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10 April 2015

Ian Wells
25 River Road
HECTOR 7822

Dear Ian

RE ROAD RESERVE RIVER ROAD HECTOR

Thank you for your letter of the 7th April 2015 regards to the grazing of the unformed legal road alongside River Road.

I refer you to my letter of 4th March 2015 which outlines the process that will occur.

I shall include your letters as submissions to the Annual Plan process so Councillors are aware of your views on grazing.

Yours sincerely

Bede Brown
PROPERTY AND RESERVES OFFICER

Cc Mary Wilson – Annual plan Submission

R6/15

4 March 2015

Ian Wells
25 River Road
HECTOR 7822

Dear Ian

RE ROAD RESERVE RIVER ROAD HECTOR

Thank you for your letter of the 17th of February 2015 expressing your concerns about the condition of the mowing of the grass along this area of unformed road. Council will discuss it with its contractor WestReef Services Ltd.

The area is not a a Recreational Reserve subject to the Reserves Act as you describe. It is unformed Legal Road.

Council is aware of the horse that is currently being grazed on a section of this land.

It is likely that as Council looks to cut costs where ever it can that the continued mowing of this area will cease and that the land will be offered under tender as an option for people to graze.

Residents will have an opportunity to comment on this during the Annual Plan process.

Yours sincerely

Bede Brown
PROPERTY AND RESERVES OFFICER

CC Steve Griffin

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL
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25 River Road
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 7th April 2015

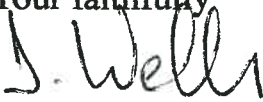
Dear Sir,

With regards to the horse grazing River Road. I would like to complain about the lack of proper care and health in regards to the keeping of the animals, this has directly lead to an increase in levels of fly's and a high risk of infection from the animals(weather it be horse , pigs sheep or cows).

The horse poo in this case has not be picked up and composted in a satisfactory manner given that the owners of the horse has no knowledge of the correct rotation programs applied in farming to ensure animals are not eating from ground infected by their own poo. I would also point out the recognised risk of infection to people with low immunity and elderly people. There is a chap further along River road that claims to have been poisoned, affecting his immune system while myself ,was injured in a car accident at a young age causing a deficient immune system. Regardless of the threat of healthy animals ones poorly looked after, create more of a risk than what is acceptable. While the chap with chemical poisoning appears to be oblivious to the risk of animals, one would also have to ask why he handled poison in a way to seriously affect his health. I believe in some cases council needs to ensure people are keep safe, especially given that this type of grazing can only be described as welfare for the rich.

I believe that council should ensure the correct drenching and pour on dip equivalent is used and several composting bin placed in the area grazed so the 9 month composting period be used to clean the waste into a usable fertilizer.

I have been unable to ascertain the procedure for the granting of lease as a large number of people applied many years ago ahead of the current people. I look forward to a reduction in my rates due to this action taken by council, have you been able to put a figure on the savings yet? I would also point out the 10 odd acres once clean now unusable, by the medical centre used for horse grazing.

Your faithfully

 Ian Wells

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Bede

25 River Road
Hector 7822
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JLLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

11 MAR 2015

Per

To Bede Brown
Property and Reserves Officer

Dear sir,

Thank you for your response to the horse grazing ,which has now vacated the area. As you possibly remember I was one of the original people involved with the clean up and started mowing the area without any expenses to council. It was only the interference from horse owners that caused council to spend money on this project. The general opinion held by many is that horse owners, as those by the medical centre , do not tradition maintain the area as required by law.

To cover the point you raised about the status of the reserve , I have been informed by past enquires that some of the area is road reserve and some being recreational reserve ,depending on who you talk to. See attached copy aerial map supplied by Pat Loader. The line through the field shows the boundary of Road reserve and recreational reserve. I also enclose a copy of p.11 the Guidelines for the management of uniformed legal roads.

To not get too involved in the legal details, the spirit of the relevant Acts are this is land for the enjoyment of the public and those wishing to venture in commercial enterprises should go and buy private land for their requirements. Also there are issues with electric fences interfering with radio frequencies. You bring up the cost of mowing, again I do not believe this is an issue as a large area has been mown for free in the past, at no cost to council. In summary I believe the spirit of the act is against horse grazing on this area.

Yours Faithfully

I. Wells
Ian Wells

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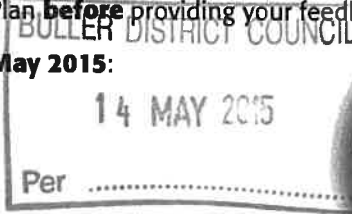
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Phil Murrell

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

No

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Key Issue: 8.

Comments: Regarding all of the key issues - (and this consultation document). It looks to me that BDC have a fairly good idea of what's happening around the district - and what can't be done in the tougher times coming up. Keep up the good work.

The following is more of a side issue to No. 8. I feel that as Karamea is one of the furthest settlements away from BDC's chambers (possibly the furthest) and that we have neither asked for nor received as a community anything but the basics from BDC & others over the decades - it would seem a bit harsh to impose a larger than normal rates hike on the Karamea peoples as a result of the upcoming Rating System Review. It would actually be very, very unfair.

Thank you for your feedback

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Dr. Brian Lewer
Ms Anene Cusins-Lewer

P. O. Box 1526
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Queensland
Australia

Date: 10 February 2015

To:
The Mayor and Councillors of the Buller District Council

P.O. Box 21
Westport 7866
New Zealand

[pdf document emailed to: mayor@bdc.govt.nz ; et al.]

Re: 2012-2022 Long Term Plan [LTP]

This letter is written subsequent to Anene meeting and discussing the issues below with Garry Howard during November 2014. As advised by Garry Howard, we are submitting our concerns in writing so as enable these to be included in the BDC's Three Yearly Review and Re-evaluation of the 2012-2022 LTP.

As owners of four properties in the Buller region we remain enthusiastic and optimistic about development of the district. We thus take this opportunity to highlight five aspects of the 2012-2022 LTP which will require significant review and reassessment.

A - Alternative options for funding and rating:

In light of the recent Buller Rates Overhaul it has become imperative that Alternative Options to the funding of amenities, targeted projects, facilities, services, and (most importantly) future economic development be thoroughly investigated and implemented. We endorse the Mayor's recent statement in the Westport News that the issue of inclusion of land designated as 'Exempt / Exception Rating Zones' is being re-investigated under the rating review process in concurrency with the LGNZ Funding Review Working Group.

B - Water supply systems in peripheral communities:

We request that the BDC conduct a thorough investigation, in consultation with the Ministry of Health, into the current water supply to Granity properties along Torea Street. The (approximately 7-10?) historical community water supply systems are ageing and water quality appears to be of the poorest quality. In our view these properties should be included in all discussions and consultations on water supply and quality despite the small numbers being excluded from any compulsory MoH requirements and/or funding support and/or subsidy. It is only fair that people are made aware of the content of the water they are drinking and using so that they can make an informed decision on whether they wish to accept, change or remedy the current (poorly managed and monitored) situation.

As highlighted in our submission to the BDC rates overhaul hearing, water tested at 162 Torea Street has an E coli count of 200+. This should be of huge concern to all members of the community, especially when seen in relation to the current Health Department drinking water standard requirement that E coli is to be no more than a count of 1. Additionally, an incidence of E coli Pneumonia existing



in the community was recently brought to our attention. This disease is unheard of in a (so-called) First World environment.

Whilst the current (historical) creek-sourced water supply systems may be operating well it is only fair to all that these are tested (at source and point of entry) and monitored with some regularity. We are not proposing that a reticulated system per se be installed, but rather that the community be consulted with, assisted and advised on such a critical issue rather than banishing their water supply to that of marginal or 'feral' status.

It is contradictory that the Council provides for "ensuring public health is maintained" under the Environmental Health regime of testing food premises; yet water supply systems to (smaller) communal groups are not monitored or tested in any way for public health maintenance. Despite the nil rate applied to the Torea Street properties for water supply, it is the BDC's moral obligation to assist and advise the community given that councillors are elected to fulfil the objectives of enhancing the well-being of the community, and doing work for the 'public good'.

Refer to the following extracts from the LTP 2012-2022

page 65 *"Community Outcomes have been defined as what the community sees as important for the whole community now and looking forward."*

These outcomes have been defined by the community and are not specifically restricted to Council functions, as they include everything the community sees as precedence for identifying who we are, how we stand, how we grow, what we value, and how we look after each other now and in the future."

page 66 *"1-Well-being - Council is directly involved in.....Quality drinking water"*

page 69 *"What does Council want - A healthy environment with services & infrastructure to support community health.....Increased community awareness & involvement in health issues."*

page 112 *"How We Measure Progress" on water quality - Year three objective is for - "No confirmed E coli contamination".*

Please refer to ATTACHMENT ONE - SCS water test report dated 25th January 2015

C - Sea Inundation:

Coastal properties along the northern Buller coast (including Granity) are subject to Tsunami and sea inundation due to Climate Change. These are not currently assessed or assisted in any way by either the WCRC or the BDC.

1/ - BDC is ultimately responsible for attending to this issue due to their ownership of the road reserve area along the beachfront. Note that the road reserve designated area is used regularly by vehicles.

2/ - Rising sea levels are universally recognised as arising due to Climate Change. The reliance upon, and burning of, fossil fuels is a notable and scientifically accepted aspect thereof. Note that within the Buller district the reliance upon logging, gold and coal mining activities, and manufacturing industries (for the last century) have no doubt contributed significantly to Climate Change, and subsequently, sea inundation. Thus the primary extractive activities and industries upon which the BDC has based all prior plans for economic development can be seen to have contributed extensively to the current situation. We request that the BDC (in conjunction with Stockton, Bathurst, Holcim, and other such extractive enterprises) address the issue with a degree of urgency by providing the funding, design and programmes for all the necessary protection to coastal properties and assets (private and public) along Torea Street in Granity - and elsewhere.

To date, our queries put to the BDC and WCRC on what options are available to us as private property owners and/or what advice could they offer and/or what actions are in place to address this issue have remained unanswered. It is imperative that proactive consultation with property owners be initiated immediately by the BDC and WCRC on this matter.

Refer to the following extracts from the LTP 2012-2022

page 235 *"16. ClimateChange: Climatic events might lead to increased costs for Council in both responding to events and building greater resilience into infrastructure....Climate change is likely to increase the magnitude of some hazards, therefore it is important to incorporate risk management in the design of infrastructure supporting new developments to maintain the same level of service throughout the design lifetime. The design of infrastructure for land development and subdivision needs to provide for the impact of sea level rise and the increased frequency of extreme weather events.....Council uses the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) guidelines set out in "Preparing for Climate Change, March 2009" for estimating Sea Level Rise (SLR). The next guidelines are expected to be released in 2013 and will be considered as part of the 2015 Long Term Plan."*

Council is thus obligated to make provision for Climate Change in the 2010 Plan.

Please refer to ATTACHMENT TWO - Copy of email communication with WCRC and BDC (no response received from either council to date.)

Additionally, the Emergency Management Plan does not identify or account for potential Tsunami events. It is the BDC's responsibility under their provision of services to assist people in the event of a Civil Defence emergency to inform communities on preparation, action plans and warning systems. It is unclear whether Tsunami warning systems are actually in place along the Northern Buller Coastal regions.

D - Public transport linkages to outlying areas:

There is no public transport link between Westport and outlying communities. This adversely affects fair and equitable access for peripherally located ratepayers; especially pensioners. The broader community can only benefit from a regular transport service between peripheral/rural communities and the town centre of Westport. There may well be the potential for this to be funded via an alternative funding solution such as PPP (Public Private Partnership) or by the re-allocation of rate-funded travel costs allocated to the CEO and others.

E - Creative Vision:

This issue of concern is directly related to the outline of the LTP 2012-2022

Extracts

page 67 *"5~Prosperity - Council is directly involved in:
Employment levels & opportunities*

*Innovation & excellence
Regional growth trends."*

page 75 *"5 ~ Prosperity:*

A thriving, resilient and innovative economy creating opportunities for growth & employment....

What does Council want to achieve?

Provide an environment that supports the retention of current businesses & attracts new business & investment to the region

Provide support for attracting & developing an available skilled workforce

Support sustainable, responsible development, innovation & excellence

Encourage economic growth

Contrary to the optimistic reporting in the original LTP of June 2012 there has been a widely acknowledged decline in economic activity in the area due to the reduction on mining activity at Stockton and Bathurst. Multiple phases of job retrenchments have significantly affected the economic base of the community. It is thus imperative that the District's 'Creative Vision' be re-addressed so as to offer one which seeks opportunities beyond a reliance upon extractive industries.

Clearly, the current 2012-2022 LTP favours industrial and touristic endeavours rather than looking into what other options may provide for the community's economic future. As the LTP is now entering Year

3, objectives may require shifting to allow for changed circumstances and the current reality. 'Buller 2050' on page 174 of the 2012-2022 LTP outlines how services are to be addressed as priorities. It overlooks realistically achievable or visionary goals. Other than focusing on "Resource Management issues" (related to the extractive industries) no forethought or contingency plan/vision for the long term future of the community has been proposed by the Steering Group. Strategically, the revisitation of the Creative Vision is critical to retaining and increasing local population numbers, economic activity, lifestyle and development opportunities for the community.

We thus implore the Buller 2050 Steering Group to seek and explore creative alternatives and potential opportunities that are not reliant upon the extractive industries.

Some 'kickstarting' suggestions —

- other options for farming activities - establishing market gardens and developing a food producing area with an emphasis on becoming a 'foodie destination'.
- educational alignments and partnerships with institutions for courses, programmes, etc- an example is the Queensland College of Wine Tourism [<http://www.qcwt.com.au>] at Stanthorpe.

As the aspects highlighted above are critical to the community, we are hopeful that, as elected leaders of the community, all members of the BDC will ensure that these are integrated into the process of the Three Yearly Review and Re-evaluation; given that the 2012-2022 LTP has stated its overall aim at the promotion of "community well-being - socially, culturally, economically and environmentally".

With thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully

Dr Brian Lewer

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Tell us
what you
like?

Submitters details

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Warren French

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

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Key Issue:

Comments:

The Mayor, Councillors and staff have done an excellent job of the LTP and I commend you all for this. It is clear, attends to needs and also attends to developing a better image for our town amongst the stormy economic times we are going through. Every man, woman + child is entitled to "hope" and I think you have given it. Excellent job!

Issue 1/ Fully agree

" 2/ Yes, very happy with your proposal

3/ Yes, fully agree with this

4/ Fully support modernisation of the Westport Town Centre.

5/ Don't live in Reefton but your approach is sound.

6/ A good approach, this is a very important matter as population ages.

7/ Agree with these policies.

8/ A good result and a good balance.

Central Govt has a role to play to support the "regions." Continue to work as closely as possible with them to get all we possibly can from them. I am committed to this town, I think I can also say the brethren christian community is, we pray for local Govt, Mayor + councillors regularly in our prayer meetings. Continue to use your powers wisely and may God Bless!

Warren French

Thank you for your feedback

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Anything
else to
comment
on?



Tourism West Coast Submission to

the

- Buller District Council on the
- 2015-2016 Annual Plan

28th April 2015

YES – we wish to speak to this submission.

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Introduction

1. This submission is from Tourism West Coast (TWC). If you wish to discuss this submission please contact the Chairperson, Richard Benton, 021 669 026 or email richard.benton@wildkiwi.co.nz or Chief Executive Jim Little, 03 768 6675 jim@westcoast.co.nz
2. The paper recognises the draft BDC 2015 Annual Plan LTP, on behalf of the West Coast Tourism industry.
3. Tourism West Coast also wishes to support this submission in person at the upcoming council submission hearings for 2015.

The West Coast tourism industry – current context

Tourism West Coast, (TWC), is the Regional Tourism Organisation for the West Coast region. The organisation is structured as an Incorporated Society with objectives to:

1. Raise awareness of the West Coast and its tourism offering
2. To encourage a quality regional tourism experience
3. To enhance the West Coast visitor experience
4. To promote the principles and benefits of sustainability accruing from a quality tourism experience

“To get more people, more often, staying longer, spending more.”

TWC is funded equally by the 3 District Councils and Development West Coast, with additional funding from TWC generated revenues. This included a \$136,000 from the West Coast Tourism Industry through advertising revenue.

Tourism is a significant contributor to the West Coast economy, directly accounting for around 12 percent of employment, 6.6 percent of GDP and 9.2% business units. This compares to 5.3 percent, 3.8 percent and 3.9 percent respectively for New Zealand as a whole. When you include wider tourism-related industries the contribution increases to an average of 16% of employment and 9.5% of GDP over the past 5 years (BERL Economics March 2013).

However, recent events, not least the global economic climate and Christchurch earthquakes have provided the sector with some very real challenges.

According to the latest Commercial Accommodation Monitor statistics (CAM) the West Coast region achieved total guest nights of 1,236,572 for the year ending February 2015. This is a +10.8% increase over the previous year and represents an additional 120,450 guest nights @ \$145 = \$17,465,250 income generated directly from visitors. The New Zealand average percentage growth for the same period was +5.3%

These figures reflect recent international visitor arrival data, which record an increase in total arrivals, supported by strong Asian markets (particularly China), we witnessed a return in numbers from traditional markets like Australia, Germany, USA and UK that are important to the West Coast. The UK, USA and Germany for example all recorded increases during the same period which have been added to by increases from China, India and South East Asia. There was also medium growth from the domestic markets particularly events.

These statistics support the notion that Tourism is an important contributor to the West Coast economy and as such TWC argue that it is imperative to maintain and support a competitive tourism sector through adequate tourism planning and funding. Tourism contributes \$309,000,000 to the West Coast with \$47,000,000 of this pertaining to the Buller District and this can be increased with competitive funding for ongoing marketing. With the reduction in mining and dairy incomes it is even more important to work to grow the tourism contribution. TWC has collaborated with Canterbury, Kaikoura, Marlborough and Nelson to develop itineraries for the Top of the South which includes overnight stays in Westport and surrounds.

Comment on the plan; key issues and suggestions

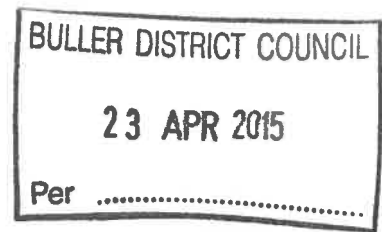
Community Services;

District Promotion and Development.

1. TWC supports BDC's interest and investment in tourism as this helps to position the Buller District as a competitive tourism destination. TWC are pleased to see clearer tourism objectives and measurements stated in the plan and have these relate, where possible to wider regional tourism objectives. TWC have met with BDC management and have held tourism updates in Westport, Punakaiki and Karamea
2. TWC support improved planning of tourism infrastructure and signage. TWC suggest that tourism planning continue to be coordinated across the Buller District promotional activities and Tourism West Coast. This will remove duplication of promotional efforts, improve stakeholder returns and provide for a much stronger and cohesive sector. Meetings with Advance Northern West Coast have been held with this goal.
3. TWC seeks a continuation of funding to the current level of \$86,000 per year with the opportunity to approach BDC for minor funding for specific projects in the future. TWC is committed to seeking additional funding from other sources as part of the midterm plan.

Tourism West Coast is grateful of the opportunity to make this submission on the BDC Annual plan on behalf of the wider tourism industry.

Tourism West Coast is working closely with Buller District Council and local operators and we believe we have rebuilt a lot of credibility and have achieved some positive results. Meetings with Advance Northern West Coast, Punakaiki and Karamea Promotions have taken place.



17 April 2015

Buller District Council
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To whom it may concern,

Submission: The Council Long-term Plan 2015–25 (LTP)

Please accept the following letter and attachments as the Institute's submission on your council's long-term plan. The McGuinness Institute is a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis.

We welcome this opportunity to put forward a few ideas and observations that we hope will prove useful as you and your community work together to develop a long-term plan. This submission takes the form of an overview of our recent work. It is not a prescriptive document, and we have not made specific recommendations. We consider the projects described below may provide a useful context on certain issues when finalising your long-term plan.

Our flagship project, *Project 2058*, began in 2008 and focuses on where we want New Zealand to be in 50 years. Therefore, our research is conducted primarily with long-term issues in mind. Our 2015 work programme is based on our observations from 2014 and can be found on the McGuinness Institute website. We believe that if we want New Zealand to be in a better position in the long term, we need to think local – hence this submission. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Three years ago we provided councils a standard submission, much like we have done today. Firstly, I would like to thank those councils that provided feedback and engaged with the Institute over the last three years. The value of the submission process rests in part in receiving input from many different voices within the community. It should be noted that some of our projects and publications were developed in collaboration with others and reflect the ideas of a wide range of people as a result. All documents mentioned are either attached or can be found on our websites listed at the end of this letter.

This submission builds on the following workshops and projects:

1. *The LocalNZ and LivingStandardsNZ workshops* – the 10 recommendations put forward by youth participants who attended *LocalNZ* – a four-day workshop held in Wanganui and Wellington in 2014 and the 'Living Standards Metaphor' articulated by the participants of the *LivingStandardsNZ* workshop held in December 2013.
2. *Project StrategyNZ* – The findings of *The Government Department Strategies Index 2015*.
3. *Project One Ocean* – The recommendations of a recent report, *Report 10: One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean*.
4. *Project TalentNZ* – The need to create a talent-based economy.
5. *Project Pandemic Management* – The need to prepare and protect our communities.

1. LocalNZ workshop: The 10 recommendations by participants

Our November 2014 workshop, *LocalNZ: Connecting youth committed to local government*, brought together 35 young people from throughout the country. This workshop was run in collaboration with the New Zealand Treasury, Wellington City Council and the organisers of the *A Place to Live* conference (the MacDiarmid Institute and Victoria University of Wellington, in association with the Royal Society of New Zealand, Wanganui District Council and the Whanganui River Maori Trust Board). Participants were tasked with answering the question: *How do regional goals align with national goals, and how might these goals need to change in order to aid regional growth?*

The 35 young people that attended were extraordinary; they were enthusiastic, inquiring and committed New Zealanders ready to engage and support their local communities. The end result, the *A Youth Statement on Regional Goals* booklet, is testimony to their hard work. We have provided a copy of the booklet for this submission as well as enough copies for your mayor, chief executive and councillor's. Below are the 10 recommendations outlined in the booklet (see pages 5–7 for further explanation):

1. Introduce creative information flows between local and central government.
2. Fresh thinking about how local government generates its revenue and matches its expenditure is needed.
3. Develop a deeper understanding of nature in order to have a healthy economy.
4. Harness what regions offer to quality of life.
5. Embrace the differences between regions and the unique qualities each region has to offer.
6. Central government should work harder to enable local government to sustainably make the most of its resources.
7. Tailor the education system for each region.
8. Visionary leadership is needed to benefit the regions, both in central and local government.
9. Build stronger relationships between representatives (MPs and councillors) and government (central and local) through integrity, trust and mutual respect.
10. Introduce the mokopuna clause.

You may also be interested in our December 2013 workshop, *LivingStandardsNZ: Aligning public policy with the way we want to live*, which emphasised the urgent need to better connect young people with their dreams and ambitions. One of the outputs from this workshop was the *2013 Youth Living Standards Framework for New Zealand*; I encourage you to read the 'Living Standards Metaphor' on page 5 of the booklet. Learn more about the workshop at www.livingstandardsnz.org.

2. Project StrategyNZ: Learning from The Government Department Strategies Index 2015

The Institute believes the strategies of central government should be easier to access, evaluate and build upon, particularly as these strategy documents shape and dictate the actions of local councils and community organisations. *The Government Department Strategies (GDS) Index 2015* website contains:

- The *Methodology*, which includes an explanation of our analysis using a scorecard. This scorecard could be used to evaluate the long-term plan itself.
- The *Profiles*, including (a) a link to each GDS document in operation as at 30 June 2014 – affectively creating a single source to access strategies published by any central government department and (b) an assessment of each GDS's content, describing what the strategy document does well and what it does not (published on each GDS profile).
- The *Strategy Wheels*, which illustrate how a core strategy drives more specific strategies and operational plans.
- The *Tables*, which rank each of the GDSs against each other.
- The *Observations*, including a list of seven key messages and examples of good practice.

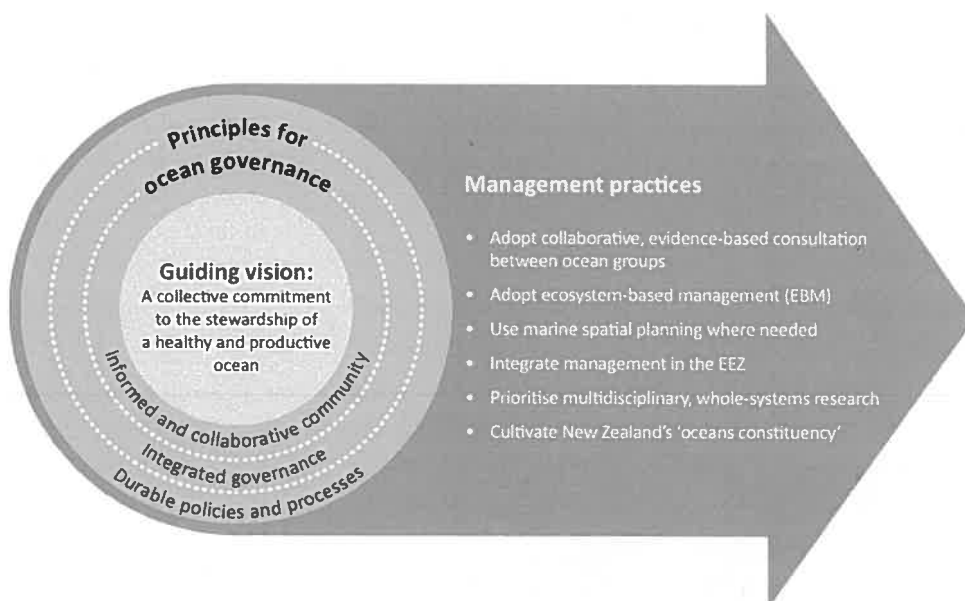
We believe *The GDS Index 2015* is the first of its kind worldwide and that it provides a valuable set of tools for councils to use to ensure their long-term plan aligns and builds on central government thinking and initiatives. You also might like to consider reporting to constituents on how the long-term plan links to other strategies and plans through an illustration of a strategy wheel.

We also consider the scorecard might be a useful way to stress test the content of the draft long-term plan. The six high-level elements that we believe should be included in all strategy documents in the public arena are discussions on (i) opportunities and threats, (ii) capabilities and resources, (iii) vision and benefits, (iv) approach and focus, (v) implementation and accountability and (vi) alignment and authority. Learn more about these elements by reading the attached *Think Piece 21: Strategy Stewardship Matters: Utilising the government department strategies index*.

3. Project One Ocean: The recommendations of our recent report

The *One Ocean: Principles for the stewardship of a healthy and productive ocean* report discusses the role of the oceans in New Zealand’s culture, economy and natural environment. It explores possible solutions to the challenges currently facing the management of human activities in New Zealand’s marine space and recommends the establishment of ocean governance principles to guide decision making. Figure 1 below (Figure 9 in the report) illustrates the report’s recommendations and puts forward three principles to help guide progress towards a shared ‘vision’ – a collective commitment which relies on the support of local government and communities. The full report is available to download on the Institute’s website.

Figure 1: Relationship between the guiding for New Zealand’s oceans, principles for governance and specific recommended management practices



In particular, the King Salmon decision indicates that community interests play a crucial role in long-term planning – not just in terms of land use but also in terms of coastal and marine estate use. The Institute was involved in the King Salmon decision, and our observations are written up in *Working Paper 2013/01: Notes on the New Zealand King Salmon Decision*.

4. Project TalentNZ: Creating a talent-based economy in New Zealand

The Institute believes that creating a talent-based economy in our local communities, and for New Zealand as a whole, is crucial. Creating a talent-based economy is not going to be easy, but councils should be considering

how to *grow, attract, retain* and *connect* talent over the long term. Communities that are able to create a dynamic talent-based ecosystem are more likely to become healthy, wealthy and interesting places to live. The war for talent has begun, and as talent attracts talent, those that create sustainable and durable talent ecosystems (see the *Menu of Initiatives* attached) today are likely to win the war for talent tomorrow. This work aims to progress Sir Paul Callaghan's thinking.

The Institute's *Menu of Initiatives* is designed for councils to review and consider. We recognise that each region, city and town has its own character, personality and skill set; therefore, the *Menu* has been designed with a range of initiatives to suit different contexts. The *Menu* website shows examples of these initiatives in action, so that councils can build tacit knowledge about how to personalise these for their own communities. You may be interested to know we are running two *TalentNZ: Menu of Initiatives* sessions at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference next month (14–16 May). We are also speaking on this topic at the World Futures Conference (24–26 July 2015) in San Francisco.

Later this year we will publish a grow edition of our *TalentNZ* journal, which will include 30 innovative examples of how New Zealanders are 'growing talent' in their communities. If you know of anyone that should be included, please let me know as soon as possible.

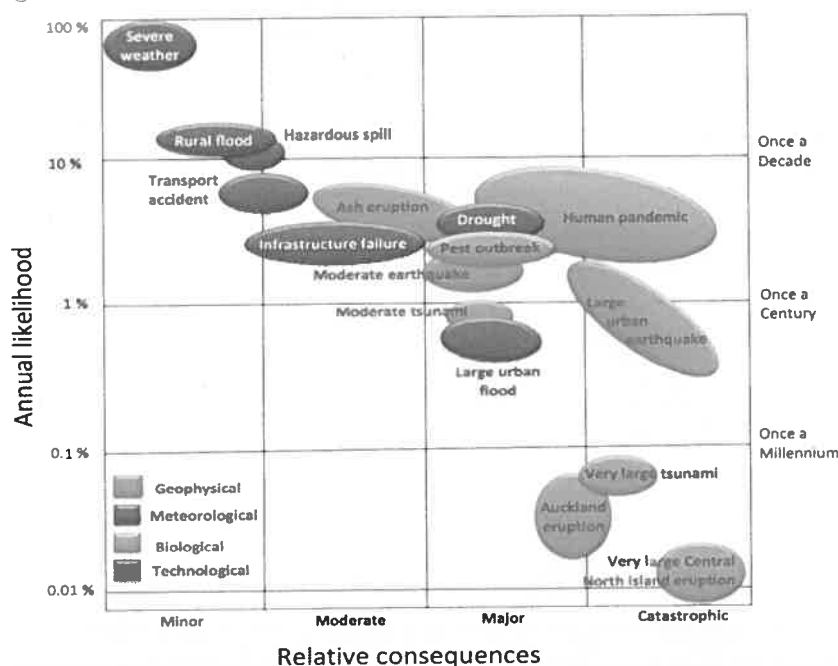
5. Project Pandemic Management: Revisiting our preparedness

In 2006 the Institute completed a project that reviewed past epidemic and pandemic events in order to make New Zealand more resilient in the future. As a result of recent events in West Africa, this project has been revisited, the results of which will be available shortly. At this stage, we wanted to bring to your attention three documents worth reflecting upon when preparing your long-term plan.

(a) Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Civil Defence (8 October 2014)

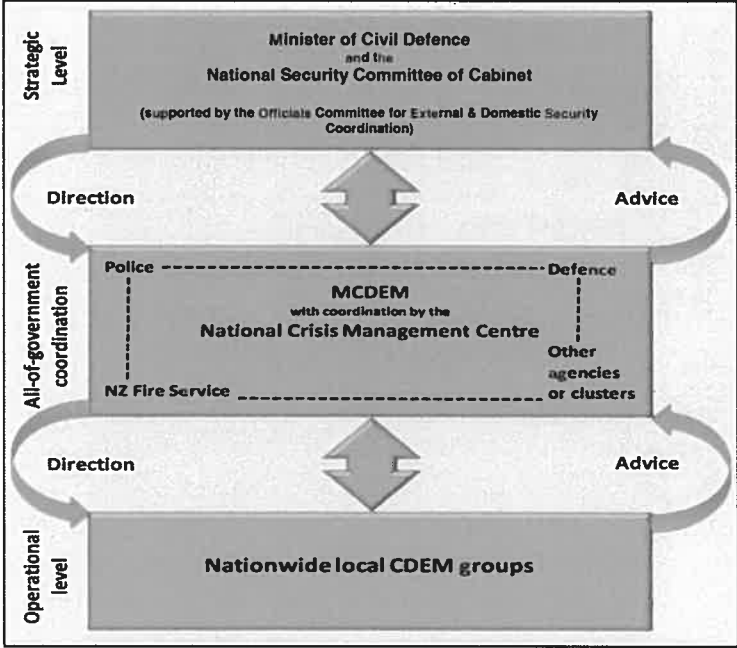
Figure 2 below (Figure 1 in the Briefing) illustrates the likelihood of national hazards occurring over the course of one year and the scale of their consequences. The figure indicates that based on the likelihood and relative consequences, the risk of a human pandemic occurring is the most significant risk facing New Zealand. This explains why the risk of a pandemic should be taken into consideration.

Figure 2: National hazard risks



This document also explains the recent changes, namely the Cabinet Committee on Domestic and External Security (DES) has now been replaced by the National Security Committee (NSC); see Figure 3 below (Figure 2 in the Briefing), which illustrates New Zealand’s national crisis management model.

Figure 3: New Zealand’s national crisis management model



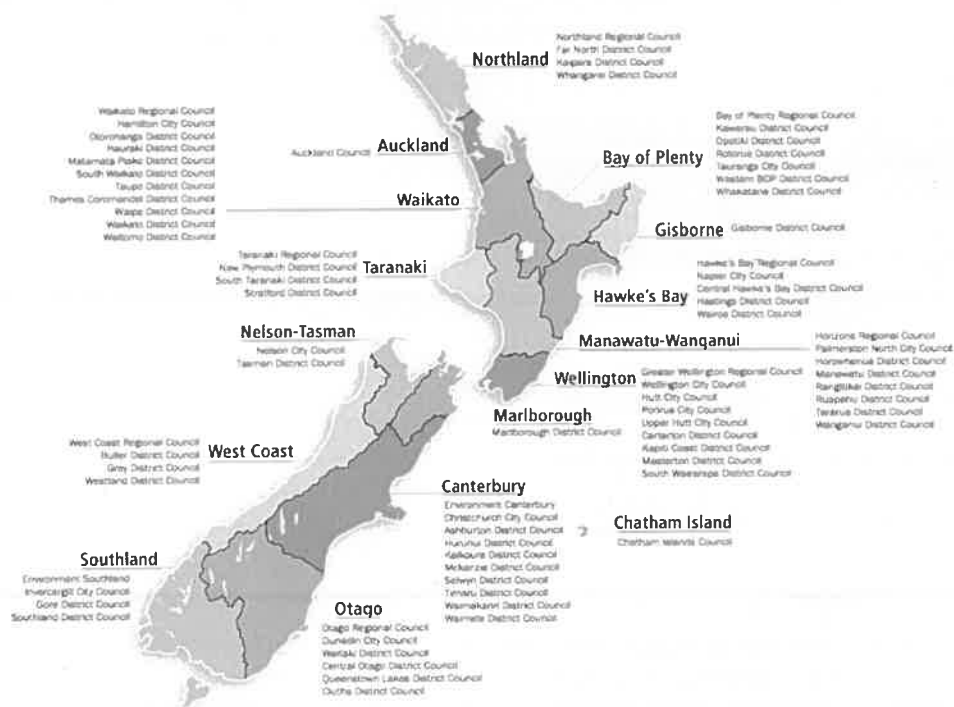
(b) World Health Organisation: One year into the Ebola epidemic (January 2015)

This report is a must read for those trying to equip their communities for epidemics and pandemics. I consider the Ebola outbreak as a slow-motion video of a crash scene; Ebola does not spread quickly (its basic reproduction value was, at its height, about 1.7), but there is a lot to learn about how communities might respond (positively or negatively) to highly contagious viruses, such as influenza, in the future. Another article of interest is James Gallagher’s BBC article *Ebola: How does it compare?* (December 2014), which compares Ebola with other epidemics.

(c) Civil Defence Emergency Management group plans

As a result of this work we learned about the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) group plans (required by the CDEM Act 2002). These plans represent the cooperation and coordination of local authorities with emergency services and other agencies to implement the *CDEM Strategy* vision at the local level. There are 16 CDEM groups formed across New Zealand; each group is made up of elected councillors from each council within geographical boundaries (see Figure 4 overleaf). As required under legislation, each group must develop, approve, implement and monitor a civil defence emergency management group plan and review that plan at least every five years. We think it is crucial that CDEM groups ensure these plans are accurate, relevant, up-to-date and take into account the risk of an epidemic or pandemic. Councils within each CDEM group should be collaborating closely amongst themselves and within the Ministry of Health to optimise the management of their preparedness and emergency response; this will make New Zealand more resilient when disruptive events occur.

Figure 4: Illustration of CDEM groups and their associated councils



Thank you for reading our submission. If you would like to discuss any of these topics in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best for 2015.

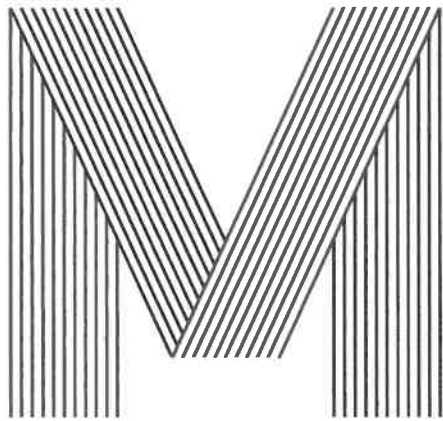
Yours sincerely,



Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive

Attachments:

1. *A Youth Statement on Regional Goals: An output from the LocalNZ workshop* x 13
For more information on the *LocalNZ* workshop see www.localnz.org
2. *Think Piece 21: Strategy Stewardship Matters: Utilising the government department strategies index* x 13
For more information on *The GDS Index 2015*, see www.gdsindexnz.org
3. *TalentNZ: Menu of Initiatives* x 5
For more information on the *Menu of Initiatives*, see www.talentnzmenu.org



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Strategy Stewardship Matters: Utilising the Government Department Strategies Index

Think Piece 21: April 2015
Wendy McGuinness & Madeleine Foreman

A coordinated and long-term approach to strategic thinking is essential for managing New Zealand's health and prosperity over the long term.

The Government Department Strategies Index 2015 is the latest initiative in the StrategyNZ work programme, which seeks to examine the current approach to strategy development in central government and looks at ways to improve momentum and build consensus about the way forward. Government department strategies (GDSs), once published, remain relatively forgotten in the public policy landscape. Are we missing an opportunity to sharpen what have become relatively blunt instruments? This think piece explains the purpose of the Index and how it can be used to bring strategies to the forefront of public policy.

In 2014, under the Official Information Act 1982, the Institute collected a list of 136 GDSs in operation (see definitions overleaf). From reading these strategies it was apparent that many did not provide all the information one would expect in a good strategy document. Currently there are no national guidelines to help policy analysts prepare a good strategy document, which possibly explains the disparity.

The GDS scorecard was developed late last year after a number of discussions. The key question driving the content of the scorecard was what makes a 'good' strategy document good (see Figure 1).

Importantly, the scorecard was designed to examine the content of the strategy document. Therefore, no judgement is made in regard to the quality of the problem definition (i.e. whether the strategy is appropriate given the current policy landscape), the strategic approach or the method of implementation.

Once the assessment was completed, it was then possible to not only rank each strategy by the 22 sub-elements from highest performing to lowest but also to rank each department and sector. These scores were presented visually for each strategy in a radar chart (see Figures 2 and 3 overleaf) and each department in a line graph (see Figure 4).

The results of this process are published on *The Government Department Strategies Index 2015* website – www.gdsindexnz.org. We believe it is a world first in assessing the content of all GDSs for a nation state – a testament to the opportunities that a small country provides.

Seven Key Observations

Analysing all 136 GDSs against the scorecard identified a number of patterns, similarities and variations across GDSs, sectors and departments. The scoring of each GDS enabled us to uncover the more complex relationships underlying the strategy creation and documentation process. These observations are summarised below. For those interested in more detail and examples of good practice, please see the *Index* website (under *Observations*).

1. GDSs tended to describe external environments more critically than their own internal realities.
2. GDSs often failed to document lessons learned from past strategies or from the wider public service.
3. Assumptions were not well articulated.
4. Good structure sometimes masked bad strategy content.
5. GDSs that were considered useful to the public sector were also considered useful for the general public.
6. A number of GDSs read as though they reflected a decision and then back-filled.
7. GDSs often failed to articulate who wins (and who might lose) from implementing the strategy.

There is an opportunity to improve strategy stewardship by focusing on improving the content of strategy documents and ensuring these documents are both accessible to the public and able to be evaluated by independent parties. This research indicates that departments need to work harder to make strategy documents more integrated and better understood across the public service.



Figure 1: The six elements and twenty-two sub-elements of the scorecard used to assess each GDS. Each sub-element held a possible score out of four, except for elements 1.3 and 3.3, which were given scores out of eight to represent their importance. To learn more about how the scorecard works, please see page 6 of the *Methodology*, which can be downloaded from *The GDS Index* website: www.gdsindexnz.org.

How to use the *Index*

Strategy concerns choice. What we choose to focus on, as individuals, communities and a nation, indicates the direction we are likely to travel. Depending on the intensity of our focus and the quality of our strategic instruments, we might drift slowly on a fixed trajectory, only changing direction in response to a disruptive event, or we may move rapidly and purposively, working hard to be proactive, agile and open to emerging opportunities and challenges.

The *Index* can contribute better stewardship in terms of publishing better strategy documents, improving transparency, delivering better public engagement and critical assessment, and developing a deeper understanding of trade-offs and the way forward.

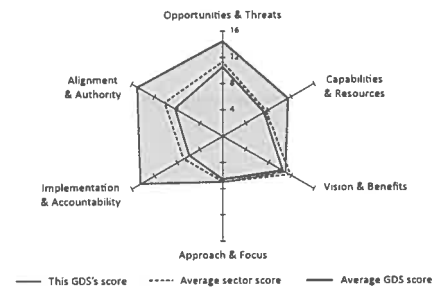


Figure 2: CERA's Recovery Strategy for Greater Christchurch Mahere Haumanutanga o Waitaha radar chart

To summarise:

- Using the scorecard and reading the examples of good practice are two ways institutions can improve the content of strategy documents. See *Methodology* and *Observations* on the *Index* website.
- Local government can use the *Index* to crosscheck their long-term plans against GDSs and build on national initiatives.
- Central government can use strategy wheels to better illustrate the relationships between instruments and institutions, especially when developing further long-term strategic thinking. See *Strategy wheels* on the *Index* website.
- The *Index* can increase the transparency of strategy ownership and improve accountability for strategy implementation.

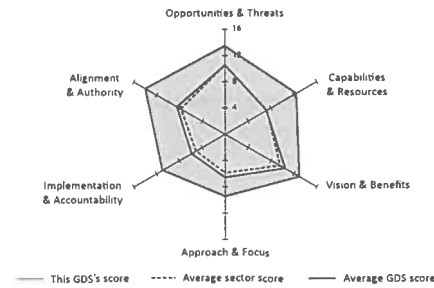


Figure 3: MOH's Rising to the Challenge: The Mental Health and Addiction Service Development Plan 2012-2017 radar chart

The public needs strong strategy stewardship. The *Index* is a tool designed to empower institutions and individuals alike, building a narrative based on hindsight, insight and foresight – the three different perspectives that underlie effective strategy design and efficient strategy implementation.

For the purposes of the *StrategyNZ* project, the following definitions apply:

A strategy: A strategy is about maintaining a balance between ends, ways and means. Professor Freedman, in his book *Strategy: A history* suggested it is 'about identifying objectives; and about the resources and methods available for meeting such objectives. This balance requires not only finding out how to achieve desired ends but also adjusting ends so that realistic ways can be found to meet them by available means'.

A government department strategy (GDS): A 'government department strategy' must:

- be a publicly available statement or report;
- be generated by government departments with a national rather than a local focus;
- contain long-term thinking, in such a way that the strategy links to a long-term vision or aim, and ideally provide clarity over the factors that may impinge on the attainment of that vision or aim; and
- guide the department's thinking and operations over the long term (i.e. contain a work programme to achieve change over two years or more).

A plan: A plan is operational in nature; it focuses on who will do what and when. It does not explore the tensions/trade-offs in the external environment or the strategic ways/options in any detail.

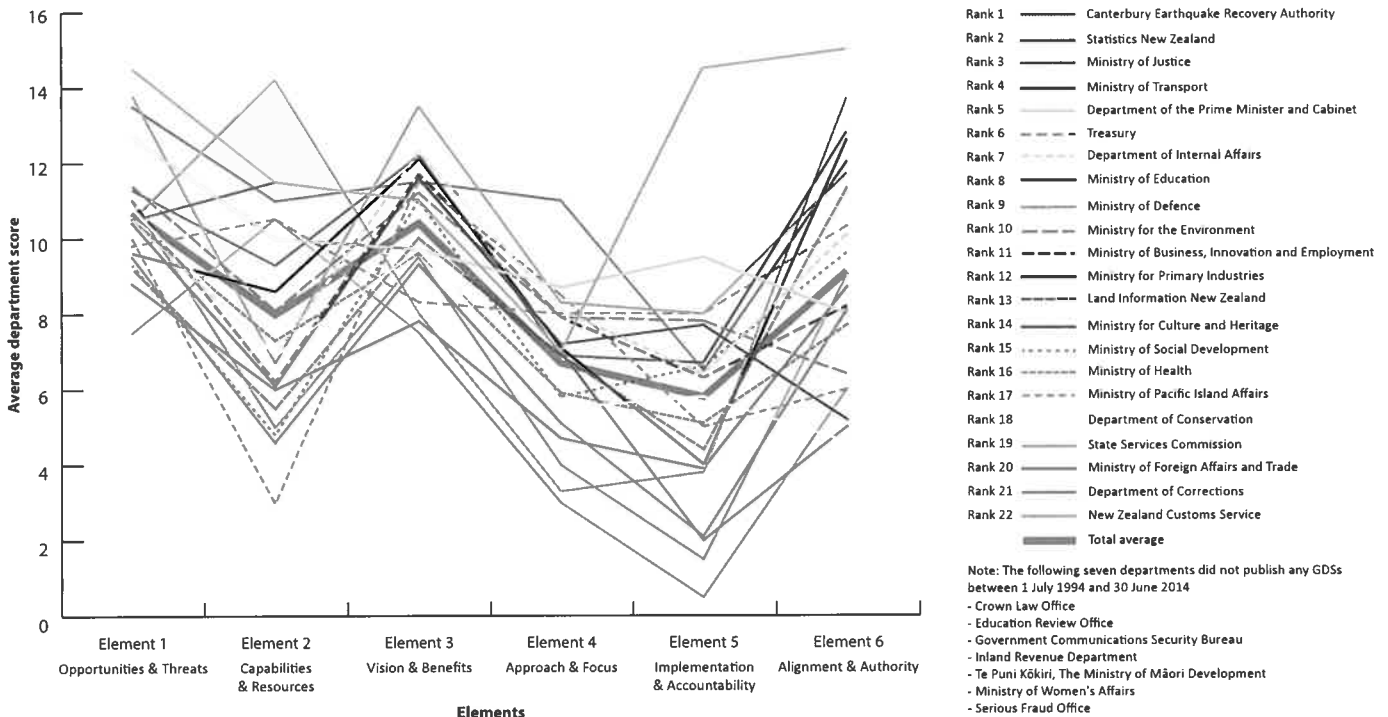


Figure 4: Comparison of average department performance against the six elements of the GDS scorecard

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended our 1 October discussion, 'How can we make government department strategies count?'. We also wish to acknowledge contributions to this project by Stephen Cummings, Professor of Strategic Management, Victoria University; Patrick Nolan, Productivity Commission; James Palmer, Deputy Secretary Strategy, Ministry for the Environment; Rodney Scott, State Services Commission and Treasury; and Simon Wakeman, Productivity Commission. You can view *The GDS Index 2015* at www.gdsindexnz.org. The Institute will be publishing *Report 15* later in the year, which will build on the *Index* and the *StrategyNZ* working papers; see the *Project StrategyNZ* page on the McGuinness Institute website at www.mcguinnessinstitute.org.

Mary Wilson

Subject: FW: Enviroschools Interim Report
Attachments: Interim Report BDC December 2014-5.pdf

From: Zoe Watson [<mailto:zoe.watson@enviroschools.org.nz>]
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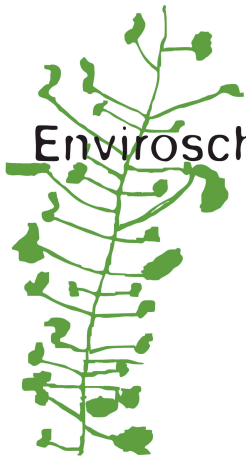
Attached is an interim report on progress of Enviroschools in Buller. Would you please forward on to the appropriate person/s for consideration in the draft Long Term Plan.

We are delighted to have received funding from Buller District Council in the 2014/15 annual plan and very proud of what has been achieved to date in the Buller District. I can see huge potential for your district and look forward to continuing our work in Buller.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Enviroschools Interim Report on Enviroschools in the Buller District in 2014/15

Prepared by Zoe Watson December 2014

Activities to date

New Enviroschools

Two new Enviroschools have been signed to the Programme in Buller. St Canice's School and Westport North School have been on the West Coast Enviroschools waiting list since 2013. They will be conducting waste audits in Term 1 of 2015.

Waste Audits:

Both Reefton Area School (RAS) and Granity School were assisted to conduct a waste audit in Term 3 of 2014. Their data was uploaded to the Measuring Change web-tool, developed by The Enviroschools Foundation to support schools and centres to measure how much waste they generate, and track the outcomes from their actions. Their findings were:

	Granity School	Reefton Area School
Annual cost to manage waste 2013/14	\$1,376 or \$33.58 per student	\$3284.31 or \$16.42 per student
Waste produced annually	1225.55kg	7031.90kg
Waste sent to landfill	600.23kg or 14.64kg per student	4199kg or 21kg per student
Waste going to landfill that could have been recycled or composted	79% or 2.46kgs per day	90% or 19.80kgs per day
Recycling	413.02kg	316kg
Composting (food scraps & compostable paper)	212.3kg	2471.9kg

Whole School Vision

In November, I worked with the newly established Envirogroups at RAS and Granity school to develop a whole school vision map. This map is a broad picture that everyone in the school agrees is the basis for creating a sustainable school environment.

Highlights and Outcomes

As a result of the waste audits conducted at RAS and Granity school, both schools have action plans to reduce their waste and improve on their recycling. Granity school now has a recycling bin for each class and are educating their students and staff on how to use them properly. After finding that 88 non-recyclable food wrappers were produced on one day they have introduced a healthy lunch box award to encourage reusable containers as well as healthy food.

RAS were shocked by the amount of divertible waste they were sending to landfill. Since the audit they started paper and cardboard recycling in the classes and already the caretaker has noted less recycling in the waste bins. The school is investigating either purchasing extra wheelie bins or entering into an agreement with SMART Environmental Ltd.



Left: Granity School students with food wrappers produced in one day (44 students present)

Below: Reefton Area School students conducting a waste audit

Comments from students:

"I was surprised that we used that many packages each day. It really grossed me out!" –

"I'm excited about the things we are going to do to change the amount of waste in our school."



Activity plans to 30th June 2015

Term 1, 2015

- Meeting with the staff at the two new Enviroschools to discuss how to plan and implement a long-term process towards becoming a sustainable school community.
- Assisting the Envirogroups at Westport North and St Canice's to conduct a waste audit.

Term 2, 2015

- A cluster waste workshop will be held for Buller Enviroschools teachers to share ideas and experiences for minimising waste in schools.
- An action day out for the Envirogroup students from each Enviroschool will also be held. Students will rotate around mini-workshops focused on waste and biodiversity. The day will be hands-on and students will learn skills they can use back in their school & community. Local experts and DOC rangers will help to run the workshops.
- Kate Meads, aka the Nappy Lady, has put a proposal together for a Westport Workshop during Cloth Nappy Week (please see attached). If Council would like to proceed with the workshop, Enviroschools will provide time to help organise the workshop.

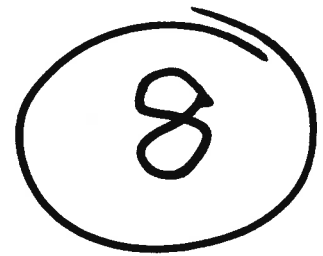
Opportunities – an active network of Enviroschools 2015-2025

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. 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.

Currently there are 4 schools active in the programme, representing 40% of the district's schools. As yet no early childhood centres are involved. Over the next 3-5 years the aim is to grow this network to cover 50% of all the schools and centres in the region. Financially there are efficiencies to be gained with a growing network, e.g. establishing mentoring situations between 'experience' and 'new' Enviroschools, or combining visits to schools and early childhood centres that are on the same physical site.

In the 2014/15 year BDC is contributing \$5,000 to the costs of supporting local schools to be involved and The Enviroschools Foundation is contributing \$19,000, for a total budget of \$24,000. In most other regions the Foundation does not provide this level of financial support for programme implementation, as the regional council provides core funding for the programme. As this is not the case on the West Coast, the Foundation has stepped into this role.

If BDC was able to commit a total of \$20,000 spread over 3-years from 2015/16 to 2017/18, this would provide the support needed to build a strong Enviroschools network with reach in the wider community.



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Key issue:

Achieving buy in from the potential membership of Advance Northern West Coast (Inc).

Comments:

Page 8 of the draft Plan Consultation Document includes the following:

'Council's direct support will be capped and continued support will only be available if the Council can be satisfied that the tourism industry has organised itself to a membership structure that provides any additional funding requirements from its own sources.'

With the formation of a new organisation (Advance Northern West Coast (Inc)) representing the interests of the hospitality and visitor sector in the Buller we have already completed one requirement of this statement - we have organised a membership structure. The second part of that sentence - providing additional funds from our own sources is much more problematic.

Members of our organisation have been in continuous dialogue with the Council over the past few weeks and we understand the direction being proposed by the Council, albeit one that is challenging in the current economic climate. We agree that there is the potential for healthy growth in our sector and that current resources are underutilised.

We acknowledge and thank the Council for the financial and other assistance we have received to date.

The establishment strategy for our organisation is:

- 1. Achieve credibility with key partners (BDC/DOC/TWC/DWC/others)*
- 2. Participate in the Council's LTP process to achieve outcomes which will enhance achievement of our goals (to be defined in the Advance Northern West Coast Incorporated) strategic document)*
- 3. Achieve credibility with key communities and media nationally and in the region*
- 4. Obtain incorporation of and implement all requirements of the Constitution and Rules (e.g. appointment of officers)*

5. Achieve financial engagement with all potential members of the new Incorporated Society (a comprehensive list of potential members will need to be established and a membership and fees structure will need to be agreed on)

6. Finalise a Strategic Plan in collaboration with key partners.

At this early stage in our development our basic request to the Council is to continue to provide assistance in achieving these goals. We would also request that a longer term (i.e. more than one year) horizon of commitment be included in the final document.

Other comments from our committee regarding the plan are:

- There is a lack of clarity in relation to the status of current P & D finances. We would appreciate advice as to the actual amount collected in the current financial year, what has been spent (and on what) and what funds may still be available. If there are unallocated funds we request that these be transferred to our organisation - having agreed to take up the principal promotion and development role in the Buller we believe that such funds should be made available to ANWC. This will enable us to be more effective in launching our membership campaign and other areas such as website development.
- Our committee has considered our options for funding the work we do, and have some suggestions for Council to consider. The first of these would enable a “fast start” for our organisation whereby a small rates levy is applied as a “one off” start up measure - an amount of \$10 or less per ratepayer would provide a significant boost.
- We have also discussed whether Council would be prepared to offer some sort of “one for one” contribution, whereby the Council grants ANWC an amount based on the number of members who sign up to the organisation. This would enable us to go to our potential membership with the offer of unlocking some additional BDC funding for visitor promotion if they get on board.
- We also have queries regarding the establishment of a part time role that is funded by the council. This is an area we would like to have some active engagement in with regards to how the role is structured, where the person would be based and who are they are accountable to.

Shifting the funding of promotion for the district from a targeted rate to a voluntary contribution is a significant change in Council policy. We note that there will continue to be support funded from general rates and we wish to emphasise that this continued support is going to be crucial to the future of economic development, not just in our sector but to the local economy in general. More visitors mean more financial benefits throughout the community.

All of the members of this new organisation are putting a great deal of voluntary effort into ensuring that we develop a professional credible organisation which is working closely with all of the stakeholders organisations involved in our sector. We appreciate that this is a time for

fiscal restraint and that funding can only be forthcoming where there is a degree of surety about financial payback. Our challenge is to make changes which will prove that investment in growing tourism will achieve economic growth for the region. There are very few such opportunities at the present time.

It is difficult to focus on specifics until our Strategic Plan is signed off - and because this is a process which involves communicating with our key partners (including BDC) a final version of our Plan will not be available for a number of weeks - certainly after the adoption of the Council's Long Term Plan. Meanwhile we are working on issues like a membership drive, talking to potential principal sponsors, identifying key assets, statistical data for measurement purposes and so on.

To summarise, what we would like to see in the Final Long Term Plan is an acknowledgement that we have made a significant start and that the course we are charting is one which will deliver the economic benefits the region needs for a sustainable future. Such a statement will assist us with achieving our establishment goals listed above.

We look forward to continuing our communication with the elected Council and Council staff, working together to realise the potential we have to make a significant contribution to growth in our region. We would also like to see a longer term commitment evidenced in the Final Plan (perhaps this is in the full draft document but has escaped the attention of the writer!)

As a final point - we think that the Council has done a good job with the processes involved in setting the long term direction in its area of responsibility and we wish the Council all the best in their endeavours to set a path which will benefit all in our region.

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Key issue:

For Karamea to be a place that is hospitable, safe, and productive – a place that is distinctly Karamea, where we can live, share, play, celebrate, prosper and welcome others.

Comments:

The above is our Vision statement and we see the Council as a key partner in achieving that vision. We have been in continuous dialogue with the BDC for some time now and all of the work we have done to date is encapsulated in the documents which are lodged with the Council and which are available on the BDC website as part of the LTP process. This submission will not repeat all of the information already in those documents but will focus on how we can achieve the outcomes arising out of the community consultation processes already undertaken.

The draft Plan states:

“The Karamea community needs to decide through the draft Long Term Plan submission process the desire to move forward on these projects.”

We do not intend to state a position either for or against the two projects identified in the draft Plan - the members of our group have been careful to ensure that we are not seen as being in competition with the Multi-purpose Centre project because in a small community like Karamea this would create a climate of conflict which would not be helpful in achieving a harmonious consensus. We can state however, that in the consultation process we carried out there was a strong message to make better use of existing buildings and infrastructure rather than building a new facility.

We do not believe another survey would be necessary or helpful - our small community has probably reached a point where more surveys would be seen as pointless.

Turning now to where to from here - within the framework of the Plan set out in the abovementioned documents our group has identified the following as starting projects within what will be an overarching long term plan for our community.

Karamea Community Consultation Group

Start up projects

1. A landscaped traffic calming/slowing feature coming into Market Cross from the south (but also including other entry/exit points into and out of Karamea/Market Cross and Little Wanganui.)
2. Specific walking track opportunities such as connecting Market Cross with the Karamea River and its waterways.
3. A connection to the seascape/beach on the public land giving access to the beach after exiting from Little Wanganui
4. Implementation of the existing landscape plan for the area by the bridge to the south on the true left of the Karamea River
5. Commencement of a feasibility study and costings for improvements to the Community Building in Market Cross (formerly known as the RSA)

These priorities were set within the following parameters:

1. **Must** be in alignment with the principles and proposals recorded in the January 2015 “An Urban Design for Karamea”, documents Parts I and II as submitted to the Buller District Council. Priorities already recorded are:
 - a. Establishment of a walking and cycling strategy and plan for the district (including mountain biking opportunities in Kahurangi National Park and other hinterland areas, local cycle/walkways and cycle ways integrated with existing roads)
 - b. A community heart/hub development plan focussed on Market Cross as the centre
 - c. Establishment of a Little Wanganui landscape plan
 - d. Establishment of a landscape strategy and design plan for the Karamea area (including issues such as appropriate plantings for particular ecosystems)
2. **Must** be fiscally responsible, particularly in relation to any significant maintenance or other ongoing costs which may accrue to the local community
3. **Should** be good prospects for revenue and fundraising applications.
4. **Should** be in alignment with the objectives and operational requirements of stakeholder agencies (e.g. BDC, WCRC, DOC, NZTA, DWC, etc)
5. **Should** be projects which can be commenced (and preferably completed) within the current fiscal year (ended 30 June 2016)
6. **Should** be projects which show tangible and observable results which will provide real benefits to the community

Most of these projects will require work by professionals (landscape architects/builders/architects) and the process by which these are selected and how they can be paid for will need to be resolved. The Group will be asking the Council before December of this year for money to fund these projects.

There is also an issue relating to the status of our group and the probable necessity (particularly in relation to funding applications) of becoming a legal entity - which might include reactivating Karamea Community Business Ltd which is currently in recess.

It is important to emphasise that we do not have an expectation that the Council is going to be the only agency with which we have a partnership relationship going into the future - there are going to be many other organisations who will be playing an important part in ensuring that Karamea is a viable and strong community for future generations. We have already engaged with some of those organisations.

There is insufficient time within the LTP process timetable to resolve the detail involved with the five projects detailed above. We see that resolution (in conjunction with other agencies such as DOC and NZTA) as a continuation of the dialogue we have already been having with the Council. What we need at this stage to ensure continuity and sustainability of the work already done is ratification by the Council within the Long Term Plan for our “bottom up” approach to planning for a prosperous and vibrant community at the top of Tai Poutini.

We look forward to a positive response from the Council and its staff.

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

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SAVE the form BEFORE emailing to Council, otherwise your changes will be lost and you won't have a copy.

Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Excessive speed and dangerous driving alongside the Pony Club grounds in Coates Street, Westport and along Craddock Drive.

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

(see attached)

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WESTPORT PONY CLUB

Club Grounds: **Coates Street, Westport**

President: **Vanessa Brace James**
(03) 789-7981

Submission to: Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025

We would like to bring a matter to Council's attention and request a solution is found before a serious accident occurs, with the real potential for severe injuries and loss of life.

The Westport Pony Club is in the business of encouraging our youth to learn to care for and ride horses. This is a hobby that we believe has immense benefits to young people as it teaches them responsibility, compassion and respect, and encourages maturity and friendship. We actively support membership, and work hard to inspire and foster equestrian skills among all that show an interest.

We believe in the motto of encouraging kids into sports, and keeping them out of court!! We think that encouraging Westport's youth into riding horses can only keep them from being bored in their daily life, and stop them from wandering the streets. It is a lifestyle choice, not just a hobby, and requires an immense amount of time and dedication.

It is heartbreaking to us, as a Club, when we continue to encourage our members, teach and coach them and encourage confidence in their newly found skills, only to find that some people in our community don't show the same respect for our club or members, and, in fact, put them at risk!

We are talking about the people that continually drive past the Pony Club grounds at excessive speed, some not making it! And the continual damage that is left behind by these immature, dangerous drivers, with fences being destroyed and the very real risk of them colliding with our riders and their horses. This is a problem that has been in our area of Westport for as long as we can remember, but with the quality and speed of cars improving, and the confidence of the young drivers at an all time high, we are extremely concerned that there will be a serious accident sometime soon.

The Westport Pony Club is a 'not-for-profit' organisation, and as such does not have a huge pool of funds to call on for the repairs and maintenance of our grounds, but we are continually having to purchase fencing materials and spend time repairing and replacing fences that are being destroyed. This poses a risk to the horses that are grazing in these paddocks, as with fences being taken down they could wander onto the road, and into the path of a vehicle - but most seriously poses a risk to our riders whose horses could be spooked, causing a serious fall, or worse could be hit by the out-of-control vehicles while riding their horses.

Over the Christmas period we had a vehicle go through a fence into a paddock that was home to two small ponies, and a foal. Luckily none of the horses were struck by the vehicle, and they didn't escape through the damaged fence (which was left hanging in mid-air), but it is only a matter of time..... and this is just one example, of many! We were advised yesterday of another incident where a car has careered through a fence (close to the Tiphead road). This latest incident requires even more fence posts and wire to be replaced - it is constant and on-going. This issue is taking its toll on our club, financially and emotionally. **We ask for Council's help in mitigating the risk.**

We have the support of the Westport Police who are aware of the problem, and have been called numerous times at our request, but the drivers have always fled the scene before they can be spoken to. The Westport Police also acknowledge that the Pony Club is helping with youth in our community and supports what our organisation is achieving.

We request that Council seriously consider the installation of SPEED BUMPS to slow traffic and make the area a safer place for our community.



P.O.Box 34
Westport

Ph 03 788 8310
Fax 03 788 8311

Mary Wilson
C/- Buller District Council
P.O.Box 21
Westport

Dear Mary,

Re Funding Applications on behalf of the Westport Pony Club:

'Riders without Horses' is a great concept , It takes me back quite a few years when the late Dud Fox catered for kids who wanted to get into riding , and perhaps came from a family who may not have had the funds to lash out on a pony and tack gear immediately.

Riding, like many other disciplines, teaches caring, obligations and team work, all of which are positive behaviours and I think help set a young person on the right path.

I fully support the re launching of the club, and any funding applications that you may make.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Sampson
Community Constable PSE339
Westport

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Submitters details

Name: ~~Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:~~ Kathryn Bainbridge

Organisation (if relevant): Heritage Jewellers

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

Address: 174 Palmerston St Westport

Phone: 789 8630

Email: Heritage.wpt@xtra.co.nz

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL	
18 MAY 2015	
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Key Issue: Rationalisation of Council property in Westport.

Comments: I agree council must address earthquake strengthening of its buildings. Buildings are a liability unless they are fully utilised. It is a must that council rationalises how it will use its buildings and sell on any excess to requirements. I fully support the upgrading and extension of the Clocktower building to house all councils offices and meeting rooms. This would see Brougham have sold after strengthening. I also fully support the upgrading of the Carnegie library and extension to house the library and the current building then sold. The sale of excess buildings will help offset development costs.

For council to move all offices into the Clocktower & the library to the Carnegie building has a twofold advantage.

- Full use of these iconic buildings.
- Builds on the concept of a town heart and eventual hub.

This rationalisation will future proof the use & life of these iconic building. I also fully support the concept of a promenade on Lyndhurst St & linking Palmerston St with the river

I covered pedestrian area on Lyndhurst from the Brewery to Palmerston St would enhance our Market days & be a great entertainment space.



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I agree with the proposed investigation & timeframe for the replacement of the main pipeline for water into town. I believe the tainting of the taste in the water is from pipes in the township, not from the main line as at our place on Kew Road we have fresh tap water with not bad taste, yet at the shop on Palmerston St the water tastes awful in comparison. The water system will never be "all done!" as maintaining and renewing it is an ongoing process forever.

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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Bronwyn Anderson

Organisation (if relevant): Karamea Medical Assn Trust

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

Address: P.O. Box 154 Karamea

Phone: 03 7826136

Email: bronwyn3@gmail.com

Key Issue: Pensioner Unit Driveway (Karamea)

Comments: Karamea Medical Trust would like to submit that the council upgrade the driveway to the Karamea Pensioner Units with Tarseal.

At present the driveway surface is uneven, making access outside for the elderly residents unsafe. In fact unusable for some, denying them ability to leave their unit alone creating dependancy and depression.

We feel another possible solution maybe a pathway alongside the driveway to the road.

We understand the Council intend to upgrade and create a pathway at the rear of the first built units, which will connect to the pathway alongside the R.S.A.

Karamea Medical Trust are going to upgrade the present pathway alongside the R.S.A, which will also give residents access to the shops.

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Long term plan submission

Bronwyn Anderson
PO Box 154 Karamea
03 7826136
bronny3@gmail.com

I wish to speak on my submission

Key Issue. The Karamea highway needs to stay as a 100% funded road. The main themes in the consultation document are Tourism and Industry both of which are enhanced by the Karamea highway. Most tourists who get to Westport travel to Karamea to see the Oparara basin and its lime stone attractions. Westport gains a lot from the Karamea highway as a lot of Karamea locals shop in Westport. The air field may be improved but I doubt the milk produced in Karamea can be air freighted out economically.

The road to the Oparara Basin also needs to be upgraded. An important part of the local tourism scene is walking and I feel their time in Karamea could be improved by a foot path from the Karamea Bridge to Market Cross especially now that there are more cars on the road driven by tourists.

There needs to be an increase in horticulture through out Buller and ways of getting the produce to market as more people are employed per hectare in horticulture, than in any other land based industry.

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Submitters details

Name: Glenn Irving

Organisation (if relevant): Buller Cycling Club

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

Address: 161 Lower Buller Gorge Rd, RD 2, Westport

Phone: 027 2460940

Email: glenn@solidenergycentre.co.nz

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Support for the Kawatiri River Trail

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

12 months ago I presented an overview of the BCC's plans for the Kawatiri River Trail (KRT). Since then we have completed 99% of the Kawatiri Beach Reserve and now have the KRT firmly in our sights. We have already finished a section of track behind Shingles Beach and cleared a corridor for the remaining tracks around the Lost Lagoon. We have also been seeking funding for the two boardwalk / bridge sections that are key components of the trail and have got through the first round of DoC's Community Conservation Partnerships Fund, with an almost certain commitment of \$86k from them. We also have \$20k from Buller Coal, so are now in the design and costing stage of the project. The funding we sought from DOC was based on using boardwalks for all sections, but we have since started to look at bridge options to increase the visual appeal of the trail. Unfortunately at the time of writing this submission we do not have final costs at hand, but we hope to have a better idea of the final cost by the time of the hearing.

The club has also been in discussion with the NZ Army regarding getting their assistance with the construction of the bridges and boardwalks in November. This will make a huge difference to the overall cost of the project, as well as provide good training for their team. The Army are more likely to get involved if bridges are involved, but these come at additional cost. Our request to council is for continued support for our work by contributing up to \$94k to help us meet the additional cost of bridges and ensure the Army get involved in the project. The final figure is dependent on the design process that is currently in place.

I look forward to sharing the story of what we have been doing with you at the hearing and giving you the opportunity to see what a very small team of dedicated volunteers can do for our town.

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Submitters details

Name: Glenn Irving
Organisation (if relevant): Buller Cycling Club
Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes No *Phil Rossiter*
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Phone: 027 2460940
Email: glenn@solidenergycentre.co.nz

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Old Ghost Road's Burke Creek Bridge

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

The Buller Cycling Club has as one of its aims the promotion of all cycle related activity in the Buller District. We understand that \$110,000 has been allocated for the construction of the Burke Creek bridge on the Old Ghost Road, so our submission on behalf of club members is that this funding remains available.

Cycling has the potential to bring huge benefit to our town and region in years to come, and the Old Ghost Road is pivotal to that. The construction of this bridge will go a long way to ensuring an "all weather" trail is created that makes the OGR as good an experience as possible for those that come our way.

Please continue to support this great project that is being done not just for cyclist, but for the good of the Buller economy.

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Submitters details

Name: David Fielden

Organisation (if relevant): _____

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

Address: 17 Lyndhurst Street Westport

Phone: 021 921 914

Email: dcfmba@gmail.com

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Council's proposed economic development activity

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

I would like to congratulate Council for renewing its involvement in the economic development space. I would further encourage Council to consider the need to resource the activity well above the proposed \$67,000 and create an FTE position with a budget that allow high performance. Yes, I would accept a rate increase if necessary.

It is worth noting, people living outside of the West Coast do not recognise the differentiation of the three Districts; Buller, Grey and South Westland and whilst my primary concern is for Buller, I would recommend a combine joint approach to economic development and I would support BDC to act in unison with the other West Coast Councils in this space. This might include a joint district plan, building code and ED strategy & policy.

Further, I believe that DWC should be encouraged to be more proactive and lead the activity.

David Fielden

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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: Mrs Terry Hayes

Organisation (if relevant): N/A

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

Address: 24 Hartmount Place, Punakaiki, 7873

Phone: 02102784772

Email: terryhayes@hotmail.com

Key Issue: Community Centre in Punakaiki

Comments: I am writing to congratulate the council on budgeting 200,000 towards a community facility in Punakaiki. I would also like to encourage the council to follow through on this. There is huge support & enthusiasm in the local community for this project and I believe with initial funding from the council we would be able to raise the rest of the funds needed to build a facility to foster our community.
Thanks
Terry Hayes

Thank you for your feedback

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25 May 2015

West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition
C/ PO Box 544
Greymouth 7840

To: Buller District Council
PO Box 21
Westport 7866

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Submission to the Buller District Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025

The West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition is a group of organisations and individuals who share an interest in supporting West Coasters to live healthy lives free from the harms of tobacco smoking. We welcome the opportunity to submit to the Buller District Council's long-term plan.

Introduction

In New Zealand and most other countries around the world, tobacco smoking is the biggest single lifestyle factor contributing to premature sickness and death. This is especially so here on the West Coast, where the smoking prevalence, at 20.5%, is 25% higher than the national rate (15.1%), and our overall health status is correspondingly lower than in most other regions.

The harm caused by tobacco world-wide has been characterised by a leading US public health expert as "the worst public health failure in history" (Blum, 2010). New Zealanders have set themselves the nationwide government-endorsed goal of Smokefree New Zealand 2025. This means that by the year 2025, fewer than 5% of

the population will still be smoking. Achieving this will require concerted action on three fronts:

- support for smokers to quit (e.g. local health services, and Quit Line);
- effective tobacco control laws and regulations (e.g. plain packaging, and tobacco tax increases); and
- maintaining and extending smoke-free environments.

This last area of endeavour is very much within the scope of District Councils, who can enhance community wellbeing in simple and positive ways that are both cost-free and proven to be effective.

The rationale for smoke-free environments is two-fold:

- avoiding the harm caused by second-hand smoke (e.g. in the workplace), and
- 'de-normalising' smoking as a visible behaviour.

Therefore, smoking has diminished potential appeal to young people who are the 'recruits to smoking' sought by tobacco companies to replace older consumers who have quit or died.

Submission to the Plan

We note that in the Community Outcomes section of the Plan, the "Council advocates: life expectancy, access to health care (services and programmes), [and] new health initiatives" (p.52); and that the Council wants to achieve: "a healthy environment with services and infrastructure to support community health", "a place where people feel welcome and have a sense of belonging", "increased community awareness and involvement in health issues", and "safer environments for residents, business and visitors to enjoy" (p.55).

We applaud the Council for expressing this commitment to community well-being, and in this context we wish to submit the following:

- That the Buller District Council endorses the goal of Smokefree New Zealand 2025. This tremendously important aspirational goal was formally endorsed at national level by Government in March 2011, and more recently at local level by, for instance, the Kaikoura District Council. We note that endorsement of Smokefree 2025 is in line with the current Buller District Council policy on "Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces", and the Council's expressed support for healthy environments and enhanced personal and social well-being (as above).

- That the Buller District Council makes its pensioner housing units smokefree, in line with its current 'Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings and Public Spaces' policy (applicable to "Council owned or controlled buildings"). This would not exclude current or future tenants who are smokers; it simply directs that there be no smoking inside the units. This is already common practice with private residential landlords, in the interests of maintaining the value of the property asset on behalf of ratepayers (by extending the time between interior upgrades), and benefitting the health of tenants and visitors.
- That the Buller District Council extends its current Smokefree Environments policy to include all outdoor dining areas on Council-owned land (e.g. footpaths). Community surveys, and responses to the implementing of this measure in other districts, show that this would receive wide public support, including from people who are themselves smokers. We also note that it directly accords with the Council's expressed commitment to community health and well-being.
- We commend the Council for its exciting Westport Town Heart vision, and we submit that the Council considers designating as smokefree the new town square and central civic hub and associated public open spaces.

These proposed extensions of the Council's current smokefree environments policy would be progressive and widely supported moves that would be in keeping with the deliberations and actions of District / City Councils elsewhere.

In conclusion, the West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition would welcome the opportunity to work alongside Council officers in supporting and if appropriate helping to implement (e.g. through provision of signage) the above requested actions.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Yours sincerely

Anne Hines
Chair – West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition

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Submitters details

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:

PATRICIA Russell

Organisation (if relevant):

BLACKS POINT MUSEUM

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

No

Address:

PO Box 10 REEFTON

Phone:

03 7328241

Email:

russell.d and pa@xtra.co.nz

Key Issue: Continuation of financial support for a contribution to the wages component of the Curator

Comments:

Lined area for handwritten comments.

Thank you for your feedback

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Blacks Point Museum Trust Submission

An objective of the Blacks Point Museum is to protect and preserve the history especially of the local area.

We cater for visitors, mainly overseas visitors on bus tours where there has been an expansion into a "day in the life of" programmes showing life in the area in various forms. This aspect is steadily growing and with the anticipated downturn in the area it is important to keep the tourism activities vibrant and growing.

We cater for educational visits – schools and the local Polytechnic make use of these facilities for learning opportunities.

We also make provision for research in our warm facilities, which independent researchers are welcome to use for a small charge. This research can take the form of family research or topic.

One of the aims is to keep the costs down so the experience offered by the Museum is available to all and there is no immediate plan to increase the prices for this in this current downturn of the economy.

We have a unique exhibit in the working stamper battery which is unique because it is water driven to show how in the days gone by the miners would crush the stone to extract the gold.

The Museum contributes to the area through the learning outcomes for people of all ages. It also fits the priority of who we are, where we came from, the spirit and skills of those before.

Cultural experiences add to the dimension of people through diversity, tolerance, and a wide range of views. It gives people a chance to experience different things outside of what they are normally accustomed to. Hopefully the diversity of the exhibits will create curiosity and people wanting to learn more. The museum engages and educates visitors with people expressing interest in various areas. The Museum is a place where people can see and touch history and is a mirror of people's activities, how they lived and the cultural environment they lived in.

To this end we would request that:

The Council see fit to include the Museum funding into its long term plan with the grant of \$10,000 per annum secured for this time.

That the Councillors visit the Museum and historic reserve.

Blacks Point Museum Trust 2015-2018

Business Plan Executive Summary

Mission

Creating educational and cultural awareness and entertainment through hands-on access to our region's history.

Description and History

Blacks Point Museum is located on the corner of State Highway 6 and Franklyn Street. It is housed in the revamped 1866 Methodist Church and incorporates the gold-stamper, a machine shed, an historic reserve, and the old Blacks Point community hall. The museum has been operating since 1966 and provides a unique hands-on experience of the cultural and industrial past of the Inangahua.

Visitors are guided around the extensive artefact collection by a curator with a deep personal knowledge and connection with local history.

Modern archive storage, a research room and photocopier are recent additions which provide for a growing number of visiting researchers; writers, and historians. A Vodophone stick enables access to the internet when required.

Back copies of the Inangahua Times and Herald from the 1870s can be viewed on microfilm. There is a growing collection of church, club, school, business, mining and cemetery records, family papers, research papers, shot-listed film scripts and reference books.

The addition of a coal-fired boiler which feeds radiators throughout the building, maintains the collection and the visitors at an ambient 18-20 degree temperature.

Funding sources

Entry fee: \$5.00 pp, \$15 family

Researcher's fee: \$20.00

Tour groups: \$5.00 pp

BDC grant: \$10,000

Occasional applications are made to the Lion Foundation and the Lotteries for grants for capital works or special projects.

Organisational Structure

The committee meets for an annual general meeting and whenever issues arise. Contact is maintained within the group on a frequent basis.

Chairperson: Allie Caddy
Sec/Treasurer: Pat Russell

Committee:

Graeme Gollan

Charley Gray

Stuart Gray

Billy Watts

Dom O'Sullivan

Helen Bollinger

Alun Bollinger

Riki Bollinger

Stephan McKay

Nigel McKay

Employees

Peter Lawn, Curator is the only paid employee. He currently works 36 hours per week during the opening season which runs from August to the first term school holidays. When he is not available, a volunteer opens the museum to visitors. This is mostly Mr Graeme Gollan.

Services provided

Providing secure, temperature controlled and safe storage for cultural artefacts and documents.

Personalised hosting of visitors and groups

Educational tours to school groups

Assisting researchers

Maintaining exhibits, building and grounds,

Inducting and cataloguing deposits

Liaising with other agencies including bus-tour companies, museums and libraries.

Needs analysis

Digitisation of all collections. This is a time-consuming task. The present 36 hours worked by the curator is fully taken up by existing duties. An extension of curator hours, or the employment of another worker is required but requires more funding.

Current volunteers are aging. Recruitment of new volunteers is urgent.

Vision

Within the next three years, with an annual income of \$30,000 to continue to grow the Blacks Point Museum into a safe and welcoming storehouse of local industrial and cultural history, providing preservation and accessibility.

Objectives

Increase total revenue from \$29,000 to \$35,000 within the next five years.

Increase donations of artefacts, memoirs, family histories

Increase receipt of grants

Continue heating building and exhibits at 18 – 20 degrees.

Continue developing educational programmes for schools

Continue employing one effective paid curator and to investigate the employment of one other person to work on preserving and electronically recording artefacts.

Continue cataloguing and storing new deposits

Increase volunteers from 3 to 4

Continue to attract researchers

Continue to host tour bus groups and independent visitors

Continue to liaise with other museums and libraries

Install smoke alarms

Celebrate 50 yrs of operation during 2016

Strategies

Increase usage and revenues by promoting Blacks Point Museum through advertising

Advertise storage and research facilities

Retain and increase volunteer base through advertising

Marketing Plan

Blacks Point Museum is advertised at the local Visitors Centre/ISite and online on the BDC/Reefton site.

Blacks Point Museum is an integral part of Around the Globe Historic Tours and Overseas Adventure Tours

Maintain liaison with tour companies in order to continue to supply a service to this industry.

Operational Plan

Visitors give direct feedback to the Curator and have access to a visitor book in which to write comments.

The success of what the museum does is illustrated by the increasing number of tour visits, extending the visitor period. Eg The 2014- 2015 season is booked up until June and resuming again in August with approx. 200 tours already planned.

Action Plans

The Museum will continue to run as it has in the past with funding from the touring public, researchers, donations and whatever grants we can receive to assist keeping the Museum in a vibrant state.

Management and Organizational Team

Chairperson: Allie Caddy: Health Care Worker, Life Member St Johns, close neighbour to Museum.

Sec/Treasurer: Pat Russell, Manager Tai Poutini, Reefton Campus, Teacher, Programme Manager for Mining and Explosives.

Graeme Gollan; Ex-Railway engineer/boilerman. Dedicated volunteer/tour guide.

Billy Watts: Retired electrician, Quartz stamper builder and operator, life-long Blacks Point resident.

Dom O'Sullivan QSM: Retired school teacher, foundation member of BPM, amateur historian.

Helen Bollinger: Film maker, writer, local resident.

Alun Bollinger: Artist, cinematographer, MNZM, NZ Arts Laureate, local resident.

Riki Bollinger: Volunteer, long-time BP resident.

Stephan McKay: Retired forestry worker

Nigel McKay: Retired forestry worker.

Peter Lawn; Descendant of original Cornish mining settlers, deep personal knowledge of local history. Inspired communicator.

Stuart Gray: Emergency management, Assessor Earthquake Commission, ex-detective NZ Police.

Charmaine Gray: Artist, Medical Receptionist.

Capitalization

Blacks Point Museum is debt-free.

We have no loans, holdings, bonds or endowments. The only debts we incur are those in the daily running of the Museum such as fuel, electricity, repairs and maintenance.

Financial Plan

Over the next five years to apply for funding to enable restoration and preservation on the Blacks Point Hall through an application to the Lotteries Commission and other sources of funding.

The Museum is in a sound financial status and this is predicted to continue. Sources of income are mainly from the tours which are steadily growing in number because of added activities added into them such as “the day in the life” activities.

Appendix

Annual Accounts 2013-2014

Application to the Buller District Council for funding for long term support of the Museum

**BLACKS POINT MUSEUM
STATEMENT OF
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014**

	2013	2014
DOOR	\$ 5,605.00	\$ 5,796.00
TOURS	\$ 6,460.00	\$ 9,085.00
GRANTS	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
DONATIONS	\$ 407.00	\$ 4,232.00
INTEREST	\$ 25.22	\$ 23.23
CALENDAR SALES	\$ 95.00	
BUILDING HIRE		\$ 100.00
	\$ 21,592.22	\$ 29,236.23
 EXPENDITURE		
WAGES	\$ 12,518.40	\$ 12,208.98
PAYE	\$ 3,316.99	\$ 2,948.40
ELECTRICITY AND HEATING	\$ 3,575.93	\$ 3,317.68
INSURANCE	\$ 856.46	\$ 725.83
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 940.00	\$ 2,948.40
BANK CHARGES		\$ 17.50
OTHER	\$ 1,153.29	\$ 195.01
	\$ 22,361.07	\$ 22,361.80
Excess of income over expenditure	-\$ 768.85	\$ 6,874.43

**BLACKS POINT MUSEUM
STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2014**

Current Assets

CHEQUE ACCOUNT BNZ

CLOSING BALANCE Current Assets	\$ 12,076.26	
		\$ 12,076.26

Asset

TERM DEPOSIT		\$ 13,000.00
Mower	\$ 5,511.11	
Less Accumulated Depreciation DV - 10%	\$ 4,878.00	\$ 633.11
NET CASH WORTH		\$ 25,709.37

Non-current Assets

Land	\$ 118,000.00	
Buildings	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 265,000.00

Liabilities

\$ -

Accumulated funds

\$ 290,709.37

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Mary Wilson

From: Graeme Neylon <graememaimai@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 May 2015 8:33 a.m.
To: Mary Wilson
Subject: FW: Submission to the BDC - LTP re Punakaiki Community Facility
Attachments: image001.png

From: Roger Brookes [<mailto:gumbootchic@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 May 2015 5:29 a.m.
To: garry@bdc.govt.nz
Cc: graememaimai@xtra.co.nz
Subject: Re: Submission to the BDC - LTP re Punakaiki Community Facility

To the Mayor & Councillors, BDC

Please accept this as a submission of support for the LTP proposal to put \$100,000 into planning & developing a multi-purpose Community facility at Punakaiki. We support this strongly, & believe this initial fund could be leveraged by application to lotteries Community development funding etc to provide a decent basic facility for Community use. We congratulate Council warmly for this excellent initiative!

Yours sincerely,
Kathryn Cannan & Roger Brookes

Ps. We are currently in Spain & unable to download the LTP Submission form from the BDC website. Please accept this as our submission of support for this proposal.

Changes in Level of Service

Punakaiki

Council has provided \$100,000 in 2015/2016 as a Council contribution to development towards a facility that can be used by the Punakaiki community within the reserve area. This is currently leased to a camping ground operator. A development plan will need to be agreed with the camp operator. If the development plan provides a community benefit, Council has agreed that it will make a negotiated contribution taking into account the community and commercial benefit.

Submission Form

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Tell us
what you
like?

Submitters details

Name: Philip Rossiter

Organisation (if relevant): Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust (Chairman)

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

Address: PO Box 517, Westport

Phone: 027 271 3945

Email: phil@oldghostroad.org.nz

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Key Issue (max 370 characters):

Proposed bridge construction - Burke Creek

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

The Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust (MLBT) is a registered Charitable Trust driving development of The Old Ghost Road. The MLBT has a strong strategic vision that sees The Old Ghost Road at the centre of a major repositioning of the northern West Coast as a must-visit destination for outdoor recreation. The Old Ghost Road pledges to deliver a world class backcountry experience. Delivering on these expectations is critical to future success.

The northern end of The Old Ghost Road is constrained by the presence of an unbridged ford over Burke Creek. This is impassable in times of elevated creek flow and introduces significant uncertainty and a safety hazard to users and service and support personnel. For trail users coming from south to north and having just completed the entire trail, there is potential for unnecessary risks to be taken in order to exit the trail. For north to south users, they are forced to park on the Seddonville side of the ford in a space-constrained area.

None of these current circumstances come close to delivering on expectations and meeting the aspirations of the project. Bridging the Burke Creek ford will significantly improve the current (untenable) situation and will support the true community potential of the project.

The MLBT strongly supports Council's Draft Long Term Plan bridge construction and maintenance programme that includes construction of a new bridge (up to \$110,000) over Burke Creek at the northern end of The Old Ghost Road.

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Thank you for your feedback

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Anything
else to
comment
on?

**Submission to BDC
Long Term Plan
from
Hamish Macbeth**

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the BDC LTP. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

There are a number of items I wish to submit on in particular, ranging from district-wide issues to very local affairs.

District

I congratulate the council on looking forward to population trends and employment opportunities into the future, and to be contemplating life after Holcim and a reduced mining focus. Consideration of the harbour as an ongoing strategic part of Buller's infrastructure is sound.

I support continued financing of the museum with strong oversight of the finances of the museum/i-site operation. I am very pleased they are co-located and in the middle of town.

I also congratulate council for apparently beginning to take the effects of climate change seriously. Recognition has been in place, for example, for private individuals needing resource consent for building close to MHWS, but I am not sure if serious analysis has been undertaken for council's own infrastructure and that of NZTA, for instance.

I fully support council improving any aspects of telecommunications it has any influence over. We are hamstrung without good facilities, and could have serious positive consequences by being in front of the pack if possible.

I agree with council's position regarding a staged approach to Westport's urban development, and am particularly pleased with plans for the town to look towards the river – an aim of some councillors over the last 15 years.

Karamea Highway

I also endorse council's approach to keeping the government of the day paying the full cost of maintaining the Karamea Highway. The current government apparently has a 'hands-off' approach to regional development, but keeping core infrastructure available to the provinces ensures primary produce can be created, and a second benefit is that happy Coasters create less demand on Auckland housing.

Karamea Community Consultation Group initiative toward Karamea

I endorse the approach that the KCCG has taken in researching and planning for a bright new future for Karamea - especially as far as 'town and country planning' is concerned – to use an old-fashioned term, which is very apt in this case. The vision here is to create a town 'feel' like Reefton has done over the last twenty years, and Westport seems to be doing now.

The group now needs some external assistance to complete the planning projects and get some practical things on the ground to show for it. The work to date has been pro bono and volunteer, and now paid professional input is needed to complete the planning. I support their submission to council.

Zig Zag track maintenance

For many years, Dulcie McNabb has been leading a campaign to maintain the South Terrace Zig Zag Track. She has asked someone else to take over this initiative, and I have agreed. In the past, a request for \$500 has been requested and granted by BDC. However last year \$750 was requested because of the extraordinary wind event in Easter 2014 which caused much damage in Karamea, and the Zig Zag Track was no exception. This year, I am requesting \$500 be granted to allow maintenance to be undertaken, as per normal.

The Zig Zag Track is one of few heritage tracks in our area. It connects the Arapito valley with the original settlement site on the South Terrace and Karamea's first, and now unused, cemetery is situated.

Adequate funding will enable the continuation of twice-yearly vegetation cut-backs and weed control, and removal of occasional windfalls.

The track is now of a high standard and is a short walk to the township, giving access to the historic sites as mentioned, and great views over and up the Karamea Valley, and northwards along the coast to the start of the Heaphy Track.

Information panels at the cemetery and old school sites document the earliest period of permanent European settlement in Karamea.

Karamea Waste Working Group

As a member of the waste working group I wish to commend the relationship which the council has with the waste group in order to maximise the efficiency of the Karamea Landfill and to provide the level of service appropriate to the Karamea community.

I support the group's request to retain the same targeted rate of \$93 rather than the proposed reduction in the plan to \$85.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Hamish Macbeth

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25 May 2015

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Submission to the BDC LTP 2015 - 2025

Mark James and Vonda Finkle

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Limestone Creek SH6 - Coast Road

email: markjames.pottery@gmail.com

Phone: 021 02628880

No - We would not like to be heard.

BDC Long Term Plan

In reference to a community Facility at Punakaiki - Page 113 of LTP - we would like to register our support of the Buller District Council providing funding for a community facility at Punakaiki.

Signed – *Mark James & Vonda Finkle*

BDC Long term Plan 2015

My comments – John Currie

29 May 2015

Thanks to Councillors and staff for a very informative road show on the Long term Plan.

I agree that the district needs to position itself so as to be able to take the opportunities that arise when the economy improves.

I believe that minimal or no debt at this time will make it easier and affordable to obtain finance for these opportunities.

Housing and Land:

Housing and land may be cheaper than other parts of the country, but the district hasn't got the facilities that other districts like Canterbury have.

With reduction in jobs and future employment prospects not great they are not cheap for people looking for work and the opportunity to buy property here. Prices before the employment decline were exorbitant and people were paying too much but it was considered good for the local economy. With the sudden down turn these properties have become a serious liability for the people who own them.

Industries:

Holcim is to close next year.

Solid Energy heavily reducing staff, because the coal price has plummeted and with many mines around the world operating the price is not likely to improve any time soon.

Dairy prices are continuing to decline and European production limits have been lifted, so the dairy prices may not improve anytime soon.

Tourism, although it is a part of the equation is quite unreliable as a major industry as it is too easily affected by economic climates.

The fishing industry is not often thought of, but by now is an important industry because of the decline of all other industries.

At present there is not much else left for this district.

This brings me to the point of the harbour and the dredge. Although Mr Barnes who is vastly more qualified and has made comments in the Westport News I would like to add my perspective.

Dredge:

From memory this was bought by the National Government under Rob Muldoon in the early eighties for about 6 million dollars. The cost to replace this today is what? 30 plus million dollars and no government assistance. Well beyond the grasp of the Buller District Council rate payers.

I believe that that better option is to lease the dredge with local crew (retaining some local jobs). With all profits retained in a fund for possible dredge replacement some way in the future.

If the dredge is sold, I see it affecting several things.

The bar depth will be reduced meaning the river behind is silting. Higher river bottom levels means less drainage for the town turning into more flooding and damage to property.

The river and harbour births will silt up, including the entrance to the fishing wharf, which means eventually the lagoon will silt up over time as there is no flow into the river to clean it out.

Effects on industry:

Tourism - No smaller cruise ships able to disembark at the port.

Fishing – Industry will eventually close.

Any big industries in the future will not have a port option.

Council property and earthquake strengthening:

I believe that we should only spend the minimum to bring any buildings up to the earthquake standard (34%).

Earthquakes like the 1962 and 1968 ones caused major damage, so the next local earthquake will undoubtedly do the same. You can't strengthen buildings for the next earthquake as you can't predict how big it will be and how much damage it may cause. The Christchurch earthquakes are an example, with new and near new buildings destroyed.

Only on new buildings should we meet the standards as required by legislation.

Brougham House, why would you try and sell on a depressed market? If you can't sell, it will be another one of those assets sitting idle costing money.

Westport Buildings:

Because of the economic climate and our reliance on industries that are being affected worldwide, we shouldn't at this time embark on the Westport stage 2 & stage 3 upgrades. But instead reduce our debt.

Not to say that this idea shouldn't be reintroduced in the future as I think it has merit but in a better economic climate.

Water Supply:

I'm ok with the water issues, including piping the one tunnel except the issue surrounding the replacement of the Westport main trunk.

Is the proposed \$ 4.1 million for replacement of the whole main? If so I'm not sure why we need to spend \$100,000 to undertake an investigation to decide what sections to replace.

The Reefton community Centre:

I think that the information raises many questions.

The town has alternative halls, why so many and for what purpose? Are these council owned? What age and condition are these and what is the cost of running and maintaining them?

Maybe it is time where we should we be looking beyond the 10year plan to a point where one multipurpose building will house all these facilities at a size that suits the population of the town of Reefton?

Housing for the elderly:

I agree that housing for the elderly should be like any other council business unit and pay its way. As is stated in the consultation document, the affordability is back to the Ministry of Social Development in rental supplements.

It shouldn't be down to the rate payers in providing an affordability subsidy.

I agree that it is worth exploring the idea of a Council Trust.

Karamea Special Road:

If the Karamea road loses its special purpose road designation it should be handed back to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

We need to make sure that this can be done and that the government didn't come up with the idea of the special purpose road just so that they could get rid of the road to council. Are we sure that the contract was to take on the road only because of the 100% subsidy and anything less means the contract is void.

The assumption that the road can be handed back needs to be proven, we don't want to be lumbered with the road and only receive 63% assistance with its costs.

Holcim:

The Holcim cement plant closure is a time to take an advantage with the town's heavy industry problems. It is an opportunity to move the heavy industry out of the township to a suitable industrial site.

These heavy industries could be moved out of the town of Westport to Cape Foulwind, thereby stopping the noise and site pollution that they make.

The industrial area bounded by Robertson, Derby and Stafford Streets and McKenna's Road has invaded on to high quality dairy farm land and created noise and site pollution and severely degraded the amenity values of the area that they moved to. Prior to the industries the land was used for rural and rural residential purposes.

Part of this land has not as yet had industrial buildings built on it. In the future this part could look like the areas that have already been built on and enhance the problems that they are causing.

This area with heavy industry is not supporting the Council's positioning for progress, if the council wishes to have, quote "the districts towns remain attractive and pleasant places to live" unquote.

The trucking yard and concreting firm have to travel through the residential areas of town to get to and from their yards, along with their many suppliers and contractors. Another heavy industry in this area emits a continual whining noise from Monday to Saturday, heard all over this area.

Council, by stopping all further industrial development in this area and put it at Cape Foulwind could stop the exacerbation of the problems these heavy industries are causing to the town. The area they are in is no longer pleasant and attractive for the neighbouring residents to live in.

Proposed Rates:

I believe that we should budget for a small rate rise for 2015/16 and pay down debt with this.

With Holcim closing next year, the mining in severe decline and dairy prices continuing to fall, debt I believe will be a bigger burden to rate payers in the near future and not be a help when the economy improves as we would at this point be too indebted to take up opportunities that an improving economy raises.

Treasury management Policy:

Borrowing local authority, I don't quite understand about the 1.6%.

How is the 1.6% accounted for?

Is the 1.6% added to the loan amount or do we just guarantee to pay the 1.6%?

If added to the loan is it refunded once the loan is repaid?

Is it a guarantee of 1.6% on the remaining part of the loan?

Financial Strategy:

Because of the economic climate and all the districts major employment industries (cement works, coal mining and dairy farming) ceasing or in serious decline, I believe that the climate is that we can't afford any more debt. It's time for some conservatism, time to reduce debt so as to prepare for a financial footing that allows quote "a spring board for growth" unquote, when the economic climate recovers.

Although it was mentioned at the LTP Road Show that for some debt to remain is beneficial because of tax benefits. There is currently close to \$2 million per year in interest payments which is about 7% of operating revenue.

The increasing term investment monies in the last 3 years of the Long Term Plan, could some of this be used to further reduce debt.

I believe that increasing rates modestly for 2015/16 and using all this to pay down debt before the economy gets any worse and the debt burden to rate payers increases would be more beneficial.

Future Prospects:

One industry that has been left to die in the Buller District is forestry. If the money given to Development West Coast was for when native logging ceased, why has the forest industry not been amply supported with some of this money.

Locally after last year's big storm there were several local farmers with trees suitable for logging but because of no local timber industry they had difficulty in getting rid of logs and in some cases quality logs have been buried or used for firewood instead of being used for the purposes that they were grown.

We need to develop a forest industry to support this district where only the final finished product leaves.

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Submitters details

Name: Marion Boatwright and Susan Cook

Organisation (if relevant): Rough and Tumble Bush Lodge

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

Address: Mokihinui Road, Seddonville

Phone: 782-1337

Email: admin@roughandtumble.co.nz

SAVE the form BEFORE emailing to Council, otherwise your changes will be lost and you won't have a copy.

Key Issue (max 370 characters):
 in support of a vehicle bridge over Burke Creek along the Mokihinui Road, Seddonville

Comments (max 2,700 characters):
 The Rough and Tumble Bush Lodge knows very well the value that a vehicle bridge over Burke Creek would bring to all recreational users of the Mokihinui River, to The Old Ghost Road, and to our business. In 2005 we paid 100% of the cost to construct the Coal Creek Bridge on the Mokihinui Road. We contracted with WestReef for that project. We also installed the current footbridge over Burke Creek. Without those investments there would be no Rough and Tumble Bush Lodge and very likely no Old Ghost Road.
 With the Burke Creek Bridge, the weakest link in the entire Old Ghost Road project instantly becomes one of its strongest. For in creating that asset, Council paves the way for the Rough and Tumble Bush Lodge to grant The Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust use of our land for a proper and secure carpark and other track end infrastructure for The Old Ghost Road. Suddenly, the northern terminus of the track meets and exceeds the high level user experience and infrastructure of the southern terminus - DOC's Lyell Campground. New Zealand's most exciting new outdoor asset becomes among the most professionally served and presented in the country. That's a far cry from the disjointed, risky and frankly amateurish infrastructure that Burke Creek forces us into at present. And it's exactly the image and message this district wants to present to the world in this new era.
 So many corners of our community have a love affair with the Mokihinui. Whether fishing, picnicking, shooting, fossicking, tramping, biking or just wandering our backroads, all comers will have a safer, surer experience by way of a vehicle bridge over Burke Creek.
 The Rough and Tumble Bush Lodge strongly supports the council's initiative to construct a vehicle bridge over Burke Creek.

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Submission to the BDC LTP 2015 - 2025

Jenny Hellyer and Robert Reedy

Coast Road

email: jennyhellyer@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 03 789 6931

No - We would not like to be heard.

BDC Long Term Plan

We are in support of the Buller District Council providing funding for a community facility at Punakaiki.

We will use such a venue.

Regards,

Jenny Hellyer

Robert Reedy

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Tell us
what you
like?

Submitters details

Name: Steve White, Charlie Elley, Shayne Barry, Wayne Barcus, Staci Offwood, Holly Roche/Oldham

Organisation (if relevant): The Detour Initiative

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

Address: 137 Brougham Street, Westport

Phone: 037896066 / 021718097

Email: steve@stimulusdesign.co.nz

SAVE the form BEFORE emailing to Council, otherwise your changes will be lost and you won't have a copy.

Key Issue (max 370 characters):

The Detour Initiative is a community project which aims to increase the number of casual visits into Westport by self-driving travellers. The project involves developing a range of information and directional signage and sculptural elements on the roads leading to and surrounding Westport to entice more visitors over the Buller Bridge and increase tourism spend.

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

Buller desperately needs a more sustainable growing local economy. Short-stay tourism based on a wide range of recreational/landscape activities is easily accessible, easily developed and promoted and generally has a low establishment cost. We have a large amount to offer visitors but have long carried a "too much rain" stigma and haven't yet become strong enough as a destination. The initial aim was to place some sculptures and signage alongside the main road and clean up the crossroads. This has now grown and in order to be successful this plan needs collaboration from a large number of tourism operators, businesses, local bodies and the general public. The critical tasks are: 1/To develop a signage concept style that best meets with the district's primary aesthetic and cultural collateral/core values and to incorporate that style into all signage leading to Westport and at other important sites within Westport. 2/To develop and promote through unique signage a "seal coastal loop" ring route that traverses from Wilsons Lead Road out to the Seal colony, then back down Tauranga Bay Road and into Westport then back out to the crossroads. There are a number who already travel within a few kilometres of Westport but neglect to come right in. 3/To define critical nodes alongside State Highway 6 from Punakaiki to Inangahua Junction and to position large sculptural signage and information pieces at those nodes to promote awareness and develop interest to travellers to visit Westport and beyond. 4/To work closely with all retailers and tourism providers here in Westport and in all other parts of the district and ensure that there is continuity of visitor experience, great customer service and that all opportunities for tourism development are identified and realised. We are developing a signage concept reflective of the districts heritage and culture using cor ten steel, railway type timbers, mineral based colouring and fonts. Our first aim is to develop The Seal Coastal Loop by installing 30 new signs along the 38 kilometre loop route. Initial designs have been prepared and each sign is around \$1800 plus installation plus GST. The total cost of this first stage: the Seal Coastal Loop could reach \$75,000. We would really like to get this project going now prior to next tourist season so we are seeking all suitable funding sources.

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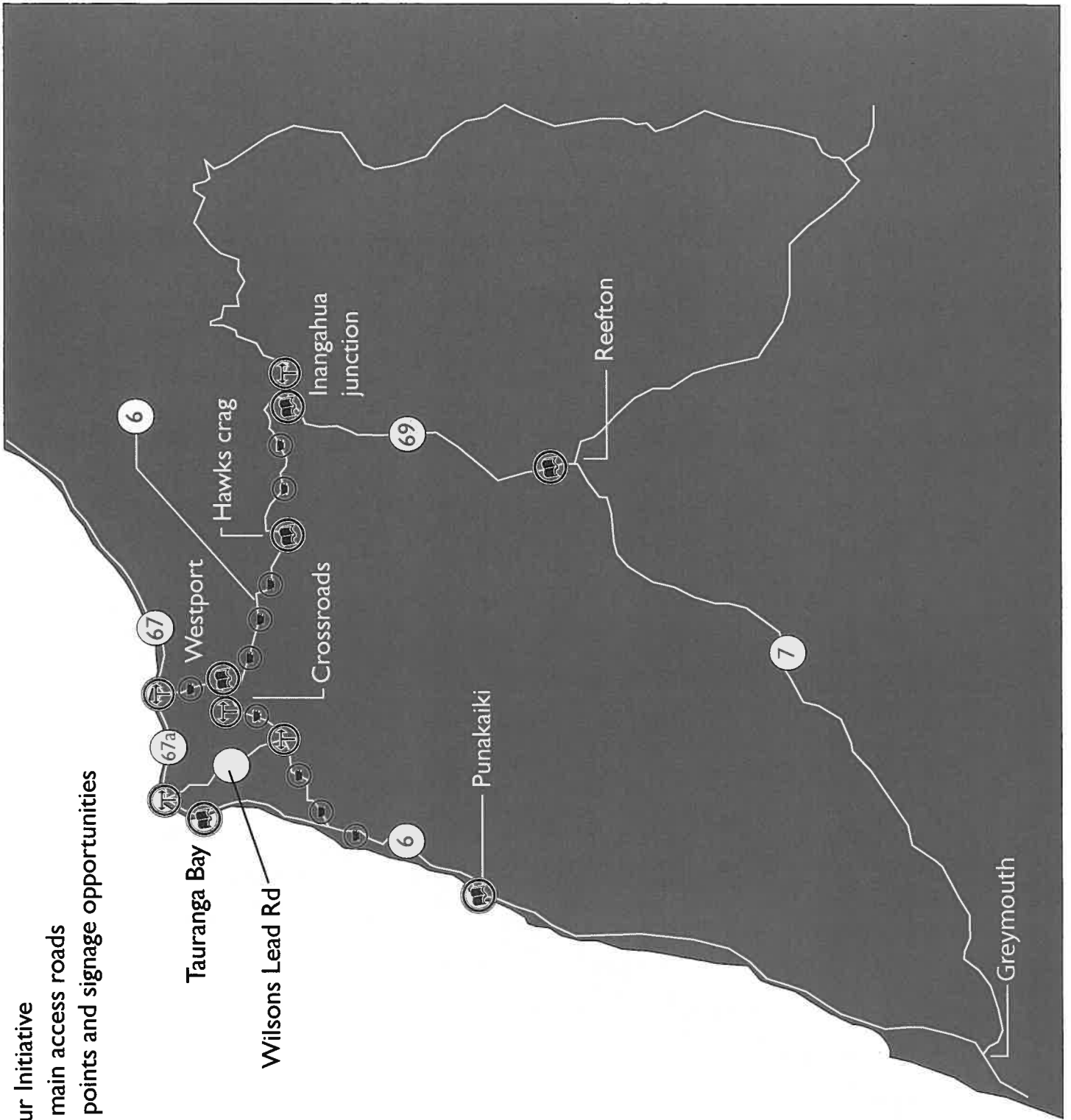
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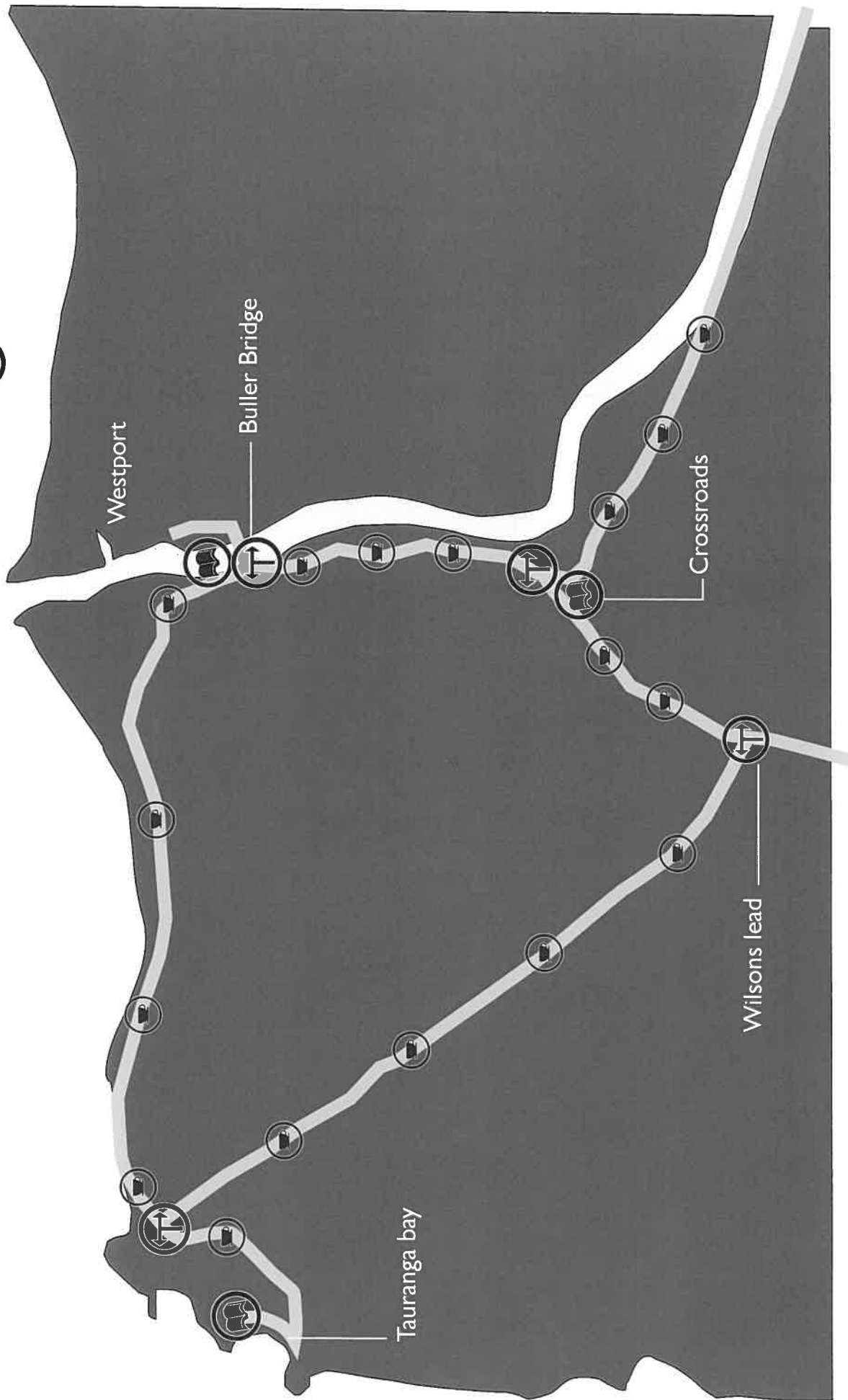
Anything
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on?

The Detour Initiative
Westport main access roads
Key nodal points and signage opportunities



key

- critical decision points
- information opportunities
- wayfinders



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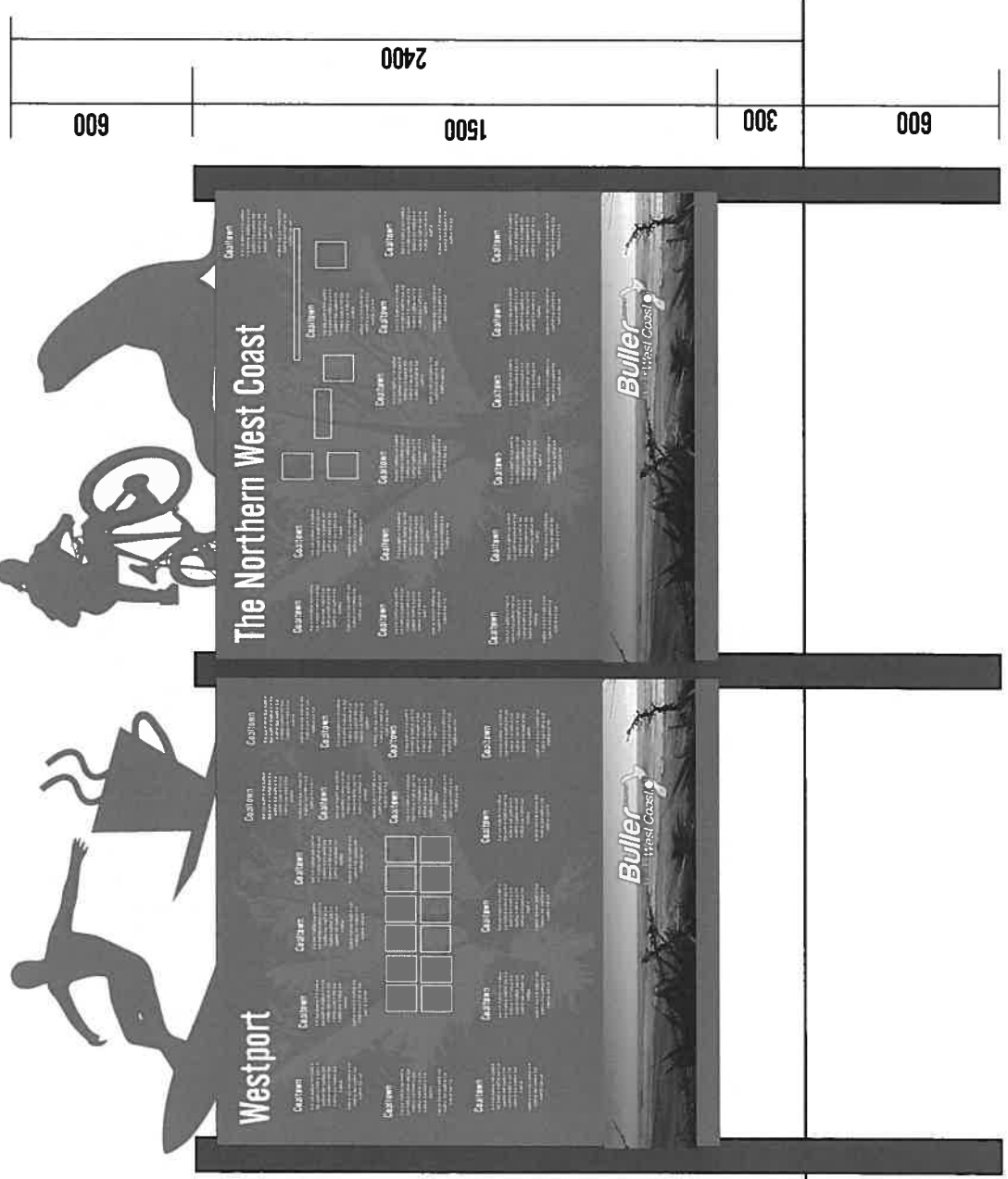
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STATIC INFORMATION SIGN: 1500 x 1500 12mm CorTen steel plate with laser-cut edge profile and laser-etched nikau watermark with hi-performance vinyl colour lettering and photo image

wayfinder signage

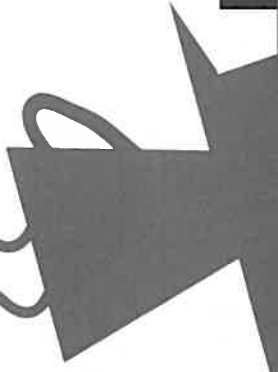
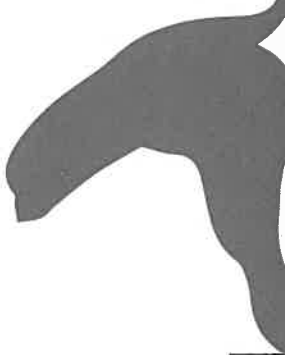


static information signage



The Detour Initiative
Seal Coastal Loop Signage - Wayfinders Samples

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SIGN: 1200 x 600 12mm Cor-Ten steel plate with laser-cut edge profile and laser-etched
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Mary Wilson

From: Hydrangea Cottages <info@pancake-rocks.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2015 9:32 a.m.
To: Submissions
Subject: Plan

Dear BDC Staff and Council,

First Issue : Community Grant, Punakaiki

Submission. That the 100,000 dollars earmarked for community purposes in Punakaiki in the LTP be committed as seed money toward the raising of a sum adequate to provide a modest community resource in Punakaiki.

Further, that a Trust be established to further the project, conduct a needs assessment etc , and administer the completed facility/asset. Council to be the settler of the Trust and to appoint the Trustees, with at least one Councillor taking a position of Trustee.

Second Issue: Acquisition of Cattle Reserve, Bullock Creek.

Submission. That Council vote funds toward providing a mechanism for taking this area of land from DoC control and putting it to residential use.

Having personally withdrawn from a land exchange proposal which would have seen the release of this land for other purposes, we suggest to Council that the case for bringing this land into residential use remains strong.

Having regard for the lobby to provide sea erosion protection for the Punakaiki campground, my educated guess is that in excess of one million dollars would be required for the purpose, together with ongoing maintenance costs.

A coastal engineer could, most likely, steer the community and Council to a middle course of sacrificing some ground from the camp ground site as a long-term buffer for the town.

Concurrently, if the cattle reserve were brought into use, Punakaiki would be well positioned for growth.

My impression is that the particular circumstances of Punakaiki tend toward a separate growth trend than elsewhere in the surrounding area.

We urge Council to allocate funding toward securing the future of one of the brightest looking of District assets.

Third Issue: District Plan Review.

Submission. That consideration be given to funding staff time and supporting resources toward a micro study of the Coast Road tourism area, say from Charleston to Punakaiki; in order that planning regulations and objectives be brought into line with an urgent pro-growth agenda.

The Buller has but one candidate for a coastal resort attraction to the broad visitor industry.

In my estimation services are at a rudimentary stage and require accelerated growth to follow the national growth trajectory in tourism, let alone the full visitor categories.

We could have, immediately, more businesses, more shops and more population.

We have a large land holding in Punakaiki, and would gladly subject it to a needs assessment for the whole area.

Yours sincerely,
Neil Mouat
Punakaiki

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Mary Wilson

From: Amanda Dodd - Healthy Lifestyles Advocate <Amanda.Dodd@cancercwc.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2015 2:06 p.m.
To: Long Term Plan
Subject: Cancer Society submission in response to Buller Long Term Plan
Attachments: Cancer Society Submission Buller LTP final.pdf

Dear Team,

Please find attached a Cancer Society submission in response to the Buller Long Term Plan.

We would like to talk to our submission during the LTP hearings process.

Best Wishes,

Amanda

Amanda Dodd
Healthy Policy Advocate
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Cancer Society of New Zealand
Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc.

Submission to the Buller Draft Long Term Plan
2015-2025

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We would like to present to our submission during the hearings process.



SUBMISSION TO BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025

from the Cancer Society, Canterbury- West Coast Division Inc.

The Cancer Society has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with Buller District Council in its journey to adopt and implement a Smokefree outdoor policy.

Our relationship with council continues to be a constructive one which has enabled us to raise our priority health issues with the hope of extending positive health outcomes for the Buller community. An example of this was our partnership to facilitate smoking cessation support to young people via Cancer Society staff resource based at Buller Reap.

Cancer Society of New Zealand's health priorities are defined by our mission statement to reduce the impact and incidence of cancer, and are encapsulated in our approach to health advocacy 'Our Place:Our Health'.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Buller Draft Long Term Plan.

Health begins where we live, work, learn and play.ⁱ Therefore, the Buller Long Term Plan has the potential to influence a range of health outcomes for its community.

New Zealand research has demonstrated that "*the strongest influences on people's health come from factors outside the health system. They include the social, cultural, physical and economic environments in which people live*"ⁱⁱ These 'determinants of health' are a significant aspect of planning for a healthy environment.

BDC's role in Infrastructure seeks to '*provide facilities and services ... creating an environment for progress and development while preserving the distinctive natural environment.*' (Buller 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy P5) This aspiration sits well with planning for a healthy environment, widely regarded to be one which has '*considered the arrangement of buildings, open spaces and transport networks with the interaction of residents, workers and visitors.*'ⁱⁱⁱ

Health considerations become even more relevant in times of slow 'economic and population growth'. (Infrastructure Strategy P5) and complement Councils commitment to '**Positioning for Progress**'.(LTP Consultation Document)

Given our cancer risk reduction health priorities, reducing excessive solar exposure, supporting smokefree environments, improving nutrition (including alcohol harm reduction) and physical activity opportunities, Cancer Society Canterbury – West Coast Division Inc. would like to offer the following submission responses:

**Cancer Society Canterbury – West Coast Division Inc.
Submission response to Buller District Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025.**

Community Outcome or key activity	Submission narrative	Cancer Society recommendations
<p>Sustainable Environment</p> <p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Who we are</p> <p>(P13 LTP Executive Summary)</p>	<p>BDC has been an active leader in the promotion and implementation of Smoke free outdoor areas and has collaborated with The Cancer Society and other partners in the development and implementation of the BDC 'Smokefree Environments – Council Buildings And Public Spaces Policy 'adopted in August 2011. In addition to all Council workplaces being smokefree (including Council vehicles), all Council owned or controlled enclosed public facilities, such as public halls, are smokefree.</p> <p>The policy also encourages members of the public to refrain from smoking in and around, all Council owned or controlled swimming pools and sport and leisure centres and Council owned or controlled playgrounds and parks.</p> <p>2015 marks the 10 year countdown to the Governments goal of achieving a Smokefree New Zealand by 2025. Strategies to move forward towards the 2025 goal are evidenced based and put us in a strong position to make real and lasting change alongside other key partners including our local councils. The 10 year period leading to the Smokefree 2025 goal and covering the BDC Long Term Plan provides a timely opportunity for BDC to consider extending the scope of current smokefree policy and demonstrate true leadership in this area.</p> <p>Smokefree community spaces sit well with the Councils role in managing open space' and supporting 'towns to remain attractive and pleasant places in which to live, work and play'. (LTP Consultation Document)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BDC endorses the government goal for a Smokefree New Zealand by 2025. This does not commit council to great investment but to leadership and ownership of smokefree policy and supportive communications. B.D.C includes a commitment to Smokefree 2025 within its Long Term Plan as it is consistent with identified community outcomes. Council commit to work with Cancer Society and the West Coast smokefree coalition on the consideration of options to extend current smokefree policy relating to outdoor areas. This could be achieved through a review of the existing BDC smokefree policy. Maintenance of existing smokefree policy and supportive signage and promotion and the application of this for new and emerging developments within Buller such as those outlined in the Council Property & Earthquake Strengthening work. In particular the creation of a "Westport Town Heart" creating a town square and focal central civic hub using the

	<p>Whilst we commend Buller District Council for consulting on the development of its Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) we would urge and fully support BDC to progress the LAP development process beyond the consultation stage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buller District Council progress the Local Alcohol Policy development process.
<p>Community Outcome or key activity</p> <p>Sustainable environment</p> <p>Activity: Continuation of the Drinking Water Upgrades (LTP P20: Significant Capital Expenditure)</p> <p>Improve public health and provide clean safe water P36 LTP</p>	<p>Submission narrative</p> <p>Encouraging more smokefree outdoor areas could be beneficial to water systems by reducing the amount of chemicals from cigarettes entering the water systems. In a report on selected residential activities on storm water quality the report author states that 'cigarette butts have been shown to leach a variety of chemicals including heavy metals, especially lead, cadmium, nicotine and ethylphenol.' ...and that the presence of remnant tobacco and especially the after-effect of smoking 'increases the toxicity of cigarette butts enormously.'^{vi}</p>	<p>Cancer Society recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemicals introduced to water systems via cigarettes are included in the BDC Water Activity Management Plans to reduce the spread of contaminants into the ground and water.
<p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Sustainable environment</p>	<p>The provision of public services provide practical opportunities for B.D.C and key partners to play a key role in increasing health outcomes.</p> <p>New Zealand is affected by the 'obesity' climate. New Zealand is now the fourth most obese country in the OECD, with nearly two thirds of adults either overweight (34%) or obese (31%).^{vii}</p> <p>The New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) recommends that a 'suite of measures' be considered as part of an approach to tackling New Zealand's obesity epidemic. Central to these measures will be countering the obesogenic environment. One of their recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Installation / improvement of outdoor play equipment / active leisure facilities for children and young people throughout emerging public open spaces such as the development of Karamea. • Providing healthier and, limiting unhealthy food and drink options at community and recreation facilities owned by and administered by BDC. • The licensing of fast food premises

	<p>is to audit licensing of fast food premises with a view to reducing proximity of fast food outlets to schools and leisure centres. Council could consider density and proximity of fast food outlets within existing and developing public space in the region.^{viii}</p> <p>Being overweight or obese can increase the risk of developing cancers of the colorectum, kidney, pancreas, oesophagus and endometrium and breast cancer for post-menopausal women.^{ix} An estimate of physical inactivity in New Zealand concluded that inactivity was second to smoking as a modifiable risk factor for poor health and associated inactivity with 8% of all deaths [estimated to be over 2000 deaths per year].^x</p> <p>We commend Buller District Council for it's response to the economic challenges facing the Buller District. Balancing the need to be 'conservative in expenditure' with the forward thinking approach that this should not prevent 'investment for a better future'.</p> <p>Whilst asset management, financial prudence and provision of core infrastructure services take precedence with Long Term Plans, we would encourage Council to continue to Provide opportunities for active leisure pursuit within Council owned facilities and public spaces.</p> <p>Improving facilities at public spaces could help people with limited income that may not be able to afford fee paying leisure pursuits helping to increase affordability and accessibility of facilities, particularly in the current economic climate.</p> <p>The Installation / improvement of outdoor play and outdoor leisure opportunities for children and young people throughout public spaces that focus on physical play / activity would have a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of children.</p>	<p>could be considered by BDC, with a view to reducing the proximity of fast food outlets to schools and leisure centres or other 'sensitive' sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council include planning to provide shade cover and thus reduce excessive solar exposure at public places and open spaces particularly those areas where children regularly visit. This should be a feature of any emerging public space development including upgrades/ refurbishments and strengthening works • Council continue to work in partnership with Cancer Society to provide sun smart messages across the range of events coordinated by BDC through out summer months .
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<p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Sustainable environment</p>	<p>We commend Council for its commitment to promote wellbeing amongst residents and visitors to Buller. We urge council to incorporate community feedback regarding the 'Urban design for Karamea' into future plans for the village. Community aspirations for the design concepts were to provide more community activities, profiling Karamea as a destination with particular reference to pool improvements, safe walking and cycling and a focus of 'spirit of place' in open spaces. (An Urban Design for Karamea)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of shade along walking and cycling routes, and any developed public space. This could be provided by natural options of appropriate planting including placement of trees.

	<p>Planning to meet community aspirations could contribute to making cycling a safer and more attractive transport mode, helping to increase the numbers of people incorporating cycling and walking more within their daily / regular routines. Indeed, family cycling may become a more attractive option as cycling opportunities become more readily available and are viewed as safer activities supporting a district that is easy to get around.</p> <p>Australian research has highlighted the fact that neighborhoods' where 'walkability' is embedded tend to have higher levels of walking and other physical activity amongst the community. The research also found that public health campaigns to promote increased physical activity were more successful in neighborhoods' with good 'walkability planning than in lower 'walkability' neighborhoods'.^{xii}</p>	
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Submission Form

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Alteration to Solid Energy Centre Designation Conditions

Comments (max 2,700 characters):

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