

Submissions received in response to the 2019/20 Annual Plan Consultation

Council received 173 submissions. Public hearings were held at a Special Council meeting on 21 June 2019. A further Special Council meeting was held on 28 June 2019 where Council deliberated on matters raised by submitters and made final decisions.

Council wishes to thank all submitters for their part in the process.

The following table outlines the various matters consulted on by Council and the decisions made:

Issue (as per Consultation Document)	Decision by Council
One District Plan Proposals	Council reduced the proposed budget for 19/20 from \$900,000 to \$700,000
	Council agreed to reduce the targeted rate for One District Plan from the proposed \$650,000 + GST to \$250,000 + GST.
	This reduction included the \$200,000 that the Local Government Commission agreed to contribute in 19/20.
Rapahoe Proposal	Council agreed that the proposal would not proceed.
Carters Beach Proposal	Council decided that the proposal would not proceed.
	Council will continue a dialogue with the Carters Beach community, Domain Board, and Buller District Council in an attempt to achieve a mutually acceptable solution.
	Council will provide Buller District Council with copies of submissions from both the March survey and Annual Plan submissions and will provide support and advice to Buller District Council on the community preferred option, which is a community led sand based bund as a wave overtopping protection option.
Other Matters	Council reaffirmed its commitment to the principle that the communities that benefits from river or coastal protection works are the ones that should pay for those works through an appropriate targeted rate.

Punakaiki Special Rating Area Differentials	Council decided to change to Option 3 in the Consultation document, which was to have no differentials, i.e. all properties are in the one class.
Karamea Stop-bank upgrade	Council decided to proceed with the stop-bank upgrade as outlined in the Consultation Document
Dairy inspection charge of \$350 + GST	Council decided to proceed with the changes outlined in the Consultation Document.
Transfer of Navigation safety powers to Grey District Council	Council decided to confirm the proposal as outlined in the Consultation Document.
Other issues not contained in the Consultation Document that Submitters Raised	
Westport 2100 Group	Council decided that Westport 2100 Committee be advised that any actual works required flowing from the Group recommendations will need to be considered as part of future Annual / Long Term plan processes.
	Re-purposing of existing Council budgets will be considered as appropriate.
Air-shed monitoring. Protection of sources of public drinking water supplies. Walking & Cycling strategies	Council decision was that submitters be advised their submissions were considered but there were no changes made to the Annual plan.
Concerns raised regarding Climate Change	Council decision was that submitters were to be advised that does take Climate Change into account when preparing Regional Policies & Plans.