

NEWSLINE **SPECIAL**

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An introduction to

TASMAN'S 10-YEAR PLAN 2021 – 2031

This is your opportunity to have your say and to help grow Tasman's future

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Welcome to our Newsline Special bringing Tasman's draft 10-Year Plan to you.

Our draft 10-Year Long Term Plan sets out the services Council is planning to deliver and the investments we are making in the District over that period in order to nurture our community's wellbeing, along with how we intend to pay for them. Your opportunity to contribute and shape the final form of the Plan is through the consultation period beginning on 24 March, with submissions closing on 24 April.

We've called the document Planting the Seeds for Tasman's Future. The decisions and investments we make now and the things we choose to care for and nurture, are the seeds that we plant, to determine the shape of Tasman District's future. So, your input into our 10-Year Plan is important to us.

There are a number of national and regional pressures and changes, which are providing uncertainty for Council as we prepare this Plan. These include:

- the impacts of Covid;
- the changing regulatory environment (for example freshwater and Resource Management Act changes);

- the pressure of meeting the demands of consistently high levels of growth in our communities by zoning land appropriate for development and the provision of infrastructure, reserves and facilities to accommodate new housing and businesses;
- dealing with the impacts of climate change; and
- the Government's proposal to move the delivery of the three waters (water supply, wastewater and stormwater) from councils to other entities.

We also need to fund the essential maintenance and renewal of the infrastructure and facilities we already have invested in and the key services we currently provide. The continued delivery of safe water, wastewater, stormwater, roads, reserves, footpaths and waste management forms the bulk of the rates received and this will never change.

We also need to invest in the future. New investment is needed in Council's digital services and in infrastructure required to cope with additional housing and business growth. For example, completion of the Waimea Community Dam in late 2022 is an investment enabling safe and secure urban and rural water supplies, environmental enhancements through improved water quantity and quality in the Waimea River, and economic and social benefits to our region.

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Within this 10-Year Plan we have a number of big choices to make. To aid our decision-making we are seeking your input into our proposals contained in the Plan and on each of the key issues including:

- homes for our community;
- allocation of additional irrigator capacity costs for the Waimea Community Dam;
- a new company model for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson; and
- responding to climate change.

Tasman is an attractive place to live and invest. We want to hear from our community on your preferences as to how the Council delivers its services and on the big decisions Council is planning to make on behalf of our residents and ratepayers.

TIMELINE



PREPARING THE GROUND

Before starting to write our 10-Year Plan, we asked for your early input via our 2020 Vision for Tasman document. We also needed to align our planning with some of the other important work going on in our region – such as the Tasman Environment Plan review and the Te Taihū Intergenerational Strategy.

EARLY PUBLIC FEEDBACK 2020 Vision for Tasman: Whakakitenga Ruamano Rua Tekau

Between March and June last year we asked for your initial thoughts on what we should be focusing on over the next 10 years. This process helped us confirm the Vision, Community Outcomes, and Strategic Priorities that have shaped the proposals and big choices in this document.

OUR VISION: Te Whakakitenga

Working together for thriving and resilient Tasman communities

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Rautake Matua

-  A healthy and sustainable natural environment
-  Strong, resilient and inclusive communities
-  Enabling positive and sustainable development
-  Contributing to a diverse society and celebrating our culture and heritage
-  A high standard of service



TE TAUHU INTERGENERATIONAL STRATEGY

You may have been involved in or heard about the work to develop a long-term strategy covering the entire Top of the South/Te Taihū, culminating in the adoption of a vision for our communities:

To Be Good Ancestors – Tūpuna Pono.

The strategy was led by Wakatū Incorporation in partnership with us, our two neighbouring councils (Marlborough District and Nelson City), Ngā Iwi o Te Taihū (Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kūia, Rangitāne, Ngāti Tama, Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Toa and Ngāti Rāua), Central Government, Nelson Tasman Regional Development Agency, Nelson and Marlborough Chambers of Commerce, business, community, and the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology.

AORERE KI UTA, AORERE KI TAI: Tasman Environment Plan

Alongside our work on Tasman's 10-Year Plan, we're also reviewing our existing resource management plans and working towards a new Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai – Tasman Environment Plan. It will provide the blueprint for where and how our communities will grow and how we manage natural resources.

Creating this new plan is a big opportunity for Tasman. Through quality policies and rules, we can plan for sustainable development, build greater resilience in the face of our changing climate and natural hazards, enable livelihoods, turn around biodiversity loss, retain productive rural land, and protect and restore waterways.

THE LAY OF THE LAND

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The restrictions imposed to stop the spread of Covid-19 have affected everyone in a myriad of ways. It has provided us with the impetus for change and to reimagine how we work and live.

Its effects are ongoing and the future is uncertain. Border restrictions have changed the usual flow of travellers and migrant workers into New Zealand and Tasman, with challenging implications for our tourism and primary sectors.

Overall Tasman has fared well, with the economy bouncing back strongly after lockdown and tracking better than other parts of the country. However, some in our community are still being impacted through job losses, business closures, profit downturns and supply chain disruptions.

The Council is committed to continued investment in the District to help fuel the economy and provide employment opportunities. New Government funding opportunities have allowed us to do more work for our community sooner than we could have done otherwise.

0% RATES RISE FOR 2020/2021

In response to the economic pressures on parts of our community, we were able to provide rent relief for some commercial tenants, reduce registration fees for campgrounds and commercial vessels, and increase the frequency of payments to our local suppliers. The Council also set a zero percent rates revenue increase for 2020/2021 (after an allowance for growth).

The reduction in rates was welcomed by many, but created a shortfall in budgets. This was partly recovered through savings and the remainder is included in future rates increases.

GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Our regulatory environment is changing in response to growing community expectations. Central government has introduced new rules and regulations and is continuing to roll out changes to the way we manage our environment and services. These changes include: the Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms, new freshwater regulations, National Policy Statements for Urban Development and Freshwater Management, and Climate Change Response Act. These are designed to enhance and protect our environment and improve community wellbeing. We know that change is required and that we can do better in some areas – but it does come at a cost.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT (RMA) REFORMS

The RMA is to be replaced with three new Acts:- a Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA), a Strategic Planning Act (SPA), and a Climate Change Adaptation Act (CCAA). The impact of the new Acts on Council and its functions are still unknown. Bills covering the NBA and SPA are expected to be introduced to Parliament by the end of 2021, with all three Acts passed by the end of 2022.

We have included \$7.2 million for the development of the Tasman Environment Plan into our LTP budgets over the next 10 years as part of our response to Government reforms and a new regulatory environment.

STIMULUS FUNDING

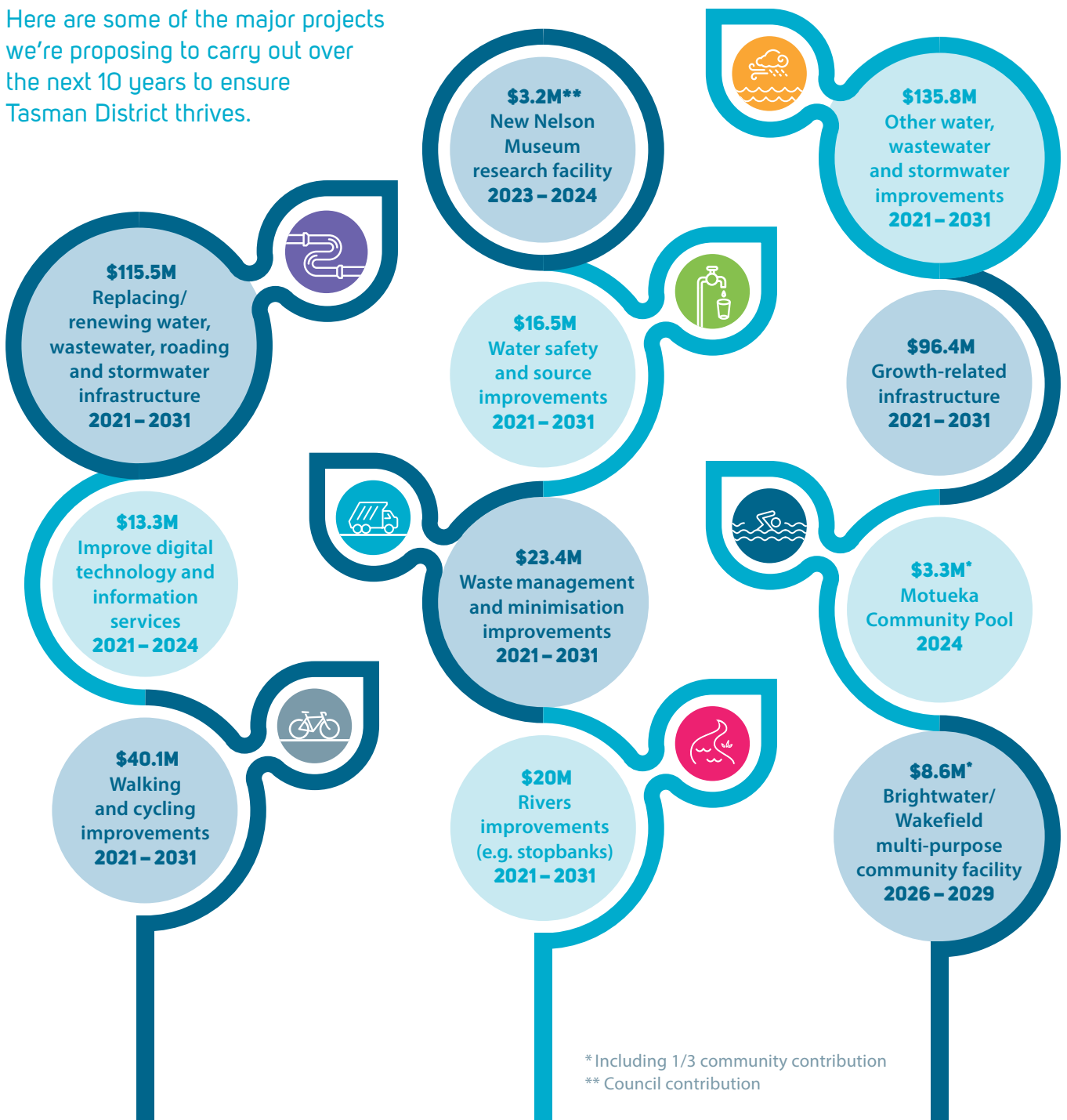
With the advent of Covid-19, the Government has provided funding to help stimulate the economy. Tasman has been fortunate to receive indicated funding of up to approximately \$36.8 million (including the \$9.78 million three waters grant), and we anticipate there will be more to come.

2021 – 2031 AT A GLANCE

Overall, Tasman’s 10-Year Plan aims to:

- Ensure there is enough zoned and serviced land available to meet demand for new homes and businesses.
- Respond to climate change through projects, initiatives and adaptive planning.
- Focus on building, renewing and maintaining our infrastructure.
- Fund this by ensuring we apply for Government funding where it is available and increase our borrowing limit to a sensible and prudent level.
- Collect development and financial contributions to pay for the services associated with growth in the District.
- Deliver on priority work programmes – roading, water, wastewater, stormwater, environmental improvements, climate change, recreation and important community spaces and facilities.

Here are some of the major projects we’re proposing to carry out over the next 10 years to ensure Tasman District thrives.



* Including 1/3 community contribution
 ** Council contribution

KEY NUMBERS

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

\$58 million will be spent on community projects that make our District a great place to live – like playgrounds, the upkeep of our reserves, a new pool in Motueka, and a new Wakefield/Brightwater Community Centre.

More than \$124 million will be spent on growth projects across 10 years that will ensure homes can be built for our people. These costs will be mostly funded by developers rather than ratepayers (via Development and Financial Contributions).

We propose to spend approximately \$271 million on maintaining and improving our levels of service.

More than \$225 million will be spent on renewing our assets, such as replacing old pipes and treatment plants, to ensure they are in good working order and fit for purpose.

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS IT WILL COST

\$1.8 BILLION

TO MANAGE AND RUN OUR DISTRICT
(direct operating and capital costs)



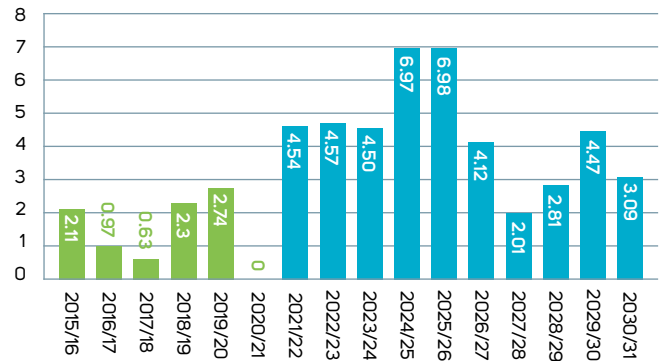
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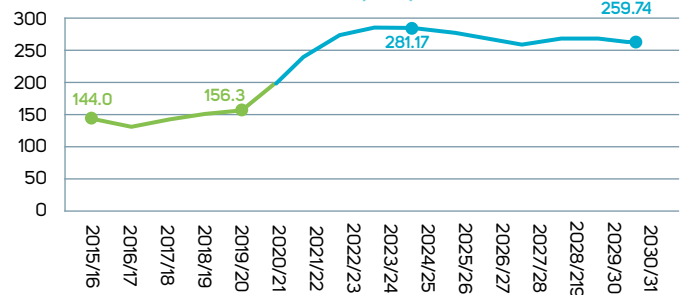


* plus an allowance for growth

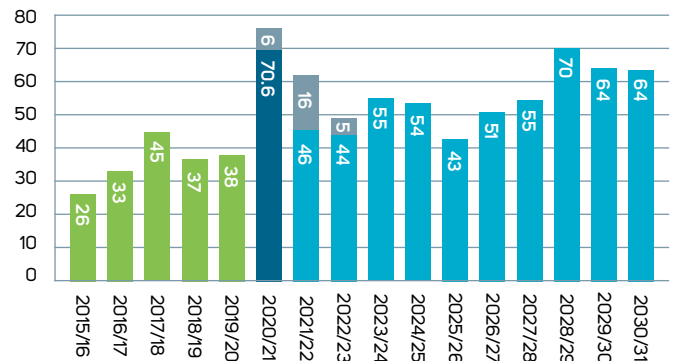
PROPOSED RATES REVENUE INCREASES (%)*



PROPOSED NET DEBT (\$M)



PROPOSED COST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (\$M)



KEY ● Historical ● LTP ● Central Government funded
● Adjusted Annual Plan (incl. carry overs) *excluding growth

We believe it is better for Tasman to increase its net debt and rates increase limits so that we can deliver on the work programmes necessary to keep pace with growth demands, maintaining and renewing infrastructure, meeting our regulatory requirements and community's expectations.

THE BIG CHOICES

In this section we outline some of the key elements of the proposed 10-Year Plan that we would like your feedback on. For each choice, we explain the background to it, our preferred plan of action and the alternatives.

For information on the effect on rates, debt and levels of service for each of these choices please refer to the full Consultation document available at LTP.tasman.govt.nz

WE WANT TO KNOW

CHOICE 1: Do you support the Council's proposal to provide the necessary infrastructure to meet housing and business demand across the entire District?

CHOICE 2: Do you support the Council's preferred option to share the cost of the irrigators' share of additional Waimea Community Dam costs across affiliated irrigators as well as general ratepayers?

CHOICE 3: Do you support the Councils' proposal to establish a joint parent Company for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson?

CHOICE 4: Do you support the Council's proposed response for adapting and responding to climate change?

CHOICE 1 HOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

How we help to ensure there are enough homes in our community.

We know housing availability and affordability are a real concern for our community. We can't solve the affordability problem alone, but along with Government and other agencies, we can be part of the solution. We can do this by ensuring we have the right land zoning and infrastructure (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and transport) in place to meet forecast demand, and by changing our planning rules to make it easier to build smaller homes at higher densities.

FORECAST DEMAND

We expect our population to keep growing over the next 10 years, meaning we need to make sure there is zoned and serviced land available for at least 7,700 residents, 4,300 homes and 160 business lots.



THE CHOICE WE FACE

Where, when and how much land we service is a key decision we need to make. Infrastructure is expensive and keeping rates and debt at a reasonable level is challenging. However, not providing infrastructure for development would worsen housing affordability in Tasman because the gap between supply and demand of housing would steadily grow. It would also mean we wouldn't meet our obligation under central government's National Policy Statement for Urban Development to provide for growth in our urban area.

Our preferred option A

Spend \$124 million over the next 10 years to meet the forecast demand for infrastructure to service development across the whole of Tasman District (based on a medium-growth scenario in line with recent population trends). This will allow both greenfield development and infill housing/intensification of our towns and suburbs to occur.

Alternative option B

Spend \$169 million over the next 10 years to meet the forecast demand for the District as a whole, as well as provide for more growth closer to Motueka.



CHOICE 2 WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM – ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL IRRIGATOR CAPACITY COSTS

The Waimea Community Dam (Dam), currently under construction in the Lee Valley, will provide a secure and sustainable drinking and horticulture water supply for the communities of the Waimea Plains for the next 100 plus years.

Since the decision to proceed was finalised in 2018, project costs to build the Dam have risen from the initial estimate of \$104.5 million to \$129.4 million in 2020. On 22 February 2021, Waimea Water Limited (WWL) presented a revised cost estimate range of \$148 million to \$164 million to complete the Dam, with an expected cost of \$158.4 million (excluding provision for future hydro power). The cost estimate is based on the best information currently available and makes some allowance for the cost uncertainty associated with the project. A lot of work has been completed to date and the project is approximately 50% complete.

We have decided to include a budget in the 10-Year Plan that will provide for a total project cost of \$159 million. This amount covers the expected cost of \$158.4 million and allows for necessary work to provide for a future hydro option. This reflects a total project budget increase of \$54.5 million since 2018.

To date the costs of the Dam have been apportioned across those who benefit with:

- 49% assigned to irrigators;
- 21% to urban water users; and
- 30% to ratepayers for the environment and public good benefits such as increased jobs, economic gains, and the ability to meet growth demands.

Based on this method, the additional \$54.5 million would be split:

\$26.7 MILLION FOR IRRIGATORS	IRRIGATORS' SHARE \$26.7 MILLION
\$11.5 MILLION FOR URBAN WATER USERS	COUNCIL'S SHARE \$27.8 MILLION
\$16.3 MILLION FOR RATEPAYERS	

The first \$3 million of additional cost is funded 50% by Waimea Irrigators Limited (WIL) and 50% by Council. This means Council needs to decide how to collect the balance of the irrigators' share, being \$25.2 million.

Council is contractually obligated to proceed with construction of the Dam. For that reason, we have not presented an option that doesn't meet those commitments.

THE CHOICE WE FACE

How should the irrigators' share of the project cost increases be collected?

This choice asks you how the Council should collect the irrigators' share of the Dam project cost increases, being \$25.2 million.

We are not consulting on changing our original funding model or looking at alternative ways of paying for the urban water users and environmental public good shares.

All of the options outlined on page 8 acknowledge that the Council is obliged to incur the debt associated with the increased project costs. The level of debt incurred will not change, regardless of the option selected.



What is the total effect on rates of recovering Council's share under the current funding model?

For urban water users including Redwood Valley – water rates and charges are used to fund their share. For the environmental public good share – the District Wide Rate and Zone of Benefit rate are used. For urban water users and the environmental public good share:

- The Urban Water supply and Redwood Valley Rural Water supply rates include costs that are associated with the Dam. For a typical urban property that uses 215m³ of water per year, the Dam-related fixed and volumetric charges would increase from \$98 in 2021/2022 to a peak of \$190 in 2023/2024.
- The District Wide Rate increases from \$26 per year in 2021/2022 to a maximum of \$56 per year in 2023/2024.
- For those properties in the Zone of Benefit, they will pay zone benefit rates peaking at 0.0064 cents per dollar of capital value by 2023/2024. For example, for a property with a value of \$660,000, the rate would be \$42.

Our preferred option A

A mixture of targeted and District-wide rates.

This preferred option proposes that the cost of the irrigators' share be spread across properties which are serviced from affiliated consents as well as general ratepayers.

For this option the irrigator capacity share of the \$54.5 million cost increase is \$25.2 million. \$14.6 million of additional spend will be collected using the proposed targeted rate for WIL affiliated irrigators with debt servicing costs peaking in Year 3 at \$509,000. The balance of \$10.6 million will be funded by general rates with debt servicing costs peaking in Year 3 at \$147,000.

The proposed targeted rate would be applied to properties with access to water supplied via a water consent affiliated through a shareholding in WIL. Those properties who would pay the proposed targeted rate are shown on the map – Waimea Community Dam Extractive Use Rating Area (see page 22 of the Consultation Document).

Alternative option B

All ratepayers pay a District-wide rate.

An alternative option is the \$25.2 million (the irrigator capacity share of the additional \$54.5 million) will be collected across all ratepayers in the District with debt servicing costs peaking in Year 3 at \$656,000. The amount each ratepayer would contribute could be based on either the capital value of their property **OR** we could use a District-wide fixed charge.

Alternative option C

A targeted rate on all properties in the 'Zone of Affiliation'.

An alternative option is the \$25.2 million (the irrigator capacity share of the additional \$54.5 million) will be collected across all ratepayers within a Zone of Affiliation (Zone). Debt servicing costs will peak in Year 3 at \$656,000. This is a new Zone that includes all those properties that would be able to access water from the Dam. Those properties that would be required to pay the new rate are shown on the map – Zone of Affiliation (see page 24 of the Consultation Document).

Under this option, the additional irrigators share of \$25.2 million would be shared on a ratio of 5:1 between properties which are serviced through affiliated water consents and the other properties in the Zone. This option recognises that those other properties have the potential to access water and affiliate water consents if they wish to in the future.

Alternative option D

A new targeted rate solely on irrigators.

An alternative option is the \$25.2 million (the irrigator capacity share of the additional \$54.5 million) will be met in full by WIL affiliated irrigators. Unlike the preferred option A irrigators would pay for the full share of the cost increase of \$25.2 million. Debt servicing costs will peak in Year 3 at \$656,000.

This includes properties with access to water supplied via a water consent affiliated through a shareholding in WIL. To collect the irrigators' share, a new targeted rate would be applied. Those properties who would pay the new rate are shown on the map – Waimea Community Dam Extractive Use Rating Area (see page 22 of the Consultation Document).

This option may be unaffordable for some irrigators.



CHOICE 3 A NEW COMPANY MODEL FOR NELSON AIRPORT AND PORT NELSON

Nelson Airport and Port Nelson provide key gateways to the Nelson Tasman region.

Together with Nelson City Council we are proposing to transfer our shareholdings in both Nelson Airport Limited and Port Nelson Limited into a single new company. The company will be set up as an operational holding company, and will be 50% owned by us and 50% owned by Nelson City Council.

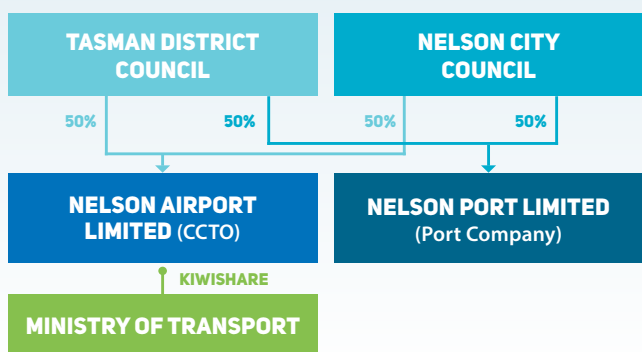
The Ministry of Transport will continue to own one share in Nelson Airport, the 'kiwishare'.

Any change in the current structure of the companies is conditional on both Councils agreeing to proceed. A final decision will not be made before 30 June 2021, when both Long Term Plan's are due to be adopted.

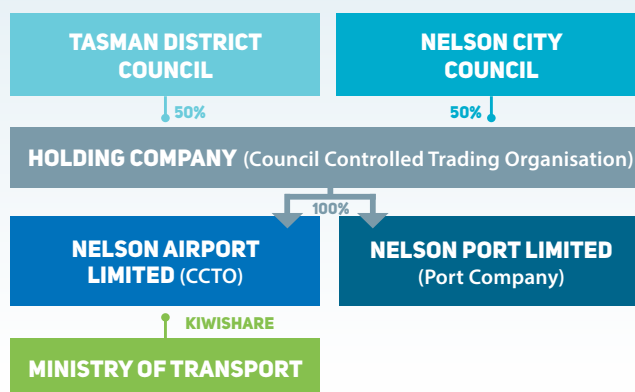
The new ownership model applies to the preferred option and also alternative options C and D.

For more information please see supporting document 'A new company model for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson' at LTP.tasman.govt.nz.

CURRENT OWNERSHIP MODEL



NEW OWNERSHIP MODEL



OUR FUTURE

We believe the new structure will bring about a range of operational efficiencies and savings.

Our preferred option A

To establish a new company for holding the investments in, and overseeing operations of, Nelson Airport and Port Nelson – with Tasman District and Nelson City Councils as equal shareholders.

(This is the Port Nelson company board's preferred option.)

Alternative option B

Status quo. We could retain the current structure, with the Port and Airport remaining independent with their own Board and management team.

Alternative option C

A new company established as a funding vehicle only.

(This is the Nelson Airport company board's preferred option.)

Alternative option D

A new company established as a funding vehicle and shared services arrangement.



Options A, C and D all bring about the same level of savings in borrowing costs. Operational savings vary with each option.

CHOICE 4 RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

How can we best prepare our District to adapt as our climate changes?

Our natural environment, our homes, workplaces and the areas we spend our free time are already feeling some of the consequences of our changing climate. We are experiencing more frequent weather extremes and effects, including floods, droughts and fires. We have a large coastline, inhabited by thousands of residents. Adding to the complexity, much of our public infrastructure is built near the coast.

Our preferred option A

Affordable level of investment spread over the next 10 years.

Over the next 10 years, in addition to the business as usual expenditures, we plan to invest in a number of new initiatives to implement our Climate Action Plan, including:

- \$0.3 million for monitoring Council's greenhouse gas emissions and reduction planning.
- \$0.6 million for energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives for Council buildings.
- \$1.2 million for energy efficiency initiatives in Water Supply and Wastewater.

Alternative option B

Higher investment in the short term.

This option would see us investing more on climate change actions during the next 10 years. In addition to the investment in our Preferred Option A, this would allow us to:

- Advance active transport initiatives (e.g. earlier installation of protected cycleways, earlier creation of more cycle friendly town centres, earlier creation of slow speed residential areas) by spending an additional \$37.4 million (Council contribution \$18.3 million).
- Support the local Warmer Homes programme (\$150,000 per year, unleashing \$1.35 million in Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA) funding and enabling the insulation of 500 homes).
- Continue our contributions to the Emergency Fund in Years 1 to 4 of the 10-Year Plan of approximately \$1.6 million per year.

This option means a higher investment in the short term, but a more proactive response to climate change to meet the needs of our community.

YOU MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN...

We're looking at a range of our policies and strategies at the same time as we develop Tasman's 10-Year Plan. Many of these support the 10-Year Plan, so are changing to reflect the priorities and programmes we propose to focus on between 2021 and 2031.

- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Rates Remission Policy
- Development and Financial Contributions Policy
- Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022
- Motueka Firefighting Rate increase
- Rubbish and recycling collection areas
- Urban stormwater rating area

For more information see our draft Funding Impact Statement at LTP.tasman.govt.nz



HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

Rates affordability is an important issue for all Tasman residents. Over the past six years the Council has worked hard to keep rates and debt at an affordable level. Looking forward over the next 10 years, we have plenty of projects planned to keep our activities and assets functioning and effective as expected by our community. We will be doing this while ensuring our environment is protected and that rates are kept affordable.

INCREASING THE CAP ON RATES INCREASES AND NET DEBT LIMITS IN OUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY

For this 10-year budget, we are proposing to limit the annual rates income increase (excluding growth) to a maximum of 4.54% in Year 1, 4.57% in Year 2, and 4.5% in Years 3 and Years 6 to 10. For Years 4 and 5 (2024/2025 and 2025/2026) we are proposing a maximum annual rates income increase limit of 7.0%. We also propose to increase the net debt cap to a maximum of \$282 million.

Without this level of increase, we would have to reduce existing levels of service and/or defer/cut some of the planned work projects and programmes.

Rates examples – Residential

Compare your rates on our rates calculator – tasman.govt.nz/rates-search.



RICHMOND % change for 2021/2022 +3.1%

2020 CV: \$800,000
2020/2021 Actual rates: \$3,921
2021/2022 Proposed rates: \$4,044
Metered water – uses 103m³

Weekly increase **\$2.37**

MOTUEKA % change for 2021/2022 +3.2%

2020 CV: \$590,000
2020/2021 Actual rates: \$3,191
2021/2022 Proposed rates: \$3,293
Metered water – uses 87m³

Weekly increase **\$1.96**

WAKEFIELD % change for 2021/2022 +6.4%

2020 CV: \$580,000
2020/2021 Actual rates: \$3,448
2021/2022 Proposed rates: \$3,670
Metered water – using 185m³

Weekly increase **\$4.27**

Rates examples – Rural

TYPE AND LOCATION	2020 CAPITAL VALUE (CV)	WATER SUPPLY	2020/2021 ACTUAL RATES	2021/2022 PROPOSED RATES	% CHANGE
Dairy farm – Collingwood-Bainham	\$7.02 million	No metered water	\$20,930	\$16,075	-23.2%
Forestry – Lakes-Murchison	\$1.29 million	No metered water	\$3,065	\$3,347	+9.2%
Horticulture – Richmond	\$1.11 million	Metered water – uses 177m ³ Not affiliated with Dam	\$3,443	\$3,866	+12.3%
Horticulture – Hope	\$2.69 million	Affiliated with Dam*	\$5,857	\$6,940	+18.5%
Pastoral farm – Wakefield	\$2.81 million	Wai-iti Dam supply	\$10,161	\$9,287	-8.6%
Lifestyle – Hope	\$1.53 million	Affiliated with Dam*	\$3,769	\$4,318	+14.6%
Lifestyle – Hope	\$1.06 million	Affiliated with Dam* Rural water extension to Urban Water Supply. 2m ³ /day restrictor	\$4,116	\$4,664	+13.3%
Lifestyle – Neudorf	\$530,000	Dovedale Rural Water Supply – 2m ³ /day restrictor	\$3,083	\$3,259	+5.7%
Lifestyle – Wakefield	\$2.37 million	Eighty-Eight Valley Rural Water Supply 3m ³ /day restrictor	\$6,623	\$6,914	+4.4%
Lifestyle – Tasman	\$1.02 million	Rural water extension to Urban Water Supply. 2m ³ /day restrictor	\$4,024	\$4,320	+7.4%
Lifestyle – Bronte	\$1.69 million	Redwood Valley Rural Water Supply. 3m ³ /day restrictor	\$5,591	\$5,971	+6.8%

*Waimea Community Dam affiliated water consent holders

DIGITAL INNOVATION

The Covid-19 crisis has changed the way we work and do business.

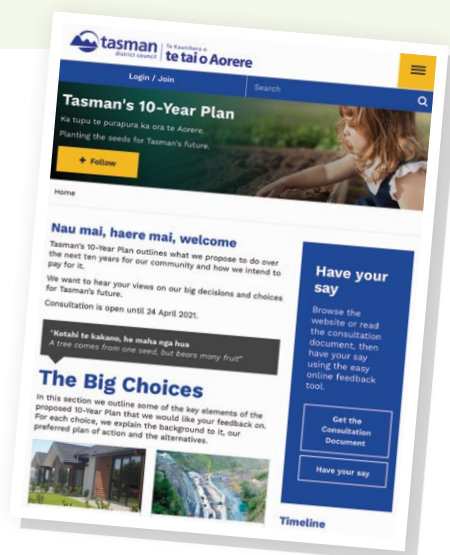
During lockdown the Council's Information Services Team stood up some interim solutions to meet many of the technology demands we faced – including remote working for staff and increasing the range of public services we provide online. To ensure these systems and services are enduring and meet both the Council requirements and our communities' expectations, additional investment is required.

Over the next five years we are proposing to invest \$13.3 million to improve our information services capability, our IT security and refresh our core applications. We want to provide a consistent, quality experience for residents where our website integrates with our other online services so we can provide more self-service, automated transactions with 24/7 accessibility.

LONG TERM PLAN GOES ONLINE

In addition to the usual methods of making a submission – via email, online submission or via the freepost form – an interactive online option has been provided for responding to Tasman's 10-Year Plan. Found at either the Tasman District Council website tasman.govt.nz or available directly at LTP.tasman.govt.nz, the interactive site provides a full library of material including the consultation document, supporting documents and maps. It also features the ability to remain in contact with the team managing the process, ask questions and have a discussion to help with your submission.

It also allows residents and ratepayers to sign up for more information and alerts as to changes and key dates and meetings.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	MEETING/DROP IN	VENUE
Thu 25 March	7.30 pm	Tasman Area Association	Tasman Church
Sat 27 March	8.00 am – 12.00 pm	Richmond Boot Market	Richmond Baptist Church Carpark
Mon 29 March	7.00 pm	Rotary Richmond	Club Waimea, Richmond
Mon 29 March	7.00 pm	Mārahau/Sandy Bay Ratepayers & Residents Association	Mārahau Fire Hall
Thu 1 April	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Drop-in	Richmond Mall
Tue 6 April	7.30 pm	Brightwater Community Association	Brightwater School
Sat 10 April	9.00 am – 1.30 pm	Tākaka Village Market	Tākaka
Mon 12 April	1.15 pm	Murchison & District Community Council	Murchison Sport Recreation & Cultural Centre
	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Drop-in	
Mon 12 April	7.15 pm	Māpua & Districts Community Association	Māpua Hall
Tue 13 April	11.00 am	Golden Bay Community Board	Tākaka Service Centre
	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	Drop-in	
Wed 14 April	7.15 pm	Rotoiti Community Council	Lake Rotoiti Community Hall
Sun 18 April	8.00 am – 1.00 pm	Motueka Sunday Market	Decks Reserve Carpark
Mon 19 April	7.30 pm	Wakefield Community Association	St Johns Worship Centre, Edward St, Wakefield
Tue 20 April	2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Drop-in	Motueka Service Centre
	5.00 pm	Motueka Community Board	
Tue 20 April	7.00 pm	Tapawera & Districts Community Council	Tapawera Community Centre

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