is a nice to have but continued expense is needed for garden maintenance. This money would be better spent on footpath replacements and signage.

* Rating Review needs to continue before we have our GV valuations updated. The anomalies need to be corrected.

* Metered Water needs to be on all commercial properties (and residential properties in the future). All commercial properties should receive 500 units - not the reduced amount of 400 units since 2012.

* Continue Tourism & Museum support.

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Key Issue: _____

Comments: _____

- * *Freedom Camping - limit areas to outside of the town boundary. Support all businesses who are major ratepayers by encouraging tourists to shop and stay locally.*
- * *Buller Bridge area - yes to picnic area AND playground. No to freedom camping at the town entrance and no to rubbish bins in this area.*
- * *Trade waste - stop charging all commercial businesses for a ~~fee~~ fee/rate that is unfair. All businesses pay for water and sewerage. Trade waste as a fee is something that generates very little money for council and no businesses understand why we pay it at all. The staff time taken up - far outweighs any money collected.*

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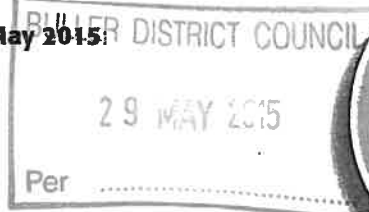
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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

Paul Martin

Organisation (if relevant):

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

No

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48 Brougham st

Phone:

027 375 0755

Email:

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.

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Name: ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.~~ Sheree Cargill

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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Phone: Westport

Email: Sheree.cargill@photography@gmail.com

Key Issue:

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

MARK WIECHERT

Organisation (if relevant):

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

No

Address:

6 NGAHUHE CRESCENT.

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Email:

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Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: ETHAN HUGARITH

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

Address: 276 WARDIA ROAD WESTPORT

Phone: 0277835225

Email: _____

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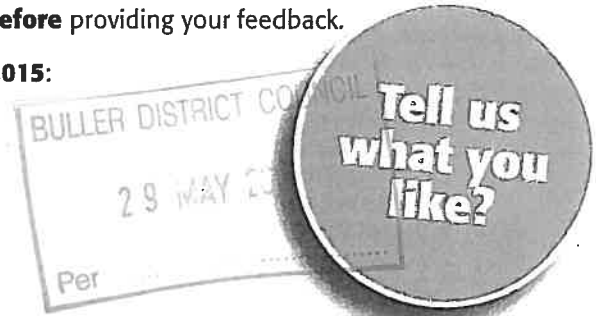
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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Lynde Goldsworthy

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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Email: drammal@yahoo.com

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Bruce Couling

Organisation (if relevant):

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

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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.

Thank you for your feedback

Submissions must be received by

4:30pm Friday 29 May 2015

Anything
else to
comment
on?