



Summary of feedback

Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and User Fees and Charges 2024/25

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Introduction

This document is a summary of the feedback received on the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and the User Fees and Charges 2024/25. Consultation opened on Saturday, 16 March and closed on Friday, 19 April 2024. We received a total of 2275 feedback forms during this time.

This summary has been undertaken by staff to provide an overview of the main points raised in feedback. It is not intended to be a comprehensive capture of all points made by submitters. In addition to the summary of feedback, the following information is available to help inform deliberations and decisions:

- the full submissions;
- full transcribes of the notes taken at the 'Have your say' events; and
- staff recommendations (the deliberations agenda paper).

This document roughly follows the structure of the Consultation Document.

Please note:

Submissions that were not made online have been summarised by staff against the relevant consultation points. While staff were able to summarise comments, they did not presume selection of an option unless it was very clear in the submission text. This is reflected in the number of "No response" comments, where people did not select a preferred option but still provided comment against a consultation point.

Information provided

As part of the feedback form, we asked the question: "We've tried to provide good, clear information to help you have your say (for example, in our consultation document - Did the information we provided meet your needs?" and gave the options of yes or no.

A total of 406 people responded to the question, with 335 choosing yes and 71 choosing no.

Natural environment

Environmental management: How do we meet the growing needs?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Meet the growing needs	425	63.62%
Another option: Bare minimum	150	22.46%
None of the above	93	13.92%
[No response]	1607	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 668 submitters responded to this question, with 425 choosing our proposed option, 150 choosing the bare minimum option and 93 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 18 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 141 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option, emphasized the importance of investing in better initiatives to work smarter and ensure that the council goes beyond the bare minimum for environmental protection, and that environmental decisions made now have a significant impact on future generations. They advocated that protecting flora, fauna, and freshwater resources was seen as critical for Northland's future, and for addressing toxic chemicals, improving freshwater management, and supporting community-based initiatives. Concern was raised about the cost of fixing environmental issues later if we do not invest adequately in policy and planning now. They highlighted the need for more funding and active efforts to maintain a healthy environment and urged council to actively work toward doing more to protect Northland's environment. Submitters also called for streamlining consent processes to reduce costs and delays.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option expressed concerns about the financial implications of proposed plans and regulations in the current economic climate, highlighting it is not the time for excessive spending. Concerns were also raised about the practicality and financial burden of new freshwater plans, with suggestions that these could hinder average citizens without considering the outcomes. The duplication of efforts across different government levels was mentioned, with a call for central government to take responsibility. There was a sentiment that it would be premature to invest in policy changes proposed by a new coalition government until there is more clarity on government direction. Suggestions included cutting red tape, utilizing existing community expertise, linking up with organizations like DOC, and empowering landowners with funding for environmental management rather than imposing more regulations.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' expressed a range of opinions regarding the management and funding of environmental initiatives. Some noted the importance of courageous action and tougher regulations to protect freshwater. Others emphasized community involvement over costly consultants, advocating for local engagement. Balancing rates and environmental impact was discussed, along with prioritising infrastructure maintenance. Submitters supported increased consent processing but wanted legislation directly benefiting the environment. Community organizations received praise for practical action, while user pays principles and farming sector responsibility were debated. Better flood zone management and monitoring value for money spent were also raised. Catchment groups and community support were highlighted as essential for improving water quality and biodiversity.

Submitters who didn't choose an option expressed various viewpoints in their feedback. Some noted the need for better environmental management (including fencing waterways/waterway improvements) and simplified regulations for improved processes, while others emphasized caution in increasing charges. There was support for increased funding and a note on the importance of adequate enforcement and monitoring capacity, improved science, and data for better decision-making. Concerns were raised about

excessive regulations in the draft freshwater plan, and for pursuing this without proper government direction. The importance of collaboration with communities was noted.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Meet the growing needs		
LTP24_13	Kyle Bowater	Without a robust environmental plan we are all at risk.
LTP24_18	Stephanie Membroy and Marcus Smillie	It will cost more to fix up the environment when we do not invest more into policy and planning. We need to invest in better initiatives to work smarter to ensure the NRC are doing more than the bare minimum for our environment.
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	there needs to be more funding please don't cut the funding
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	NRC needs to be actively working at doing much more if we are to maintain a healthy environment.
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given the environmental challenges we're facing now and in the future.
LTP24_287	Amber-Leah O'Neill	It is absolutely important that the Council be able to operate effectively in this area. Our environment is ours and our children's future. It's tourism. It's business opportunities. It's Northlands reputation. It's Aotearoa's reputation
LTP24_366	Joan Helen Brown	This is so vital for the future - environmental decisions made now affect future generations - our responsibility to do as much as possible - not our right to do any less than that.
LTP24_439	Ericka Lashbrook	Whilst I support the requirement to meet growing needs, more has to be done to streamline consents and become more efficient, bring down costs. The building consent process takes too long and involves too many people, directly affecting the cost of building new homes. People are getting bankrupted by this antiquated system that is full of inconsistencies.
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support the proposal of meeting the growing needs. In aid of this, I would love to see more rubbish bins being installed to reduce the amount of litter in our communities. For example, in Kaikohe where there is school traffic and around Linvart Park. I would like to see rubbish being picked up regularly, rather than leaving this to accumulate and negatively impact our environments.
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Also work on the orchardists not spraying so many toxic chemicals. They need better shelter belts & should use more organic sprays that don't drift onto our roofs & run off into our waterways.
LTP24_602	Edward Raymond GROUFSKY	Important to give this some focus, without going overboard
LTP24_856	Tracey-Ann Hodgkinson	We need to meet growing needs
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Freshwater farm plans sounds like critical work to me. Farmers need to be nudged in right direction and need support. People won't invest enough in long term environmental work unless pushed by government. This is what government exists for.
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	Meet the growing needs.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Environmental management is of utmost importance for the environment and climate. Lagging today would make it more difficult and expensive in the future. Monitoring and compliance are important, but equally is the enforcement with stiff penalties if appropriate. Enforcement cost should be born by the polluter, thus neutral for NRC. [Also included in "other comments"]: Enforcement of rules must be enhanced for better results: monitoring alone is insufficient. Breaches need to be investigated and penalised harshly to discourage repeats. When monitoring of water

		quality in rivers and lakes reflects pollution, the source must be investigated (if required in cooperation with District Councils) and rectified - irrespective of stock or failing septic tanks.
LTP24_1086	Vicki Macdonald Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics Incorporated	The Environmental management of Northland is critical for our future generations. Protection of flora and fauna with consents is vital to maintain balance
LTP24_1079	Christine King	It is important that NRC continues to monitor & police our environment. With the government loosening controls we will rely more on NRC to ensure our whenua is not being represented & not being used as a factory for a few
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Water management and riparian planting in particular are critical for environmental health and for flood mitigation.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	More should be done on supporting community groups doing pest management
LTP24_1199	John Bell	While I support planning & policy I think the real challenge is rapid execution
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Its important to invest in new scientific initiatives to further protect the environment, and to monitor farming and resource consents regularly to ensure compliance.
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	Important to continue to develop the work you do
LTP24_1329	Kerry Cane	Please continue to contribute to rescue helicopter funding
LTP24_1448	Diana Sandifer	Please improve the protection and cleanup of our fresh water ways.
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Environmental issues have to be one of the priorities for any council because of climate change. I do question whether this council does as funding has been withdrawn from the cycleway from opua to kawakawa that local people including the tangata whenua used regularly and priority has been given to a fossil fuel train for tourism. It would now cost us 60 dollars to get past that part of the track on the train or we have the impossible steep and dangerous alternative presented of whangae rd that may have been ok when 20 years old.
LTP24_1508	Johs van pierce	Stricter and more controlled regulation to look after our environment. Without it our food disappears our oceans die, our rivers are polluted and we all suffer and our kids' lives pay the price.
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	growing area with growing needs - no brainer
LTP24_1495	Crispin Middleton	Should be cost recovery though from consents
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Affordability is huge at the present time. Please meet only the growth needs in a fiscally prudent way
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	This should be the same criteria for all New Zealander's.
LTP24_1836	Melissa Armstrong	Super important and more than happy to have this added to my rates
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	Our environment is critical to our regions health, wellbeing and also economically
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option to meet the growing needs. Please invest in new scientific initiatives for Lake Omapere after meaningful engagement with the lake trustees to ensure their support. Lake Omapere is showcased to the public who access the cycle trail, and its well-being is significant.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	We cannot afford to stop what we are already doing. We must maintain the progress.
LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	We must continue to do this vital work. We cannot afford to scale back, pressure on the environment is increasing.

LTP24_2127	Karen Easterbrook	Shouldn't make short term savings on things that will have long term consequences
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	The environment in Northland is subject to new pest incursions as it is the top of the country. It has a warmer climate and attracts new organisms from the equatorial areas which will be able to establish here over time. We need to have the tools to maintain our unique ecosystem.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	It is important to implement central government policies using the best science available while continually engaging with the community and all business sectors. It is also important to have the appropriate people available to do this mahi.
LTP24_2234	James Boughey	Pest control is an ongoing issue. Since recent community based initiatives in our area, the increase in native bird and tree life has been measurably improved. Please continue to support community based plans - they bring people together in a common goal.
LTP24_2248	Jacob Neeley	Need to increase consent processing and fully modernise freshwater farm plan regulations to clean up rivers and such. Less concerned about NRC investment in scientific initiatives. Let them come from National govt/private industry.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	I think this is core work. If it is not done, it is likely to cost us more in the medium to long term
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	Not enough information to make informed decision. What would be the impact of reducing the funding to bare minimum? Can me and my whānau afford not to have these things funded properly? The answer is no
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Given the actions of the new Government we must continue to look after the environment
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	We need more than minimum management and across all the environment, not just farmland.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	The environment is of paramount importance.
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	More work required and it is building on the mahi already achieved. This also supports locals as well as groups and organisations on a regional level. Allowing key partners to carry on with their work is critical.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	We consider Climate Change considerations and Climate Actions most important, which will have impact on the environment, biosecurity, biodiversity, generall well-being of all living beings.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	I wholeheartedly back the proposed action and believe that the bare minimum will not be sufficient.
LTP24_2659	Bart van der Meer	Definitely grow the compliance capacity with people who don't have a Northland connection to the industry.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	The region's population is growing, changing climatic conditions and increasing awareness/expectations of environmental conditions all place more demand upon service delivery. This is NOT the time to reduce delivery to the bare minimum but to actually increase delivery. NRC has several financially effective models in place with proven results. It's time to increase this type of model and increase effective implementations
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	We must continue to protect our environment to meet current demands and invest in innovation.

LTP24_1870	Patrick Newman	The future of Te Tai Tokerau needs protection. Your minimal proposal means a hugh danger to protecting what makes Te Tai Tokerau so special, and if this happens, the results are likely to me massive and long term if not permanent.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	This mahi is vital to our region. Please continue to be leaders in this.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	<p>Naumai marae want to engage with NRC on these scientific initiatives and work with them. We want to be considered as part of these initiatives either through Te Uri O Hau or directly.</p> <p>Do not support bare minimum option.</p> <p>[Also included in the "other comments" section]: Waiora River: Currently working a on vision and mission statement to raise funds to clear out the river and the Kaipara Harbour.</p> <p>The river needs to be cleared out and have the banks planted (in pohutukawa or other wetland natives) to stop them collapsing.</p> <p>The river currently has one of the highest nitrate levels and this is a concern.</p> <p>Given the river is brown, we first need to understand what is underneath it – need support to initiate a 3D scan of the river to better understand this. The last sea bed scan was done in 1974.</p> <p>There is very little information on the Wairoa River itself, only on the land surrouding. Flood resilience plans will fail if we don't look at whats happening in the river itself. KMR does the land but not the water, KDC has no remit over the water, NRC spot test only – all resulting in no real understadning of the river bed.</p> <p>Kaipara harbour is a breeding ground for so many important species. Many shellfish beds are becoming silted over.</p>
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Environmental management is of utmost importance for the environment and climate. Lagging today would make it more difficult and expensive in the future. Monitoring and compliance are important, but equally is the enforcement with stiff penalties if appropriate. Enforcement cost should be born by the polluter, thus neutral for NRC. [Also included in "other comments"]: Enforcement of rules must be enhanced for better results: monitoring alone is insufficient. Breaches need to be investigated and penalised harshly to discourage repeats. When monitoring of water quality in rivers and lakes reflects pollution, the source must be investigated (if required in cooperation with District Councils) and rectified - irrespective of stock or failing septic tanks. Please deliver core work in an efficient manner.
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	You say you will do these actions in your 'proposed plan'. We want to know how and when. Not just that you "propose" to.
LTP24_2724	Marilyn Ruth cox	I would like to see more compliance work on vehicles on Bream Bay beach
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	General support. The cost associated with monitoring and mitigating Climate Change should be separated out from business as usual and the cost clearly identified as a separate figure. This will aid in driving home the cost of global warming at an individual level. Costs of consents and compliance monitoring should largely be met by the user - have charges kept pace with inflation? If not increase costs in line with inflation rather than further burdening rate payers. This should include the cost of recruiting/maintaining a skilled staff base that is adequately remunerated.
LTP24_2770	Helen Gilbert	I have just spent 2 hours on my submission to NRC LTP and when I clicked on the link nrc.govt.nz/future plan in Reviewing reserves and returned to my submission online it had disappeared. I will now try again with little or no comment. other than this box
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Priority. Safe water reserves for all. Encouraging independent drinking water supplies and reserves such as rain water tanks where possible to spread the load of community supplies. Toxic weeds. Support small communities and individuals to tackle toxic weeds that harm human health and the native life. Priorities... tobacco weed, privot, whattyl trees...

LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	I am really concerned about the decline in the health of our rivers and other water ways. Another concern is the prevalence in our region of noxious plants etc. This is not a time to be reducing spending on these issues.
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	We agree with the increased spend for environmental management, particularly the funding for kaitiaki-related programmes.
LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	Given the hostile stance of the new government and the increasing frequency of adverse weather events, it is important to increase action to uphold te mana o te taiao. This is also where we have the most agency to heal the climate.
LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	Fresh water plans are essential and high quality science based information is needed to assess progress and plan ahead.
LTP24_3009	Amelia Burnett	I am strongly in support of increasing spending in environmental management to meet future demand and support investment in new scientific initiatives.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	I am disappointed to read that NRC is wanting to push pause on Environmental Funding I note that there is no guarantee given that it will be reinstated in the consultation document This funding has worked very well in the past - with getting on the ground work done and gaining buy in from those receiving the fund to do more It is a positive interaction between communities and NRC, a great way to provide advice and education and showcase what can be achieved when people and communities all work together With changes indicated/signalled by Central Government it is looking likely that the work load that was going to be needed re FWFP will now be substantially less. Please reconsider reinstating in some way shape or form the Environmental Fund even if it is a lesser amount

LTP24_3084	Robyn Allpress Waimate North Landcare Trust	Waimate North Landcare Trust (WNLT) understands that NRC is legally required to oversee the implementation, consenting and monitoring of freshwater farm plans and proposes to fund this through significant reallocation of funds from environment grants. We support increasing the protection of fresh waterways and wetlands but not at the loss of environment grants that fund a wide range of projects benefitting the natural environment. We support a reprioritisation process within the current budget that does not disadvantage the projects that are currently funded and does not seriously reduce funding for important predator and pest control work. The draft NRC LTP focuses on the importance of our natural environment and NRC's crucial role in caring for land, water, sea and air. NRC always acknowledges it cannot do this job well without the strong partnerships it has developed over the years with tangata whenua and communities and this is highlighted throughout the document. Strong, resilient communities are a focus for NRC; they play an important and necessary part alongside NRC in prevention and recovery work to keep the environment safe from pests, diseases and natural disasters. As NRC says on its website: We can't do it alone - we need the entire community to come together and invest in biodiversity and biosecurity with us. Volunteers are taking responsibility all over Northland to meet this objective, and there is concern that NRC will not be able to meet its obligations to invest adequate support and resources. WNLT would like to acknowledge our long-standing relationships with NRC and its staff. The Waimate North community and environment has really benefited from the resources and advice we have received over the years. In particular we wish to express our gratitude for the Pest Management Targeted Rate which has been a source of valuable support for WNLT and other pest control groups in Northland. This support is crucial to the work the Trust does in partnership with the local community, including the farming community, to carry out predator control, kiwi monitoring, education in schools and kiwi aversion training. Networking with other environment groups and NRC through High Value Areas meetings is also valued and necessary.
LTP24_3089	Nan Pullman	I think it is essential the council fulfils it's role as an environmental watchdog and has capacity to meet increased current and future demands.
LTP24_3136	Valerie Green-Moss	Essential role. If NRC doesn't do this, who does?
LTP24_3176	Joanne Shanks Community Business and Environment Centre	Our rohe is growing, climate changing impact is growing, your mahi needs to increase to keep up.
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	Supporting initiatives that enhance environmental practices is vital for safeguarding Northland's natural resources and promoting a resilient ecosystem. It is encouraging to see the council's focus on strategic environmental management, as it is essential for fostering a healthy environment and sustainable development in the region.
LTP24_3178	Julie Ann Widger	This is a no Brainer. We need to protect our environment for the future.
LTP24_3196	Jessie McVeagh	Caring for and restoring our Taiao is essential to our wellbeing and that of our future generations and the right for nature to exist.
LTP24_3264	Caren Davis	Increase protections of freshwater
LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	The primary costs of resource consent processing and compliance monitoring should be borne by applicants and consent holders, with a small subsidy from general rates. None of the primary documents discuss the basis for the cost-sharing adopted, but this should be explicit.

LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Support the proposed option Te Ūkaipō supports the proposed option to fund necessary planning and policy work and make the necessary improvements to consent processes. As an ongoing touchpoint for our work, this work needs to have a level of high cultural competence and consistency. Consents that fundamentally go against the goals in this plan (wetland protection, freshwater management, allocation of freshwater for commercial and farming, indigenous biodiversity removal) are being approved exposing inconsistencies within the Councils own operations. To be able to continue processing an increase in consent applications, iwi and hapū will also be expected to comment and provide formal responses in a short turn around time in circumstances where resources are scarce and capacity is low. We urge the council to consider this when increasing its capacity to process documentation and what support they can give iwi and hapū in this area. Consider actively encouraging planners and applicants to work with iwi and hapū directly before submitting, or respond with a s92 request for more information when iwi and hapū groups have been avoided. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3320	Zoe Caroline Bowden Tawapou Conservation Trust	We agree the Council should prioritise the development of planning and related work in order to meet future environmental management and climate resilience needs.
LTP24_3326	Gillian Bruce Maungatapere Village Inc	We are a rural community and potentially isolated in an emergency. Any further modelling that can warn us of imminent risks would be valuable. We also rely on water for the horticulture businesses in our community. It is important that this precious resource is available to orchards, and used wisely, using technology to ensure use is aligned to need. We would be sad to find there is no grant resource available to us to protect Maungatapere mountain and the critically endangered swamp maire that grow there. We recognise the increased demand for freshwater consents and believe the people who benefit from them should be largely funding them themselves.
LTP24_2461	Mike Murphy	I support the NRC continuing to help fund and support pest eradication in the Kaipara region, especially anything associated with Shaun Holland, who has driven considerable positive change to our local ecosystem in the Pahi and Paparoa region of Northland. Through myself and my local community we have participated in pest trapping that could not have happened without the support of Shaun and the NRC.
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Better control of industrial run off would be good
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	I think you need to negotiate with the land owners and not the hapu as they are not the ones who own the land the people are the owners and who is any entity to tell the people what's best for their Tupuna Whenua. You are consistently talking with people who do not inform us of what decisions they have made on our land until its already made or done.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Environmental issues are going to increase, especially with climate change. This is an essential function of NRC
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	Support better data help better alert communities to flash flooding. I have seen some of this technology at WaterNZ Conference and the NEMA Conference and as we have experienced over the last few years, we need it.
Another option: Bare minimum		
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	People cannot afford rates increase to cover a wish list and more consultations! Now is not the time to be spending money.

LTP24_81	Heather Golley	Leave the fresh water plans alone, you are hindering the average Northlander with your 'new' proposed freshwater plan with no thought to the outcomes for the people you are paid to represent.
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Duplicated across the country. Should be central gov job
LTP24_1176	Melanie Wilson	Your proposed waterways restrictions on private land and fencing requirements are not practical and will cost the land owners.
LTP24_1312	Marc Verwoerd	New coalition government is proposing many changes in these policy areas, it would be premature to invest now, should be revisited in next annual plan if government policy direction is clearer in 12 months.
LTP24_1307	Kylie Horsfall	Cut the red tape and consultant fees. Use expertise currently in the community. Link up with DOC etc.
LTP24_1916	GLADYS SANDRA ROWSELL	Over reaction to environment compliance Common sense should prevail.
LTP24_2471	Robert N	Pause for consistency with the National Government. Empower land owners with funding for environmental management.
LTP24_2463	Christine Thirling	in my opinion it is enough to fund minimum work to meet legal obligations.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more rate increases.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	The bare minimum is all that can be afforded at the present time by ratepayers.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Obligated to serve community
LTP24_2867	Sheryl Bainbridge	I am opposed to your freshwater farm plan regulations due to the potential adverse effects on farmers and communities so most certainly do not want to see any further work in this area.
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	I believe it should largely be the role of central government ministries/departments to undertake the necessary environmental science research and keep up to date with the latest science. Their findings would in turn feed into local council's policy and planning work. There is far too much duplication as it is, with a culture of job creation both nationally and locally that does not necessarily lead to better outcomes. Data collection could be shared as necessary between government departments, institutions and local government. We have a tendency towards overblown bureaucracy, endless doubling up of reports that say the same thing, etc with little to actually show for it 'on the ground'. For instance, why would each Regional Council write essentially the same report on an issue when one would do. Ratepayers and taxpayers are not endless sources of money, especially in a recession of which we would appear to be entering, if not already in.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	We cannot afford more than the bare minimum - just that legally required only.
None of the above		
LTP24_91	Maria Eisel-Klee	Consult with Dr Mike Joy and be courageous in implementing tougher regulations to protect our freshwater.
LTP24_114	Jamie Doouss	Freshwater plans are an onerous un needed regulation. Chemicals & Fertiliser too expensive to apply without a well informed decision anyway
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Don't waste money paying consultants huge amounts of money to come up with plans. Get the local communities involved. Spend the money saved on emergency services.

LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	You need to be pro active in the community and not be stuck in offices and going to individual sites and places. For example - create events where community members are invited to spend say 2 to 3 hours per month doing weed tree removal. To do this you need to provide the equipment and you need to post a letter to all residents with say a 3 km radius of the site. - do not rely solely on social media. NRC does not have a good profile so change things by doing events such as this.
LTP24_318	Pete Watts	Put rates up to meet demand
LTP24_561	Cole Thornton	Stop making it harder for people to invest in their own lives. This type of thinking will force everyone on to benefits. Increasing consents will stop people building. Stop wasteful spending like the ridiculous council building. Repairs should have been done to forum north to bring up to scratch.
LTP24_605	Tom WEBB	Proposed option, but with more funding for boots on the ground workers who actually get the job done, policy and planning should be kept to a minimum to maximise funding to those who need it, at the front line.
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	Maintain and re new the existing infrastructure instead of building new and just responding with increased rates to fund faulty existing.
LTP24_941	Leigh Guddat	I don't know enough to comment
LTP24_1002	Lynne Haselden	Just make consent and compliance easier without making the public jump through hoops
LTP24_1368	Alexis Wheeler	The new freshwater farm plan regulations will bankrupt many hard working families. The costs you indicated in your plan, that would be borne solely by property owners are outrageous. It would also devalue their land going forward creating and even bigger loss. There needs to be alot more work and consultation with property owners before such plans are even considered.
LTP24_1693	Grant David Hall	Cant afford this option financially in this current year.
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	I believe that environmental management is an integral part of NRC's role, therefore the bare minimum is not an option. I support increasing the consent processing and compliance capacity as long as the increased legislation that causes this need is directly improving the environment and not just creating more paperwork and administration time. I would personally rather see environmental money put directly into environmental projects rather than into scientific initiatives. I support fencing off waterways in a practical way - the proposed legislation is at present not practical. I support the creation of marine reserves. I support the education of people to ensure that there are better environmental practices and knowledge in the future. I support the increase of native bush and not the increase of pines to gain carbon credits.
LTP24_2224	Kelvin Maxwell	Better fiscal planning and limiting of inhouse costs.
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	Fund community organisations such as Pest Free Peninsulas Kaipara. It is run by volunteers and is making a real difference on pest control. Birdlife is being restored and forests are doing much better. They are doing it on a shoestring budget and could really do with some help. I think, some of the funding options for landowners for replanting are a waste of money, since there is no real follow up to see where the money has gone. If you are going to do that, then there needs to be follow up and consequences (like repaying the funding) if it's not done properly. We need less "planning and policy work", we need more action. It's not rocket science and more scientific work is not necessary. Just get planting, trapping, removing noxious weeds and building walkways etc. It shouldn't be that hard. Look at viable alternatives for 1080.

LTP24_2282	Michael Moss	stop listing to climate activist who are idiots The climate will change whether or not humans do anything or not, we cannot influence it much Geological history over millions of years shows us this (I'm a geologist)
LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	The proposal is to redirect funding currently going to community-led projects to farmers to support the freshwater plan farm rollout. This is a dreadful proposal that needs to be totally rejected. Firstly the Government is currently reevaluating the freshwater plan rollout and NRC also needs to pause while the new Government requirements are known. The proposal represents a subsidy from the community to businesses. Farms are businesses, and they need to be responsible for all the impacts to the environment that their businesses create. I have a non-farming business, and I have to take responsibility and pay for all my obligations. There should not be a special case for farming. User pays principles need to apply. In many areas of Northland, the environment, particularly freshwater, has degraded while farming intensity has increased. This has been the farming sector's choice. Now, the environment has become so degraded that the impacts of farming can no longer be ignored. This is not the community's fault; they have not had the benefits of the intensification. This is privatising profits while pushing the costs onto the public sector. The NRC needs to develop a user pays environmental management proposal where the farming sector (this may need to involve Fonterra etc) meets the cost of environmental management. This is not a culture war with the farming community, but this proposal may cause one. The community group in my area currently receiving NRC support also supports Farmers with their Freshwater Plans. A better suggestion would be to invest more into the community with an expanded mandate and budget to support farmers.
LTP24_2513	Rebecca Everest	Better management is needed in flood zones as seen in big storms where certian roads flood such as kaka st, James Street. Proper drainage system need to be put in place and these need to be cleaned every 6 months, so the drains dont become blocked. More sandbags need to be avialable to the public and business owners if order to save their livlehoods and prevent damage
LTP24_2667	Ann Neill	Meet the growing need and provide funding for farmer led community catchment groups to support delivery of farm environmental plans and actions to improve water quality & biodiversity.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	It is easy to create employment, but who monitors value for money spent?
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Change the approach to be working with nature and community to bring balance. Stop using highly toxic Roadside spays. Look to other control methods that don't include boom sprays annihilating 2M either side of the road, in culverts, water channels, and creating dead plant fire hazard zones in summer, as well as being hazardous to health (acute and insidious). When you say "new scientific initiative" that could mean anything. I object to the addition of fluoride to water. It is a proven neurotoxin. You have been presented high level science by relevant professionals. Instead of putting money into non-consented medication of the public, invest in free/subsidised dental hygiene and healthy diets please.
LTP24_3110	Tony Phipps	Suggest: reducing spending on endless water policy churn and give priority to work that results in real changes that contribute to achieving water objectives.

LTP24_3077	Shaun Holland Pest Free Peninsulas Kaipara	Kia ora, just wanted to put in my support for community conservation, especially CPCAs and HVAs, I am the coordinator for Pest Free Peninsula Kaipara which is a community group which has a CPCA with NRC. I am incredibly grateful for all NRC has done to support our community conservation and I wanted to share some of the success we have had through this support. - Over 400 properties involved in our community conservation effort, on 6 Peninsulas (Hukatere, Matakoho, Petley, Pahi, Te Pahi and Whakapirau), this is over 12000 hectares of community trapping - Kaka have reintroduced onto Pahi peninsula (2023) - Highest Ferret kills for all of Northland (2022) - Bittern recorded on Hukatere peninsula booming (2023) - 10415 possums killed between Jan 2018 and Dec 2023 - 217 Mustelids killed between Jan 2018 and Dec 2023 I know you guys have constraints over the coming long term plan, but I hope that you see the value in what we do and continue to support our mahi and most importantly support wider community inclusion of Northlands conservation outcomes, I feel it has brought our community together while also producing amazing results which was only possible through your support. Just on a side note for biofunds, I believe that this funding avenue would benefit from more KPI's as I do feel some landowners need more support than just been given traps i.e mentoring and result monitoring
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	It's not an either/or option for any of them I'd hope! There is a midpoint between meeting the growing needs, and only doing the bare minimums. Especially in this area, where we are already seeing future growth projections for large parts of Northland (excepting Mangawhai and Bream Bay) revised downwards in analysis that is probably more recent than the data you have been using for future planning.
LTP24_2917	Ann Elizabeth Neill Piroa Conservation Trust	Catchment groups and communities can play a role to support farmers, growers, producers and lifestyle block owners to improve water quality and biodiversity, which are performing poorly throughout most of Northland. Catchment groups are strongly supported by regional councils throughout NZ but have been slower to take off in Northland. Bream Bay is currently running a pilot catchment group project for MPI/MfE in partnership with iwi/hapu. Dairy farmers are at the centre of these catchment groups and action plans. We ask that funding from the putea to support farm environmental plan delivery provides for catchment group and community involvement.
[No response]		
LTP24_166	Yvette White	You should have a link here to refer back to the relevant section of the plan
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	Use the land management team to make farmers put fences up by their waterways
LTP24_559	Lynda Cate	Above is way too much control concents and just costs that achieve minimal improvement.
LTP24_730	Jarrood Goodall	Reduce and simplify regulation to make it easier to asses and approve applications. Invest in technology to make the process quicker.
LTP24_1827	Raewyn Ings	meet growing needs
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Environmental management Support increase in funding beyond NRC proposal up to an additional 5% (not just the 1.06% proposed). Ensuring adequate capacity in enforcement and monitoring is essential. Enforcement of rules has been seriously lacking nationwide for a long time. - Improved science and data is critical to sound decision making and will result in better outcomes and opportunities for cost savings through targeted and efficient action. As climate change impacts really start to bite it will be critical to have high quality assessments and advice on hand to guide action.

LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Please take care and not increase charges and therefore prohibit improved living conditions for Humans.
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Environmental Management: I strongly believe that NRC needs to invest more, certainly not less in environmental management to meet existing and future challenges. Community groups should be the receivers of funding not private enterprises such as farms There are amazing environmental groups in Northland and even to suggest that their funding cut be cut or even taken away seems counter productive
LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	The government mindset on climate change and in particular, emission control has altered. Te Hiku Community Board has submitted on the draft freshwater plan separately, believing the plan change owes its proposed excessive regulations to propaganda rather than to scientific evidence, and that the draft as proposed will adversely impact on the social wellbeing of our local communities. The Board recommends that funding of new work proposed is not funded until certainty on the government's direction has been established.
LTP24_3016	Craig Deal Northland Fish and Game Council	Submission support the proposal to improve environmental science and data, and raises concern at the lack of reference to improving environmental science and data for freshwater data and monitoring. Submits that funding should be allocated to increase Northlands freshwater data at least to a standard that would meet the requirements of the NPS-FM to provide basic data on baseline states for all attributes. Submission strongly supports increasing compliance capacity to ensure rules are implemented and complied with effectively, and raises concerns about subsidising resource consents. Submission disagrees with prioritizing consent processing in the Long-Term Plan. Other actions, such as improving water quality, should take precedence. Submission makes reference to NRCs Draft Freshwater Plan. It references Action plans, data, and environmental outcomes. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Please do not continue to waste time and resources on Fresh Water Plans and areas of Natural Significance. Wait until the new legislation is passed.
LTP24_3052	Kath Keremete Healthy Families Far North	Support HFFN implores Northland Regional Council to review their approach, and shift toward a model of working with communities, supporting them to determine best approach where possible. Our communities have the knowledge and observations as first responders of their surrounding environments.
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	DPA supports plans to improve waterways and water health as it is key component of climate resilience. With the NRC concerns with river-water quality in Northland especially during storm events and central government plans to fast track approvals, water security is an important factor for the health and wellbeing of the disabled community. Recommendation 4: that NRC discuss climate resilience with the disabled community including impacts on water security and water health especially during storm events.
LTP24_3322	Alan Agnew	I do not agree with fencing off the creeks, as the drying and dead vegetation will become a fire hazard and a 'highway' for pests; rats and so on.

LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	<p>Over arching comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northland Regional Council (NRC) plays a crucial role in environmental protection and resource management whilst working with its Te Tiriti partners and wider communities to help create a healthy environment, strong economy and resilient communities. 2. From an environmental protection and resource management perspective, the relationship that Māori have with, and within, Te Taiao is irrefutable, ongoing and intergenerational and specifically provided for within Article 2 of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. 3. From this perspective Te Kahu o Taonui supports the concepts of Te Oranga o Te Taiao and Te Mana o Te Wai with its associated hierarchy of obligations that prioritises: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. First, the health and well-being of ecosystems b. Second, the health needs of people c. Third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being, now and in the future. <p>We support increased consent processing and compliance with the expectation that there is a funding line to support resource recovery options for iwi and hapū resource management practitioners and that kaitiaki are involved in compliance. Compliance and improved environmental science and data will also include tikanga components and mātauranga Māori attributes.</p>
LTP24_3285	Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)	<p>Submission introduces the Te Roto Omapere Strategic Plan, and makes requests related to its implementation, with the aim of helping to address priority issues, promoting the restoration and preservation of this invaluable natural resource for generations to come: 1. Collective catchment management plan with supported infrastructure subsidy \$100,000 p.a 2. Pest weed (both aquatic and land-based) management plan development and delivery \$50,000 p.a 3. Long-term monitoring (includes capital assets and opex) \$50,000 p.a [Staff summary; please see original feedback] See attached the LTP submission from Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)</p>
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	<p>Federated Farmers opposes the Council's proposed option, emphasizing the need for a more focused approach to meet regulatory and legislative changes. They urge the Council to critically review its work program, trim unnecessary expenses, and prioritize essential needs during the recession and cost-of-living crisis. Despite reduced resources, the expectation is that the Council will deliver core outcomes for the next three years. It supports the bare minimum approach outlined in the LTP for the delivery of environmental management. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	<p>Submitter notes that Northland is an island nation with both vulnerability and strength. Unlike continental areas, it lacks extensive hinterland for water catchments and resources. Economic models designed for larger nations may not suit Northland's limited resource base. The region's coastline is attractive for residential expansion, but coastal dynamics pose challenges. To mitigate coastal squeeze, setbacks are essential. Connecting Northland to Auckland via motorways could strain water resources and lead to greenfield residential expansion. Proposed expansion as a dormitory suburb of Auckland must be carefully managed. Collaboration with district councils and community efforts is crucial for sustainable growth. Northland's unique position calls for thoughtful planning and environmental protection. [Staff summary, please see full feedback for further details].</p>

Biosecurity and biodiversity: How should we address new challenges?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Re-prioritise within current budget	353	55.77%
Another option: Bare minimum	144	22.75%
None of the above	136	21.48%
[No response]	1642	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 633 submitters responded to this question, with 353 choosing our proposed option, 144 choosing the bare minimum option and 136 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 18 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 137 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option noted the importance of maintaining and enhancing biosecurity and biodiversity efforts in Northland, highlighting the responsibility to future generations. They emphasized the need to respond to new invasive species, such as Caulerpa, while also addressing existing pests. The negative social and economic impacts of invasive species was addressed, along with the advocacy of knowledge-sharing and community engagement/community-led projects, and commitment to protecting the environment and preventing irreversible damage was expressed.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option emphasized community involvement in trapping and suggested reallocating funds saved from emergency services. Others advocated for reducing employee and consultant costs and expressed the importance of being realistic about marine biosecurity goals by avoiding wasteful spending, with a call to invest in prevention rather than costly eradication efforts. Cooperation with other biosecurity agencies and community-driven solutions were also recommended in a bid to generate savings. Some expressed concerns about affordability and accountability in proposed initiatives. Non-toxic biodiversity strategies and collaboration with volunteers was suggested to protect wildlife and promote sustainable practices.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' expressed strong concerns regarding the council's approach to biosecurity and biodiversity given the options that were provided (re-prioritise or scale back). They emphasized the importance of maintaining and even increasing funding and efforts in these areas with strong commitment to biosecurity and biodiversity being a priority. The feedback highlighted the necessity of continued investment in community-led conservation initiatives (including being more proactive with community involvement), with many advocating for increased rates or reallocation of funds to support these efforts. There was also a sentiment that scaling back on biosecurity and biodiversity could lead to long-term negative consequences for Northland's environment and economy.

Submitters who didn't choose an option expressed a range of concerns and suggestions regarding biosecurity, biodiversity, and environmental stewardship – such as the importance of funding for invasive weed control to protect vital fisheries, the value in of community-led pest control efforts, the need for adequate resourcing for on the ground work, and having robust biosecurity emergency repeses. Many noted the need to increase funding and scale up efforts, and they advocated for continued financial support for community-led pest control efforts, emphasizing the positive impact on local flora and fauna.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Re-prioritise within current budget		
LTP24_18	Stephanie Membroy and Marcus Smillie	Without increased funding into Biosecurity and Biodiversity we will not act fast enough and have more expensive invasive species destroying the environment and have large social and economic impacts. This area is the most important to protect and grow. Without this important work you will be the ones approving loss of species, allowing invasive species to grow and arrive. As a landowner and rate payer I do not want this to be my legacy. Costs are increasing everywhere and we cannot drop the ball on protecting our land for future and current generations.
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	it needs to stay the same
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	People cannot afford rates increase to cover a wish list and more consultations! Now is not the time to be spending money.
LTP24_112	Clare Williams	This is quite important and shouldn't be scaled back
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given the challenges our Northland biosphere is facing now and in the future.
LTP24_142	Katrina	Prioritise projects that will have the most economic and environmental impact on our region i.e. aquatic threat species
LTP24_366	Joan Helen Brown	This is so vital for the future - biosecurity and biodiversity decisions made now affect future generations - our responsibility to do as much as possible - not our right to do any less than that.
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support re-prioritising the current budget to meet these needs.
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	It's really important, don't cut back
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Please push on with this work. To scale back would be to lose traction in so many areas where good progress is being seen - it would waste the work that has already been put in
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	Re-prioritise.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Biosecurity and biodiversity need to be enhanced to avoid further irreversible damage. With the new Government's reduced focus on the environment, biodiversity and climate, Councils and volunteer organisations might be required to do rather more than less.
LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Tackle pest plants
LTP24_1199	John Bell	Please use either English or both Te Reo and English rather than mixing languages.
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	We face some significant biosecurity threats, and these will only worsen with the advancing of climate change.
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	It's essential for our region to continue to invest in biosecurity
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	Good to have some flexibility to re-prioritise depending on situation arising
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	The key thing is productivity, how much bang for the ratepayer buck can be eked out. Maybe that is one of the big issues, increasing productivity. The Public sector seems to struggle with that much more than the private sector. Addressing that might resolve quite a few other issues.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	Need to work in with DoC better to ensure the money is being spent for the best conservation outcome. Kiwicoast do an excellent job, but there are 90,000 kiwi in the wild, and fewer than 3,000 pateke where Northland is still their last strong hold in the World. All funding and grants should be based purely on outcomes, not race based woke ideology.

LTP24_1719	Erin Corble	Whangarei is direly lacking in trees and shrubs. For the most part it feels like a concrete hellscape
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Biosecurity and biodiversity are essential for long term environmental health of the region. Without this long term health, the people of the region will ultimately suffer. If we do not look after the environment, then we cannot expect the environment to look after us.
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Biosecurity is important. New incursions can be extremely difficult and expensive to contain unless systematic monitoring and control is not carried out.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the existing activities in the Regional Pest and Marine Pathways Management Plan.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	We should not scale back this work, it is vital.
LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	Biosecurity work needs to include transportation of pest plant species (soil movement) by road construction and excavation. Pest plant establishment begins where these activities take place. Have rules around this. For some areas it's too late the damage is done!!!
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	Not sure about scalling back kauri protection funding however, I would hope iwi & hapu will be able to support. Especially if training and support is provided by NRC.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	We should put the most effort into this area due to the top of the north being the frontline for biosecurity incursions. If we can stop things here we can prevent spread further south.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	It is important to protect Northland from invasive weed and pest species. By Council having the appropriate tools and working with the private sector a better outcome can be achieved.
LTP24_2155	Hannah Williams	I think the planned biosecurity and biodiversity funding changes are great and relevant. One point would be to make sure that not too much money is taken from the kauri dieback project, as these are a taonga species and incredibly important for Northland's ecosystem.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	This is essential work. Caulpera and golden clam are both timely examples of the need to get on top of invasive species quickly. There is a lot of work needed on dune lakes. And at least one other looming threat on the west coast with Sea Spurge arriving on Ripiro Beach in several places. If anything, I would support more funding for this work
LTP24_2235	Brian Dodds	Member - Pest Free Penninsulars (Tinopai, Pahi, Whakapirau) In the 1960s there were virtually no possums in Northland, but by the mid-1990s there were 10-15 million. (Source - Te Ara, Encyclopedia of New Zealand) Community trapping is making a difference, but any scale back of existing activities at the NRC level is likely to increase rather than decrease the possum and mustelid populations, with a corresponding negative impact on native flora and fauna.
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	Not enough information to make an informed decision
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	DOC Staff numbers are being cut. What pressure will this place on Northland ?
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	Very important to keep this critical work going and not lose ground against environmental damage, habitat loss or invasive pests...this is imperative!
LTP24_2463	Christine Thirling	it is important

LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	agree the items identified to scale back on seem appropriate, together with increased focus on immediate and urgent issues such as caulerpa.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	We need more funding in this area to be responsive to future stresses placed on the environment from unforeseen incursions. We need to better protect and understand the biodiversity we have. The proposed option is the best way to do this.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Sure, look at our local priorities and resource those. Compare against nationally funded programmes and withdraw from those. WDC, MPI and DoC don't work well with NRC and this needs to change in order to get the essentials done effectively
LTP24_2715	Jodie Rogers Taupo Bay Land & Coastal Group	Do not cut or reallocate funds from biosecurity and biodiversity projects that benefit te taiao and the health of the people in the communities that benefit from the present allocated funds.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pest work - jobs for nature - bring pest control to the hapū so that they can go out and do that study of what papatuanuku needs from us. - Naumai Marae want NRC to bring training and education in at a marae level - knowledge is power for their people. Building knowledge and educating so that we can make decisions for ourselves. Let communities looks after themselves with support from NRC to educate our people. - Naumai Marae want to be engaged in the Kaitiaki programme at all levels. - Caulerpa - go hard on the response now, don't wait. - Our flora and fauna have disappeared through the clearing/spraying of drains meaning the loss of tadpoles/frogs etc. These things only come back when the environment is right. - We need to protect those things that are important to us using our ways passed down over generations. - How can we be included in any training and/or capability building of our people. - Do not support bare minimum.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Biosecurity and biodiversity need to be enhanced to avoid further irreversible damage. With the new Government's reduced focus on the environment, biodiversity and climate, Councils and volunteer organisations will be required to do rather more than less. The budget for biosecurity and biodiversity must be rather increased than reduced to enable this vital work. Scaling back on biodiversity would undermine the outcomes of 'protected and flourishing native life'. This is especially concerning as climate change is introducing some new pests and weeds and increasing the reproductive rate of some existing ones. We also have major new threats e.g. caulerpa that will have a major economic impact if not controlled. So, cutting back on biosecurity would be very short-sighted and would undermine the community objectives they strive to achieve. We strongly support Kiwi Coast seeking to retain the current biosecurity budget instead of a proposed reduction of \$200,000. Also the financial support for other environmental groups needs to be continued. The total value of Kiwi Coast's and other group's activities with huge volunteer input is much larger than such financial contributions.
LTP24_2724	Marilyn Ruth Cox	More weed control along the Bream Bay coast is needed.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Support work with Caulerpa. Need to increase hull inspections - KPI should be set as a % of marine vehicles visiting/using the area in 1 year. 2000 a year sounds good but as traffic increases and targets stay the same we will see an effective decrease in monitoring.
LTP24_2913	Katy Simon	This is incredibly important work, especially with central government cuts in these area. I support growing work and am willing to pay higher rates specific to this.

LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	We agree with the need to respond to new invasive species such as Caulerpa, however, we have concerns for scaling back existing biosecurity programmes, such as reducing the kauri protection budget. NRC should look to partner with hapū such as Patuharakeke to look for more efficient and effective ways of protecting kauri.
LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	I would like to see no scaling back of existing activities in this area, especially Kauri protection, and so would support a slightly greater rate increase.
LTP24_3084	Robyn Allpress Waimate North Landcare Trust	NRC proposes to reduce the Community Partnerships, Biodiversity and Biosecurity programmes budgets in order to 'rebalance and reprioritize' work strands. WNLTL understands that NRC is legally required to oversee the implementation of freshwater farm plans and propose to fund this through significant reallocations of funds from environment grants. We support a reprioritisation process within the current budget that does not disadvantage the projects that are currently funded. NRC has identified its Priority Areas: - Restoring health to freshwater remains a key focus for us. We're continuing to develop a new approach for managing freshwater, to meet government requirements and improve freshwater health in a generation. - Tangata whenua and local communities are often at the forefront of environmental protection, putting in hours of work with support from our staff. Through these enduring partnerships we can together help restore the mauri (life force) of te taiao. Unfortunately, in the draft LTP, managing freshwater comes at a cost to the community environmental projects, as NRC's proposal is to significantly reduce environmental projects grant funding and redirect staff and funds to support the freshwater farm plan rollout. Does one priority have to cancel out the other or are there other ways to respond to the requirements of the government while maintaining and supporting the volunteer groups who work to care for the health of the natural environment? Can these two priority areas have common goals and be developed collaboratively? Has there been an assessment of the consequences of reducing funding for Community Partnerships, Biosecurity and Biodiversity programmes to the environment and community? Of particular importance and value are the following Biosecurity Community Partnerships programmes currently funded: - Kauri protection - Wild deer free Northland - High value areas - Predator Free Pēwhairangi Whānui (Bay of Islands) - Predator Free Whangārei. - Urban Pest Control (Whangārei) - Western Northland Pest Control - Community Pest Control Areas
LTP24_3187	Jillian Secker	As long as the scale back of existing activities does not risk a backslide in current protection levels
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	This approach to re-prioritise within the current budget for biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives highlights a balanced strategy that acknowledges the importance of managing resources wisely to promote environmental sustainability and address new challenges in a cost-effective manner. It sets a solid foundation for proactive and responsible decision-making regarding the region's biosecurity and biodiversity concerns.
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Biodiversity and biosecurity are investments with a strong return. For example, calauper invasion is going to have huge environmental and economic impacts which may have been able to be avoided with better biosecurity measures.
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	International tourism is the best path forward for Northland growth, and with it will come more risk. If you think of it from an organisational risk perspective, let alone the other perspectives, there are few other areas that would cause such a catastrophic failure than allowing more pests into our rohe. It would cause a lot of the goodwill Northlanders feel to the NRC disappear almost overnight.

LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	As a Regional Plan appellant which created the need for some of the new mahi (management of Rahui Tapu), we endorse the proposal to contribute to funding the new challenges (including invasive Caulerpa, pest fish, plant pests, etc). However, we would be concerned if the Council were to significantly reduce its highly leveraged contributions to community-led biosecurity projects such as Predator Free Pēiwhairangi and Russell CPCA.
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Te Ūkaipō supports the use of existing budget where it is appropriate and delivering its targets. Submission notes that "This Plan fails to respond to the invasion of marine pests and weeds. The opportunity to work with Iwi on the ground to address these issues has also been overlooked." [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3326	Gillian Bruce Maungatapere Village Inc	It's important for us to respond to new invasive species, like Caulerpa, that threaten the Northland economy. We also request an ongoing focus on pests that threaten our horticulture and agriculture, and Maungatapere mountain that is at the heart of our community. We recognise the need to respond to new invasive species. We also request a continued focus on the old pests that affect our productivity, or the health of our mountain forest.
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	I think you need to negotiate with the land owners and not the hapu as they are not the ones who own the land the people are the owners and who is any entity to tell the people what's best for their Tupuna Whenua. You are consistently talking with people who do not inform us of what decisions they have made on our land until its already made or done.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Also vitally important.
Another option: Bare minimum		
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Again gets communities involved in trapping etc. Use the money saved on emergency services
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Focus on core functions of the council like infrastructure. Cut employees and consultants to free up funds.
LTP24_1495	Crispin Middleton	Be realistic about marine Biosecurity goals and take actual scientific advice. Pouring money into fights with Sabella or Caulerpa is wasted money. 100% guarantee you will not eradicate either. Spend the money on preventing new incursions. Don't bow to political pressures to be 'seen' to be doing something when it is against all sound scientific advice.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Biosecurity is essential in Northland for all our marine and terrestrial produce. Cooperate more with other biosecurity agencies to avoid duplication and generate savings
LTP24_2282	Michael Moss	Need to try and eradicate pests and weeds etc, advocate for a return of the PEP like schemes
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No rate increases.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	No new initiatives are affordable.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Community advised solutions and involvement
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	I must ask why these answers are designed specifically to favor the councils proposal, and not something that is more feasible and publicly supported, while also having accountability to what council propose to do.
LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	Te Hiku Community Board recommends that the status quo is maintained.

LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Most of the effort in biodiversity is carried out by volunteers of which in Northland there are many. Efforts should be made to co-operate with these. Thank you for the excellent neighbourhood predator control programme.
LTP24_2930	Asha Andersen Flora and Fauna Inc. Society	Focus on non toxic biodiversity strategy that supports Hapu health, economic independence and biodiversity protection and gains through Hapu led hunting and trapping initiatives. Current methods are causing conflict within communities and harm to wildlife including natives. This follows truly sustainable practices and removes risks and non target deaths associated with chemical poisons.
None of the above		
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	NRC indicates by its proposals that it is not overly concerned with biosecurity and biodiversity issues in Northland. This is extremely dumb and remiss and shows no vision or intelligence.
LTP24_36	Mick Kelly	Necessary to maintain commitment to biosecurity and biodiversity, the foundation on which sustainable development rests.
LTP24_89	Janet Macdonald	Bio security absolutely needs to be a priority in this country
LTP24_391	Sandra Waddell	Do whatever it takes without scaling back.
LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	You need to be pro active in the community and not be stuck in offices and going to individual sites and places. For example- create events where community members are invited to spend say 2 to 3 hours per month doing weed tree removal. To do this you need to provide the equipment and you need to post a letter to all residents with say a 3 km radius of the site. - do not rely solely on social media. NRC does not have a good profile so change things by doing events such as this.
LTP24_318	Pete watts	Increase rates to meet demand
LTP24_537	Deborah Yardley	This is hugely important and provides essential protections and I do not support cutting back the existing activities, funds should be diverted from other areas to maintain current levels
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Spend more. Need to get rid of the invasive plants all over the place.
LTP24_559	Lynda Cate	Please use English or Maori ... but discard the mixed bastardised Maori English pidgin language used. It disrespect both languages and makes your survey dishonorable as those that do not understand can not answer correctly. Sort out the basis of this. You should be focusing on stopping the copious amount of overseas contaminants entering NZ and Northland.
LTP24_808	Christina Taylor	This is important to not cut any costs - in fact more money should be. Put into bio security and bio diversity.
LTP24_862	Karl wilson	I believe you are doing less than the bare minimum anyway.
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Increase the budget. PTA, caulerpa, kina barrens, fish stocks, pest management all needs to be focussed on in much more detail and given resource
LTP24_925	John Oates	Respond as necessary to the challenges as they currently exist or new as they occur i.e. Caulerpa brachypus
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Increase rates to cover all existing and future costs
LTP24_1386	Kristy Louise Lawton	Reprioritise money from inefficient council head office processes or raise more funds. Biosecurity in the Bay of Islands is important. If we muck it up we ruin it forever.
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Priority on the water has to be eradication of caulerpera if it spread further into the bay of islands there are still many people who have no idea about this issue more education and signs needed at marinas and boat ramps.

LTP24_1770	Michael van Beek	Allocating more funding to new and existing initiatives, rather than scaling back existing activities. biosecurity and biodiversity are important to our tourism
LTP24_1773	Alison Jane Leigh	We need to increase this area of the budget as the result of not doing it is never ending.
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	I would like to see more spent on this area. Pest plants and animals can have a lot of unseen effects as well as financial effects. I support the scale back of kauri dieback response, but would like to see more effort spent on keeping our land and sea pest free.
LTP24_2234	James Boughey	Both options don't look like they focus on any long term benefits ?
LTP24_2224	Kelvin Maxwell	Look at ways of cutting "function" costs for NRC. Providing services for ratepayers is the priority.
LTP24_2281	Ngairé Sullivan Kiwi Link HVA	Community-led conservation groups involved in Kiwi Link have worked together since 2017 to protect and restore native biodiversity between Taraunui and Ngunguru Ford in eastern Whangarei. From 2017-2021 Kiwi Link operated as a Community Pest Control Area (CPCA) with Northland Regional Council (NRC). Upon its completion, Kiwi Link formed a new five-year agreement with NRC, upgrading to a High Value Area (HVA). The Kiwi Link project area has now increased to 15,000 hectares and brings together 11 groups and projects who are working together to maximise operational efficiencies and ecological gains. Annual reports to NRC have demonstrated a remarkable return on investment. For example, in the 2022/23 financial year alone NRC's investment of \$120,000 was increased sixfold. Additional resources and funds brought in increased the project value to a total of \$636,999. Unpaid labour was the single largest contributor, totalling \$235,723 or 37% of the total project value, underscoring the significant community commitment to the project. Thanks to the multi-year core funding from NRC and the hard work of those involved, Kiwi Link has achieved remarkable results. Over 8 years, 45,044 pests have been trapped and monitoring shows populations of taonga wildlife species including kiwi, kukupa and pāteke have all risen as a result. NRC's Biosecurity Partnership program is an outstanding success. This submission supports ongoing investment by the council in the Biosecurity Partnership program. The funds supplied to sustain community-led pest control and biodiversity recovery projects should not be decreased, but rather increased, or at the very least sustained.
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	see comments under environmental management.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Head-on! Do what's important and expect the people to support you, including financially.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	Biosecurity is essential to the region's economy and should NOT be scaled back. New bugs, for which there seems to be no remedy nor any apparent attempt to control them, are appearing regularly. Example - army worm, that destroyed my entire vege garden, some ornamentals and clover pasture. This pest alone must be affecting farmers and growers, much of the region's economy.
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Look to increase this fund as it is of great benefit in the long term. A reduction at this point will create an increase in required expenditure in the longer term.
LTP24_2511	Evan Bucherer	Not scale back.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Biosecurity and Biodiversity are extremely important and need to be supported progressively. We do not support the proposed reduction of funding of community groups' work in this field, e.g. Kiwi Coast. Cutting such financial support would reduce the valuable work of volunteers.

LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	Scaling back anything in this area is only going to create larger and more expensive problems in the future.
LTP24_2478	Robyn Clare Bigelow Weed Action Native Habitat Restoration Trust	Reducing funding in the Biosecurity/Biodiversity area when threats to both areas have never been greater is a backward step. Reducing Community Partnership funding doesn't make sense as an engage and active community in this arena is your greatest resource when it comes to the battle to hold back the tide of invasive weeds and biosecurity threats. Weed Action Native Habitat Restoration Trust is a recipient of this funding under the High-Value Programme - as are other groups throughout Northland. The value-added money and input of the relatively small amount of funding we receive is considerable. For example, our HVA funding enabled us to engage \$120,000 value of volunteer input let alone the 100's of landowners that benefited from our advice and support. Alongside this, our HVA funding enabled us to leverage and use this co-funding to receive \$240,000 for 1 year from Foundation North. This funding has meant that we have provided employment for 6 local hapu members, the previous year we received \$50,000 which provided the first real opportunity to train and engage hapu. Without reliable funding from NRC, this would not have been possible. Not only were the gains great for biodiversity but this fund brought money and heightened awareness into the Whangarei Heads community. I am sure there are examples of this throughout level of increased value from our other HVA partners. If our funding is reduced, our already very stretched service will be impacted and our ability to respond to our community reduced. Please do not reduce this funding.
LTP24_2513	Rebecca Everest	More pest control needs to be in place 7% of all doc assets that have much is currently pest controlled. That is absolutely disgusting, pests will kill our native wildlife and plants and fauna which will push some plants and even animals on endangered lists or if not controlled to extinction if pest are left to run riot.
LTP24_2747	Rakesh Pinao	Do more. Biodiversity is consistently under-valued and I feel we must do more integrated biodiversity work (not just look to maintain a squeezed conservation estate). I also think the threat from bio-security for a regional economy is massive, like pandemics we are highly exposed and seem to be waiting for the worst to happen before we act. More must be done, especially in these next three years.
LTP24_2667	Ann Neill	Retain funding for community-led conservation initiatives at a level that recognises increased delivery costs. Encourage new community groups to be established for pest management.
LTP24_1870	Patrick Newman	You would put the biosecurity and biodiversity of Te Tai Tokerau at serious risk for a saving of less than a million dollars???? The saving does in no way, mean anything compared to what the the result of such actions could be.....
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	I understand your need to look for reduction and re-prioritisation of budgets, however I do not believe this is the work area to be reduced. If anything there should be more resources invested. This is a core function for a regional council.

LTP24_2737	Helen Moodie Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum	The Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum incorporated society (WHLF) was set up in 2001 as a platform enabling the many community-driven projects doing pest and weed control throughout the Whangarei Heads peninsula. Whangarei Heads is a special place with lots of rare, special and pretty unique wildlife. Because the environment is continuously under threat by weeds, possums, rats, stoats and development, locals are involved in 'action on the ground' to keep their backyard so special. This includes a plant nursery, plant and animal pest control. Community resilience is also significantly enhanced by the networks developed through the WHLF activities. Indeed Whangarei Heads is recognised as one of the most successful kiwi recovery programmes - with the majority of this involving kiwi on private land. The Backyard Kiwi project and resultant growth of the kiwi population from 80 in 2001 to over 1100 now acts as an inspiration to much of the additional work carried out at the Heads. However the biggest threat to the biodiversity values in the area is complacency. Failure to continue with the plant and animal pest control at Whangarei Heads would be a disaster for the special values (and we don't say that lightly!). In particular the growing kiwi population is reliant on the ongoing mustelid predator control carried out by the Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum. NRC have provided crucial support of this for a number of years - initially through a targeted rate on Whangarei Heads properties for this work - that received very strong support from the community. This support of the Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum Backyard Kiwi project continued via the High Value Area process. The value of the Biosecurity Community Partnerships programme can not be underestimated in providing the platform and support for the many projects such as our Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum work. This submission seeks to support ongoing investment by the council in this highly effective and efficient work. We consider that any reallocation of budget within the Biosecurity Budget should not reduce the level of financial support to the current High Value Areas.
LTP24_2770	Helen Gilbert	Provide far greater support.
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	I believe its essential to invest more resources into this area of work
LTP24_3009	Amelia Burnett	I strongly oppose scaling back funding on biosecurity and biodiversity and believe this is an area where additional investment is needed to protect our native forests, waterways and marine environments,
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Concentrate on supporting existing community-led development and give the funding to local community organisations to address pest and plant control in their own communities. Re-connecting Northland has shown effective leadership in this area that works to encourage a healthy balance for the land and the people. This approach develops human capability in rural and isolated areas so has a knock on positive effect to develop more connected, financially and environmentally resilient communities.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	With money moving from the Efund to Biodiversity and Biosecurity it is robbing Peter to pay Paul - not best/good practice There is also no justifications or consequences given for the decrease in some of the current Biosecurity Programmes e.g. Kauri Die Back. Which makes it very difficult to comment further. I can only assume they will be negative General Comment The small 1.06% increase of spending in the Natural Environment area coupled with and at the expense of other projects and programmes is counterproductive and lacks the foresight that I would expect from NRC governance

LTP24_3001	JENNIFER RITCHIE-CAMPBELL Mahinepua Radar Hill Landcare Group (MRHLG)	We do not support either of the above options. We propose that the budget for this area be at least maintained at the existing level and ideally increased. It is currently proposed to reduce the Biosecurity Community Partnerships Budget by \$0.2M in order to 'rebalance and reprioritize' work strands. As a community landcare group which relies heavily on local volunteers to deliver our work, the support of NRC through this budget has been pivotal to us and similar sized groups. A reduction in funding, as proposed, will significantly reduce the predator and pest control activities resulting in the loss of hard fought gains to our native flora and fauna.
LTP24_3115	Nan Pullman QEII National Trust - Whangarei regional representative	As the Whangarei regional representative for the QEII National Trust for the past 25 years I have always valued the financial support that the regional council has provided to assist landowners to legally protect their special places. In some instances without additional funding assistance these covenants would not have progressed. In my time Northland has always had a constant stream of people wanting to protect areas so there has been plenty of work and there is still much more to do. I still think it would be hugely beneficial to identify some of our most significant sites on private land and proactively encourage people to protect biodiversity. As the regional rep I have an ongoing relationship with landowners to help them look after their covenants and the regional council has played a huge part in this mahi by providing advice, especially in the area of weed and animal pest control and also materials. We encourage landowners to apply for Biofund grants so they can do more to look after their covenants and also invite biosecurity officers to get involved in a myriad of projects. Similarly we are feeding information back to the council in regards to weed and animal pest control. In the past decade I have also been involved with community-led conservation projects - Kiwi Coast and the Tutukaka HVA, Piroa-Brynderwyn HVA. I encourage covenantors to come along to trapping workshops, weed action days, kiwi releases so that they can learn more and participate in the wider landscape level of integrated pest management that has proven so successful in Northland. It is this collaborative approach that is seeing such huge success and I feel we need to keep supporting this type of work as it is providing such significant results. NRC's Biosecurity Partnership programme has been a game changer and I do not support any reduction in its budget. I support ongoing investment by the council in the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Programme. I recommend funds, support and resources should be increased over the next ten years to enable the continued growth of community-led biosecurity and biodiversity projects that are bringing such tangible and significant benefits to Te Tai Tokerau. Furthermore I would like to see efforts made to continue to encourage landowners to protect terrestrial biodiversity as well as wetlands.
LTP24_3077	Shaun Holland Pest Free Peninsulas Kaipara	Biodiversity is so important, I would like to see agency's working closer together to support biodiversity and I would like to see more tools and empowerment of local communities to be involved or their voice listened too similar to the work done by kiwicoast, where the community are given the tools, mentoring and support to protect species that are important nationally and also locally, especially because a lot of these species are found on private land. - The Kaka that have reintroduced onto Pahi are flying between 3 farms, - Bittern are in a wetland that is part of private land, - Geckos and Kauri snails have all been on private land.
LTP24_3089	Nan Pullman	I do not support reprioritizing or scaling back existing activities. I support ongoing investment by the council in the Biosecurity Partnership program. Instead of a decrease, funds, support and resources should be increased over the next ten years in order to enable the continued growth of hapu, iwi and community-led biosecurity and biodiversity projects that are bringing significant and tangible benefits to Te Tai Tokerau.

LTP24_3320	Zoe Caroline Bowden Tawapou Conservation Trust	<p>We do not support either option proposed in the Plan. The Council should maintain current spending on community partnerships (\$2.9m) or increase it in line with inflation. Community partnerships are critical for the ongoing maintenance and future enhancement of biodiversity. They also leverage and build upon existing community frameworks and relationships which, in turn, promote increased engagement with conservation and biodiversity issues at a local and national level. By way of example, with the support of the NRC, the Tawapou Conservation Trust undertakes long term pest eradication projects to promote the resilience and survival of various native species including kiwi and endangered Oi (grey faced petrels). The value of this investment is also amplified by the community and volunteer hours invested by community projects - delivering a solid investment return proposition for Council. With the support of NRC grants, the Tawapou Conservation Trust holds annual 'community planting days' that see thousands of native trees planted per year. 2024's project includes the fencing and protection of a raupo swamp wetland. This is an ecologically significant project that we hope will provide habitats for eels, insects and bird life, including the Australasian Bittern, which is one of New Zealand's most endangered bird species (estimates of between 250-1,000 adults remaining). This is important and valuable work that is made possible by ongoing funding opportunities.</p>
LTP24_2917	Ann Elizabeth Neill Piroa Conservation Trust	<p>Cutting community funding will severely restrict the value community groups bring to conservation. Through their stewardship of resources, community networks and volunteers they can deliver the best bang for buck value in town. We ask NRC to retain funding for community conservation groups at least at the same level, if not an increase to recognise the increases in costs of delivery.</p>
LTP24_3008	Jane Elizabeth Hutchings	<p>As a farmer for over 35 years in Northland, we found the help from our Regional council is the envy of many other regions. As past winners of the Ballance Farm Environment awards for Northland we told other finalists from other regions that NRC work well with farmers in helping solve problems rather than waving a stick. On the environmental side, our farm is lucky to have North Island Brown Kiwi living on it, and with the huge help of NRC we got a Community pest control area going and the farm and neighbouring properties are showing the results of over 10 years of pest control. As chairperson of Kiwi Coast, I have seen huge growth in community groups, Iwi, Hapu, farmers and schools take on the job of managing pests and weeds through out Northland going from 32 to now 225 groups. Mostly started with the help and guidance of Kiwi Coast who couldn't do it without the huge support of NRC. There are now 251300 hectares under pest control in Northland under Kiwi Coast. In over 10 years over 700000 pests have been removed from Northland, with on average 2000 pests a week. Much of this is done by volunteers for love not money, so by cutting the biosecurity budget would be a kick in the guts. The regional council are getting above and beyond value for money from what they put in. The NRC Biosecurity program is an outstanding success. The suggestion in the proposed Long term plan to reduce the budget by \$0.2M is not supported.</p>

LTP24_3132	Ngairé Sullivan Kiwi Coast	<p>Kiwi Coast Trust treasures its partnership with the Northland Regional Council. With the second five-year Partnership Agreement in place, the future looks bright for working together to support hapu, iwi and community led biosecurity and biodiversity projects across Te Tai Tokerau. Kiwi Coast Coordinators and specialist contractors have now provided a decade of support aimed at fostering links and enabling community, hapū and iwi-led conservation and kaitiakitanga across the region. Over the last 10 years, the number of projects linked into Kiwi Coast has increased beyond expectation - from 32 to 225. The collective area managed by these entities has likewise increased to over 251,300 hectares. The momentum shows no sign of slowing down. Long term planning for the region needs to account for continued growth of hapu, iwi and community led biosecurity and biodiversity projects to ensure the outstanding results achieved to date are not lost, but enabled to grow further. Ten years of trap catch data collation has demonstrated both the tenacity of Northlander's to sustain their projects through often difficult times and the strength of Kiwi Coast's collaborative approach. A record number of 116,952 animal pests were trapped across the Kiwi Coast in 2022 alone, taking the ten year grand tally to 708,536. On average, approximately 2,250 animal pests are now trapped across the Kiwi Coast network every week. The 708,536 animal pests collectively trapped are testament to the ongoing hard work of Northlanders on farms, forests and private blocks. Pest control motivated by taonga species such as kiwi, has had widespread flow-on benefits to communities and biodiversity. These benefits are both tangible and intangible. They include improved native forest health, the return of birdsong to once silent forests, the recovery of threatened species and the empowerment of people, living confidently in increasingly cohesive communities as they come together to care for their special places and cherished taonga. Continuing to create wildlife-friendly corridors via landscape-scale pest control networks across Northland will not only allow taonga species such as kiwi to roam and disperse safely, but also provides safeguards against the effects of climate change, helping our native forests and wildlife to thrive into the future. The collaborative Kiwi Coast network of 225 entities represents and enables nature positive climate change action at a regional scale. The Climate Change Commission has recommended increasing pest control to protect existing carbon stocks and promote forest regeneration. Pest control projects linked into Kiwi Coast cover over 251,000 hectares of Northland - actively reducing foliage browse and increasing native forest biomass, health and resilience. This in turn, is increasing carbon sequestration and reducing emissions - two of the key drivers of global climate change. This work needs to expand further to grow and increase the benefits that result. NRC's Biosecurity Partnership program is an outstanding success. The suggestion in the proposed Long Term Plan to reduce the budget by \$0.2M is not supported. This submission supports ongoing investment by the council in the Biosecurity Partnership program. Instead of a decrease, funds, support and resources should be increased over the next ten years in order to enable the continued growth of hapu, iwi and community-led biosecurity and biodiversity projects that are bringing significant and tangible benefits to Te Tai Tokerau.</p>
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	<p>I think an option should have been to maintain the existing programmes so that our region can keep on top of managing pests and continue working closely with tangata whenua, communities and landowners. Maintain the budgets of: - Community partnerships - Kauri protection - Grant funding for biodiversity - Grant funding for biosecurity</p>
[No response]		
LTP24_45	Wendy Bown	Neither. Do at least existing activities and scale up.
LTP24_166	Yvette White	You should have a link here to refer back to the relevant section of the plan

LTP24_656	Susan Goodall	Fund control of the invasive weed that is a threat to the fisheries. The north especially cannot afford to lose these vital resources.
LTP24_778	Lesley Griffiths	All options are made to save money and not put up The rates. The decisions you make now will affect future generations
LTP24_2242	Paul Smith	Pest control by community groups Dear NRC, some time ago you decided to increase your support for community lead pest control. I was an early recipient of that assistance and this empowered further support and engagement from the community around me. Volunteers commit many many hours to unseen tasks that do make a difference to the flora and fauna we live with. My space is Pahi Peninsula. From experience I can say it takes a lot of effort from a lot of people to achieve observable outcomes when dealing with large scale environment projects. In Pahi, residents have made the effort and are in love with the results. As you well know, going backwards is all too easy. Quitting is not an option. I want to heartily encourage you to continue to actively as and financially support community lead environment action groups and perhaps even expanded this so as to grow its impact and lead to generational change about environment stewardship. It is essential that that NRC lead there's initiatives with clarity and consistency. I am confident what I'm telling you is not news and I sincerely hope you continue the good work in the be LTP
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Biosecurity and biodiversity - Support increase in funding up to an additional 5% not just reprioritisation and rebalancing as proposed. - There has been a significant lack of funding and attention to the threats posed by invasive plant species. The threat posed by invasive plants is like a slow moving tsunami that will become impossible to manage if we do not put more into taking action now. Further funding needs to be allocated to strategic planning and monitoring as well as on the ground work. - With J4N funding running out for a number of hugely successful pest control projects throughout the Region NRC could play a critical role in bridging financial support until new funding streams can be secured. The increase in funding for this purpose could be limited to the next 2-3 years. This would help ensure environmental gains achieved do not slip backwards. - Support increases in funding for the Caulerpa and Batwing Passionflower work streams. - Support ensuring there is a robust biosecurity emergency response fund available to be able to take swift and effective action as new threats emerge. Climate change is likely to impact on the frequency and threat posed by biosecurity incursions so need an increase in budget to reflect that. - Additional funding should be set aside for wetland restoration and construction. These ecosystems are seriously threatened and will play a critical role in mitigating the effects of climate change. - Oppose scaling back of existing work streams, particularly community partnerships and grants for biodiversity.
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Biosecurity and biodiversity are absolutely key for a strong, healthy Northland- now and in the future and are NRC's core business
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	Northland taiao is truly outstanding with the land, forests, excellent air quality and an abundance of freshwater. NRC's aim to increase planted forests and tackle nonnative invasive animal and plant species is important in maintaining our taiao. Our taiao is already degraded from decades of inappropriate development and unsustainable practices and is also facing major risks from climate change and the cumulative effects of existing land and resource use. We need to restore and protect what we have left.

LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We are mindful that Te Taitokerau is facing increasing issues that are impacting on our biosecurity and biodiversity. ii. Ngā iwi and ngā hapū have been at the forefront of trying to mitigate these impacts on their taonga and any action to minimise these plans and strategies will have further ecological ramifications. iii. We do not support reducing biosecurity and biodiversity funding. iv. Te Kahu o Taonui is willing to co-design, with NRC, what an appropriate MPI response would look like for Te Taitokerau.
LTP24_3285	Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)	Submission introduces the Te Roto Omapere Strategic Plan, and makes requests related to its implementation, including: 2. Pest weed (both aquatic and land-based) management plan development and delivery \$50,000 p.a [Staff summary; please see original feedback] See attached the LTP submission from Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Federated Farmers supports the Council's approach to achieving biosecurity and biodiversity functions without increasing rates. However, they seek clarification on why reprioritization of the work program wouldn't impact rates in the proposed option but would contribute to the 2.9% rates increase in the bare minimum option. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	Maintain focus while addressing new challenges. Biodiversity Protection in Northland: Challenges and Strategies Northland, like many other regions, faces a biodiversity crisis. Much of this biodiversity exists on private land or land under negotiation for Treaty settlement. To effectively manage biodiversity protection, we must consider the perspectives of those affected by protection measures. However, obstacles exist. Mapping Significant Natural Areas: Previous attempts to map significant natural areas were sabotaged by far-right groups. They feared that mapping would lead to regulatory property theft. Public education is crucial to address fears and misconceptions. Anticipating reactionary responses is essential. Despite threats and abuse, staff can work with cooperative landowners to facilitate weed and pest control and fencing where permission is granted. Understanding Opposition Forces: Neoliberals and conservative libertarians are active in Northland. Their objectives, often concealed, challenge environmental protection efforts. The debate over who owns biodiversity threatens private property rights. Some property owners resist mapping, claiming they can self-manage biodiversity. A regulatory approach triggers strong reactions among conservatives. Alternative Approaches: The QEII National Trust offers voluntary covenants for perpetual biodiversity protection without regulation. The Northland Regional Council (NRC) could assist landowners with fencing costs. Building trust through trusted community liaisons may yield positive results in engaging farmers for biodiversity conservation. Balancing environmental protection with property rights requires strategic communication, education, and alternative tools. [Staff summary, please see full feedback for further details].
LTP24_3323	Jim Sephton Whangarei District Council	Notwithstanding, WDC are disappointed with the following and seek an opportunity for further discussion: -Reduction in the allocated budget for Kauri protection.

LTP24_3377	Puketotara Landcare Puketotara Landcare	Submission to Northland Regional Council. Puketotara Catchment Landcare has benefitted from the funding put in by Northland Regional Council. We are just one of many community groups working in a voluntary capacity with landowners, farmers and our local hapu Te Whui. As volunteers we are adding value to the effort of NRC to protect streams, forest, fauna including a kiwi population estimated to be over 100 pairs. Our trapping has protected birds, geckos, insects, native bush, all of which are part of Northland's rich biodiversity. We are supporting riparian fencing, native tree planting, pest control and community education. Over the last 10 years our group has removed thousands of possums, feral cats, mustelids and rats. We want to keep this momentum going and need the help of NRC to do this. NRC's Biosecurity Team and Puketotara Landcare have a successful partnership to control pests on our 5,000 hectare area. The suggestion in the proposed Long Term Plan to reduce the budget by \$0.2M is not supported. This submission supports continued investment by the council in the Biosecurity Partnership program. Instead of a decrease, resources should be increased over the next ten years in order to enable the continued growth of hapu, iwi and community-led biosecurity and biodiversity projects that are bringing significant and tangible benefits to the Mid-North area and to Te Tai Tokerau.
LTP24_3331	John Hawley Marunui Conservation Ltd	KEY POINTS a) MCL seeks the retention of: - the existing Community Partnerships budget; and - the existing kauri protection budget b) MCL supports the targeted pest management rate in the districts, including the Kaipara District c) MCL supports the continued funding of the High Value Pest Control Areas, especially the Piroa-Brynderwyns HVA [Staff note, key points only raised above, please see full feedback for more details]
LTP24_3287	Rhoda Morrison	Long Term Plan Submission - community Pest Trapping I wish to submit my feedback on the long term plan. Please continue to fund community Trapping in its current form. Without continued funding Northland will return to being overrun with possums and rats etc causing destruction to regenerating and remnant bush. The system works fine as it is, without changing management of the system. It is working very well and many people volunteer their time participating to achieve the goals.
LTP24_3028	Anna Murphy	19% of the NRC rate towards environmental management in Tai Tokerau is not enough to achieve the goals that we must urgently keep working towards achieving. I support a greater portion of rates going towards enhancing our precious native biodiversity - for example predator control and pest plant eradication. Or I would support an increase in my rates or a targeted rate to achieve better protection of biodiversity. I believe that biodiversity protection must be prioritized before funding sporting facilities. Pest plants are a massive environmental threat and without more resources will continue to invade and destroy native habitats. As an example, I recently pulled out about 30 Taiwan cherry seedlings in the middle of the Pukenui forest. Left there unmanaged they will quickly replace and dominate the native vegetation. Moth plant is another threat that is quickly gaining a strong foothold in many places. There must be an increase in funding to get more teams out there doing control work across the whole region and an increase in the current budgets for community weed and pest control.
LTP24_3051	Robert Ihle	It would be great to continue funding at current levels, however at a minimum the tangible gains that have been made in pest control and the subsequent noticeable bounce back of flora and fauna can't be allowed to revert. The initial investment in traps, poisons, and establishment of trap lines, will only require a maintenance budget to cover monitoring, toxins, lures, and occasional trap replacement.

Community resilience

Climate resilience and emergency management: How can we best support the region?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Do this important mahi	321	50.5%
Another option: Bare minimum	114	18%
Another option: Do even more than proposed	142	22.5%
None of the above	56	9%
[No response]	1,642	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 633 submitters responded to this question, with 321 choosing our proposed option, 114 choosing the bare minimum option and 56 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 24 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 153 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option, emphasized the importance of climate resilience, community engagement, and emergency services in Northland. They advocated for practical solutions like drain maintenance and adaptive measures, alongside investment in flood protection and emergency response. Urgency regarding climate change was stressed, with varying views on carbon neutrality. Transparency, affordability, and disability-inclusive planning were also highlighted. Overall, balancing policy initiatives with tangible results is crucial for a resilient and sustainable future. Several submissions that were substantially similar were received from surf lifesaving clubs and supporters, raising concern that while the proposed funding is crucial, it should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, and noting the vital role lifeguards play.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option expressed diverse views on climate change, funding priorities, and emergency management. Some emphasized urgency, while others questioned the need for certain initiatives. Balancing practical solutions, transparency, and affordability remains essential for a resilient and sustainable future.

Submitters who selected '**go even further**' noted that our climate is changing faster than predicted and that climate resilience processes are essential and must be identified and put in place. The bare minimum option was considered reckless and irresponsible, given past severe weather experiences. Doing more was considered necessary and justified, with the additional 0.22% rate increase being a wise investment for future readiness. Establishing a voluntary register for people with disabilities in case of emergencies or evacuations was supported. Prioritization of adaptation and mitigation actions that deliver co-benefits for people is encouraged. Submitters urged investment in climate change modelling that reflects regional topography and vulnerabilities. Enhancing resilience planning was deemed essential for the region's future.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' expressed a variety of concerns and suggestions regarding the management of climate change, emergency preparedness, and infrastructure maintenance. There was notable support for the development of an early warning system for flooding in Te Taitokerau, though questions were raised about the necessity of adding three new emergency management roles. Drainage and river maintenance were highlighted as essential. The allocation of funds was a common concern; some submitters felt that too much money was being spent on non-priorities while others called for increased rates to meet demand. The topic of carbon neutrality elicited mixed reactions; several submitters questioned the focus on "Carbon Zero" approaches and suggested that efforts should be directed towards practical solutions like infrastructure improvement and climate resilience instead.

Submitters who didn't choose an option noted the need for transparency about budget allocation for various initiatives, including climate resilience and emergency services. There was some skepticism towards climate change initiatives and advocating for a focus on tangible environmental improvements such as cleaning polluted waters. The importance of funding emergency services was emphasized, especially in light of recent natural disasters. Some submitters supported ongoing investment in climate resilience but sought clarity on government's direction regarding climate change policies.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Do this important mahi		
LTP24_142	Katrina	prioritise other things before carbon zero goals. Much more important things like flood detection/ protection
LTP24_410	Jennifer Smith	I think priority here should be emergency management.
LTP24_463	Tom FitzGerald	Kia ora, just writing in support of the proposed climate action mahi set out in the LTP. I have friends and whānau in Northland who will increasingly bear the brunt of burgeoning climate impacts if we do nothing, or the bare minimum. Good knowledge/mātauranga and spatial analysis are critical foundations for adapting to and thriving in a changing climate, as is being nimble and showing the agility required to take advantage of opportunities but also step away from emerging risks. All this requires leadership, courage and conviction. I implore our Council and Executive to step up to the plate, not to shy away from moral and legal responsibilities and do what's needed for the most vulnerable today but also the most affected tomorrow. Cyclone Gabrielle was the warning shot across the bow. I believe the investment set out in the consultation document takes a huge step in the right direction, but to be even more effective, existing organisational roadblocks and ways of doing BAU must also be responsive to new ways of doing things. This includes everyone, from finance being explicit about incorporating climate action (consistent with the ERP) into ALL decisions e.g. Divesting immediately from all fossil fuels and other unethical investments, down to consents being consistent with strategic direction. Our regional policy statement and plans could do with a rewrite to ensure they are fit for our climate future. Leadership continues to be illustrated from the ground up. Climate Resilience Funding has already been successful in seeding vast amounts of climate action across the rohe. Empowering our communities to plan for and take their own actions is the key. Councils must support that, and reinvesting community \$ back into community focused initiatives is a return on investment for everyone. The interconnectedness and holistic understanding of te taiao (and climate) is a strength of Te Ao Māori that must be nurtured and encouraged. Growing the capacity of our hapū by putting in place new resources to support participation, connect outcomes and build networks is a small but powerful investment. Our understanding of natural hazard risks continues to evolve. Keeping on top of that knowledge and changing government policy is a huge, but important job. As seas rise, droughts and floods reach out across the landscape, the need for better informed decision-making by councils, lifeline utilities, investors and residents grows. Additional resource to help users make sense of, and communicate the information is critical and underpins much of adaptation planning. Overall, I think the proposed rates increase is minimal when compared to the return. It's well established that investing more in climate efforts up front is SIGNIFICANTLY cheaper than cleaning up after the storm. Mauri ora. - Tom FitzGerald
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Definitely need to work on climate change. Carbon neutral would be great. Once again - watch what the orchardists & farmers are doing to help this - not hinder it.

LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	You need to be pro active in the community and not be stuck in offices and going to individual sites an dplaces. For example- create events where community members are invited to spend say 2 to 3 hours per month doing weed tree removal. To do this you need to provide the equipment and you need to post a letter to all residenst with say a 3 km radius of the site. - do not rely solely on social media. NRC does not have a good profie so change things by doing events such as this.
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	Do this important mahi.
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	This is important work but should be coordinated across the country.
LTP24_1008	Monica Nevill-Jackson	Northland’s expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It’s what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region’s coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Climate Change is the most serious challenge for humanity and requires utmost attention. The collaborative approach for Northland is commendable. Action is now required after the planning process.
LTP24_1078	Max Stackhouse Whangārei Heads Volunteer Surf Life Saving Patrol	Whangārei Heads Volunteer Surf Life Saving Patrol supports Northland Regional Council’s objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland’s adaptation response to climate change. Northland’s expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1032	Viivi Ronkko	Northland’s expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It’s what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region’s coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.

LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	It's important that this work is done in a joined up way with other regional councils and central government.
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Emergency management should continue to fund the Northland Emergency helicopter service. A mere \$12 per year per household should remain - it makes no sense to remove this. It hardly amounts to any sort of rates relief. In our Far North region with its vast coastline and remote access areas, NRC needs to continue to fund the emergency helicopter service.
LTP24_1176	Melanie Wilson	Do you really need more management? Spending on wages is going up but the jobs are still not being completed, Will creating more jobs/management change this.
LTP24_1210	Emma Baker Surf Life Saving Northern Region/Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	Waipu Cove supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1199	John Bell	Please focus on execution and delivery rather than employing more bureaucratic roles. Share planning skills and lessons learned with other bigger Councils as required. We need to do our basics well.
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Zero carbon is a must for all organisations, and Council must set an example.
LTP24_1296	Frances Short Northland Rescue Helicopter, St Johns Northern Region, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, Coastguard Northern Region, Search and Rescue, Radio and Sea Rescue	I support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.

LTP24_1411	Talia Comp	I support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1546	Barbara Leyland Surf Life Saving Northern Region	We support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards
LTP24_1529	Rochelle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [Club] supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. 2. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. 3. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. 3. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	Should be strictly prioritised
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	more keen on emergency management part of the proposal

LTP24_1681	Rochelle Dewdney	But no point doing this if the only the paperwork is done - it actually needs to be carried out; so when there is a crisis, it will be physically managed!
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Climate resilience is essential. To this end, council has the obligation to not allow building or development of any structure in areas which are known to be at risk due to flooding, slips or any other natural disaster. In fact, steps should be taken to mitigate risks in those areas - native plantings etc.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Cost of poor district council planning, business owner and home owner decisions should not be transferred to the rating base. The costs associated with climate change should be identified separately. Going forward the costs of poor planning or personal decisions should be borne by the council/developer/owner. If the district councils make poor planning decisions (i.e. building on flood prone or unstable land) then the cost of this should not be carried by the general rating base. If farmers develop areas that are susceptible to flooding or slips, then they should bear the cost of flood or slip mitigation. If individuals build houses that are on flood prone or unstable land (often done because the land is cheaper) then they should bear the cost of mitigation. Individuals that purchase housing in flood prone or unstable areas should be well informed about the risk associated with the property (LIM) but bear the cost of mitigation themselves. The cost of flood and land stability mitigation should be targeted. Agree with the increased threshold for the region-wide flood infrastructure rate.
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	Also, need funding/support for marae iwi/hapu to manage their rohe and people. National emergency response consistently leaves rural Maori community areas till last, which was very evident over 2023 weather events.
LTP24_2178	Ian Godfrey	I support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. - Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. - Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so too does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. [cont] - Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.

LTP24_2135	Jonathan William Clarke	Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. - Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. - Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. - Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1313	John Kramer	Fund emergency services! If you are mentioning or expecting any organisations to be of support in emergencies, you need to fund them!
LTP24_2156	Colin Hansen	re Emergency Management: The Northland coastline and beaches attract ever increasing numbers of visitors every summer. Many of these people have little or no understanding of the dangers they could face while enjoying the beach or the water. For many, the only difference between an unfortunate incident, and a fatality for their family, is the presence of the Lifeguard Patrols. Reducing the Lifeguards ability to provide their vital service, is a serious step backwards, and while almost certainly result in increased drownings. Better a fence at the top of the cliff, than an Ambulance at the bottom.
LTP24_2133	Jessica Costello Mangawhai Heads VLS	Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	Again I see this as essential work. I can't see how it doesn't need to be done. I struggle through to see how this doesn't connect with the proposal to defund the emergency services. Surely these two topics go hand in hand. There is no point having emergency management if you don't have the emergency services to deliver on the ground

LTP24_2183	Davinia Jayne Field	Waipu SLSC supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. - Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. - Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - it's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. - Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_2280	Eva Williams	I am a member of Baylys Surf Lifesaving Club and I support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so too does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards. Climate change is an existential threat to our world, my generation and future generations. Surf lifeguards are key individuals who are invested in protecting the environment and people from harm. We have a vested interest in ensuring that we are provided the funding to continue our operations because without lifeguard services, the threat of climate change will come down harder on all beach goers.
LTP24_2285	Kelsey Harrison	It is ridiculous to say you want to grow capacity to support climate resilience and flooding etc when you are wanting to take away support for our emergency services that are desperately needed at the times sever climate emergencies occur such as the flooding recently
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Most important
LTP24_2369	William BERRY	We must support Climate policy and add the 3 emergency management roles in 2026
LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	In addition to the proposed action, would also support developing capacity for geospatial analysis - as this would be of use to wider groups and those planning for the future. ie has wider benefits than just NRC.

LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Climate related actions are most important.
LTP24_1543	India Williamson	<p>- Baylys Beach surf life saving club supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. - Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. - Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. - Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.</p>
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	<p>As the new regional Civil Defence HQ is being built in Whangarei and this will house NRC and emergency kaimahi you have to take this into account and work with WDC teams. CD is currently a joke. Volunteers do all the work and when we do have an emergency the 'support' is ridiculously bad. You don't need more managers you need kaimahi that actually engage with your community based volunteers. Similarly, resilience roles have been evident within NRC for years but there is nothing to show for this within the community. The staff involved have gone onto bigger and better things but is Tai Tokerau more resilient? No. Residential properties are still being consented within flood zones by WDC and there are no plans to develop alternative transport routes for vulnerable yet vital roads.</p>
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	This needs to be done
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	<p>What does "Grow capacity to support climate policy" mean, and how will this directly or in-directly positively affect rate payers? How can we be assured that these roles will do they are described to do, and when will these roles begin. How can we be assured that these people will be effective in these roles.</p>
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	<p>- Impacts of climate change for Naumai are huge. Unfortunately, the Ruawai adaptative pathways was squashed by Kaipara District Council, however 3 local marae secured \$25k each for their own climate change feasibility studies.</p> <p>- Noted that all those that responded to Cyclone Gabrielle are volunteers. They were already activated and out there on the ground providing support and moving people before the Mayor of Auckland even pressed go.</p> <p>- More education and training needs to happen on the ground to support these volunteers.</p> <p>- The provincial growth fund was given to KDC, however too much of this went into admin and consultants, which undermined the ability to get mahi finished on the ground.</p> <p>- NRC needs to work closer with all of Te Taitokerau iwi to development civil defence management plans and come back to the people - the people know where to go in their own communities and the people know what resources they have, who needs what help etc. Feed our futures maara kai to feed our communities. In communities, we know who is quarantining themselves, isolated from services etc. All of this needs to be part of resilience planning.</p> <p>- Overall sentiment of working closer with iwi and hapu in emergency management.</p>

LTP24_2748	Annet Rook	I support NRC's proposed option to do this important mahi, however I am concerned about where this funding would come from, it should not come at the expense of frontline services such as surf lifeguards.
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	Keep the emergency helicopter and build a joint emergency centre for Civil Defence
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	Patuharakeke support the resourcing of climate resilience and emergency management projects to be undertaken with hapū, iwi and communities.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Agree that the Regional and National Climate Change work is a growing area that requires capacity and capability While I am not disputing that the 7 new positions along with some external contractors in years 2 and 3 are needed, it does seem a lot of on boarding of new staff in one department in year one. Perhaps the new staff requirement could be spread more evenly over years 1 to 3 As an aside, NRC has some serious work to do in getting KDC governance on board with the fact that Climate Change work is something that is imperative to the future of Kaipara and something that they need to include in their LTP and annual planning Currently they are proposing a zero budget for any Climate Change work in their LTP (3 years) and to permanently push pause on the Ruawai Adaptation Planning. It would be a very positive step if NRC were to take on/over the finishing of the Ruawai Adaptation Plan. This work is all but complete and when finished would provide a very usable template for the rest of Te Taitokerau
LTP24_3075	Kyran Alastair Gillespie Surf Life Saving Bayllys Beach Inc.	Surf Life Saving Bayllys Beach supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come At the expense of frontline services like Surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. - Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. the impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. - Northlanders love spending time At our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the Impacts of climate change. - Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by Removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Ensure that all the agencies currently involved in this mahi are working together to share information, avoid duplication and collaborating with community to get the best outcomes. Initiate the development of a voluntary Registry for disabled people who may have specific needs around staying put, or evacuating. Develop a community friendly audit system to make sure all evacuation centres are accessible and appropriately equipped to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

LTP24_3031	Zac Franich Surf Life Saving Northern Region	<p>Surf Life Saving and its six Northland clubs supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.</p>
LTP24_3093	Benjamin Oldfield Surf Lifesaving	<p>supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards</p>
LTP24_3067	Vickie Matich Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service Inc.	<p>Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service Inc. supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.</p>

LTP24_3113	Jonathan Drucker	I support Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change. Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option of growing the capacity and delivery of climate resilience and developing an early warning system for flooding in Te Taitokerau. Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail is a free public alternative transport network (walkers and cyclists) that crosses the lower Far North district from Opuia to Horeke, passing through Kawakawa, Taumatamakuku, Otiria, Moerewa, Kaikohe, and Okaihau. The Trust asks that the trail be developed with climate resilience funding to ensure the public is safe on the trail and that a warning system that could assist in early notification and warning could be implemented. The Trust wants engagement with emergency management personnel as the roles are introduced.
LTP24_3176	Joanne Shanks community business and environment centre	Our (NRC award winning) project Community Compost Connection has contributed compost to riparian planting, empowered communities to grow kai and diverted waste from landfill, we would appreciate NRC funding going forward to install Community Enterprise Compost and Worm Farms in our rohe, as our MFE funding has ceased as of May. We support Enviro schools to meet their waste reduction targets through Waste Wise Schools. Many other Community organisations are active in this space but need support from council
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	This comprehensive strategy not only aligns with the region's climate resilience goals but also emphasises the importance of investing in long-term sustainability and effective emergency response measures. It showcases a proactive and strategic approach to building resilience and safeguarding the community against the impacts of climate change and natural disasters.
LTP24_3207	Mark Gregory Vincent	Include supporting the regional emergency helicopter function ie status quo.
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	I don't know enough about the "even more than proposed" would have been good to have gone over this at Joint Committee.

LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Support the proposed option Te Ūkaipō acknowledges that the increase in human activity along with the production of natural and man made pollutants are having detrimental effects on our people and the environment. Increasing levels of greenhouse gas emissions has influenced climate change and the depletion of the ozone layer that screens out harmful ultra violet light ¹ We also acknowledge the huge amount of funding and work that has gone into the flood risk planning and mitigation in Kaeo. We support the proposed option and encourage the Council to work with Iwi and hapū to develop early warning signs that include mātauranga of local tangata whenua and a number of modalities for this information to reach our most vulnerable. It is often in times of flooding and weather events that our whanau are cut off from communications through the internet and we encourage an alternative option to ensure everyone has the opportunity to receive this information in a timely manner. Supporting the “even more than proposed option” is not financially viable at this point and while it would be an ideal option the current proposed increase of rates for regional and local councils make it of high concern to us that it will push our people further into poverty. We urge the council to consider how individual whanau can prepare themselves for future weather events and how much this may cost each household or what services and support the Council can provide ahead of weather events to ensure communities are prepared and know what to do [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3326	Gillian Bruce Maungatapere Village Inc	Our entire region is subject to the vagaries of climate change and our community was significantly affected by cyclone Gabrielle. We support the increase in funding to boost Climate resilience and emergency response, establishing resilient relationships and activity plans/processes to respond to emergency. We request that communities such as ours are actively engaged and supported to develop an emergency response plan and emergency response centre.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	We must focus on individual landowner resilience and make sure we don't build a culture of relying on the government to bail us out. Focus must be on education and enablement.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	Council should be mindful of climate change when building infrastructure and use a wood first approach. Climate emergencies should also look at ways of engaging with the primary industry who has resources and infrastructure that can be utilised by the community in these situations.
LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	In order to fund these look to rating govt for all the land and facilities in our district, crown / Government owned. ie D.O.C. lands, museums and such facilities.
LTP24_2460	Ayla Wilson	I support Northland Regional Council’s objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland’s adaptation response to climate change. Northland’s expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events. Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It’s what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region’s coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.

LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Climate Change is the most serious challenge for humanity and requires utmost attention. The collaborative approach for Northland is commendable. Action is now required after the planning process.
LTP24_2864	Kath Manning Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club supports climate resilience development and emergency management. The impact of climate change and coastal flooding and inundation, erosion and extreme weather events pose a significant threat. Surf lifeguards are also developing capability in flood response and worked alongside other emergency services during recent major flooding events. Communities need confidence in emergency management, and climate change resilience.
Another option: Bare minimum		
LTP24_381	Beverley Guy	Not necessary to panic about climate change
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	Not as urgent as other work
LTP24_586	Trailequip Ltd	Please don't waste funds you don't have on climate change fluff - it makes no difference whatever NZ does to the global result. Fund the rescue helicopter instead.
LTP24_1312	Marc Verwoerd	What NRC does now is sufficient.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Hold off climate policy development and zero carbon programme. Continue to add natural hazard information to existing systems. Maintain river monitoring for flood early warning. No additional EM roles.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	Stop funding any climate change activities, unless they are "adaption options" not mitigation (like we have been doing for the past 50 - 100 years) ie increasing stop banks etc. I do support the development of better early warning system for flooding for Te Taitokerau (largely funded by government funds), as this is a no brainer.
LTP24_2182	Tamara hayward	Waste of time and money currently. When you can actually prove there is climate change then do it. I grew up hearing about global warming what happened to that? Change the name and we won't know it's another cop out
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more rate increases.
LTP24_2867	Sheryl Bainbridge	Align yourself with, not against the government direction.
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	Much of what is currently being proposed to be done at regional council level is already being done at a national level, eg climate research and policy development etc. Why would this work be duplicated at additional cost to the ratepayer? In terms of emergency management, communities need to take steps to improve their resilience to adverse weather events for themselves. If nothing else, Cyclone Gabrielle should have taught us that. We have all the information that we need to do this, and I believe it is possible with the assistance of Civil Defence and others at current staffing levels.
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	I believe that if more is spent on environmental management then that takes away the need to spend money on policy development and zero carbon programmes.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	NRC has too many emergency management staff now. Cut them back to save money. We do not need that many. Wasting ratepayer money on antiquated siren technology, when other councils are removing them, shows NRC is on the wrong path, and has the wrong people in EM making decisions. Emergency Mobile Alerts are far superior, they convey lots more information, and have much wider coverage, than any siren ever could.
Another option: Do even more than proposed		

LTP24_18	Stephanie Membro and Marcus Smillie	Our climate is changing faster than even the scientists are predicting. Northland is vulnerable, with land being long and skinny at the end of the island. We need to do our part. I want to tell my children I supported an increase to ensure we are doing our part as a region towards helping combat climate change.
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	Climate resilience processes much needed to be identified and put in place.
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given our experiences with severe weather in 2023 and the challenges we're facing now and in the future. Doing even more is absolutely necessary and justified, and the additional 0.22% increase in rates will be one of the best investments in our future readiness we've ever made.
LTP24_366	Joan Helen Brown	Vital for the future to do as much as possible about Climate Resilience as decisions made now affect future generations - it is our responsibility to do as much as possible - not our right to do less than that.
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	There is a climate emergency, we need to provide a better recycling option for all products.
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	This cannot wait, it must be done now.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Climate change is the most important challenge facing our communities. Just look at what happened last year. Investing now will save money in long term.
LTP24_1770	Michael van Beek	Climate change preparedness is important
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Preparing for the impacts of climate change is a priority as it impacts all people and all ecosystems and all infrastructure. Investment in effective reductions in carbon and methane emissions, increasing the extent of available public transport, reducing community reliance on private cars, encouraging car pooling, cycling and cycle ways, scooters, and walking are all part of this. Reduce the extent of mown grass by encouraging low growing native shrubs and ground covers wherever possible.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	Northland is vulnerable. Flooding is a particular risk.
LTP24_2038	Pauline Ioka Surf Life Saving Baylys Beach	<p>* life saving baylys beach supports Northland Regional Council's objective to grow capacity to support climate policy development, climate resilience, and natural hazards information, however funding for this policy development should not come at the expense of frontline services like surf lifeguards, which will be increasingly important in Northland's adaptation response to climate change.</p> <p>* Northland's expansive coastline is a naturally dynamic, shifting environment, and presents a significant natural hazard threat in the region. The impact of climate change will see an increase in coastal flooding and inundation, erosion, and extreme weather events.</p> <p>* Northlanders love spending time at our beautiful beaches - It's what makes our region such a special place to live. During summer, our region's coastal towns and beaches become crowded with visitors and holidaymakers. Unfortunately, as our beaches become more popular and coastal development increases, so to does the risk of drownings, which will be exacerbated by the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>* Removing critical services such as the Paid Lifeguard Service, or reducing its effectiveness by removing funding for emergency services facilities, undermines the significant risk to our communities from existing natural hazards.</p>
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	We only have one shot at tackling this in a timely manner.
LTP24_2461	Mike Murphy	We have to be proactive. think of this as an investment in our future. My property was subject to considerable erosion during the 2023 flood events, and this resulted in erosion into the Kaipara harbour, an important community asset we must ensure is protected.

LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	We absolutely need to do more than is proposed. We are heading into uncertain and scary times, and what we can do now is prepare. If we fail now, we will look back on this moment in time with regret. There is no other option than to do more than is proposed.
LTP24_2747	Rakesh Pinao	The region has shown good but sporadic leadership in this space. We should be the leading regional economy, the one that benefits economically as first-movers in terms of sustainable sectors. We'll gain the investment and the innovations from being vocal about these aspirations.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	Our communities were hit badly by climate emergencies (i.e. the cyclone). I live on Parihaka and we were blocked in and there were slips that happened. We need to be proactive in protecting our homes, communities and people.
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Climate resilience and emergency management - Support doing even more than proposed - The challenges and threats posed by increasing climate change cannot be underestimated. Significant investment is required and justified. - Support funding for geospatial planning to inform decision making.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	The future for our region relies on ensuring our environment can sustain the people and economy. It is short-sighted to think we can defer or remove this work from the council responsibilities. We have seen the growing need for information, planning and response throughout the country. Te Tai Tokerau is not alone in experiencing increased demand.
LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	Establish a voluntary register for people with disabilities to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation (e.g. medical, pets, mobility or sensory) with support from WDC, NRC and Civil Defence. People also need to know where their nearest or most appropriate evacuation centre is, who to contact, and how to contact or mobilise themselves and others if access is blocked and/or phones are down. Can be publicised through WDC, Tiaho, NorthAble, FENZ and personal networks
LTP24_2913	Katy Simon	This is critical. I support the 'do even more' option.
LTP24_3009	Amelia Burnett	Climate resilience and being well-equipped to respond to climate-related emergencies in a coordinated way are the key issues of the decade. Northland must be funded appropriately to be proactive in this work now. Research by the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research has found that early investment in infrastructure resilience is cheaper than the cost to repair after an event (https://consultation.dpvc.govt.nz/national-security-group/critical-infrastructure-phase-1-public-consultation/user_uploads/discussion-document--strengthening-the-resilience-of-nzs-ci-system.pdf). By investing early and reducing exposure to infrastructure failures, funding can be freed up to deliver on other regional and community priorities in the future.

LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	<p>This is vital. But climate resilience efforts must also include mitigation. Climate Action Tai Tokerau recommend prioritisation of adaptation and mitigation action that also delivers co-benefits for people. Six arenas of action we recommend are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kai (food systems) Food production including pastoral farming accounts for over 50% of land use in Tai Tokerau. Focal areas can include regenerative agriculture, water quality, mara kai, and rebuilding local food networks. While the NRC has not focused on food, many aspects of the food system can be linked to climate action, health and economic advantage. 2. Marine Regeneration. With our 3,000 km plus Tai Tokerau coastal and harbour shoreline we are positioned to regenerate the moana and transform the way we grow and harvest kai moana. This includes kelp regeneration, mountain to sea connections and regenerating wai repo (wetlands). 3. Energy security and transport - Renewable energy can support the provision of cheaper and greener electricity to whānau, and increasing the EV fleet and public transport will reduce Tai Tokerau emissions. Includes renewable energy projects and renewable energy zones, and expanding the EV fleet. 4. Wai - fire, flood and drought mitigation - We need to reverse our instinct to get water off the land and harvest more water and recharge our aquifers. Includes protecting lakes and waterways, water harvesting action research in vulnerable catchments (e.g. Kaeo River) and co-governance of water allocation. 5. Engagement and climate kōrero - Climate policy is driven by Western reductionist thinking that overlooks the mātauranga that has so much to contribute. Supporting our taitamariki and each other to see the range of climate action we can engage in to give us hope in the future. 6. Regenerative land use Revegetating ecosystems, especially with native plants will cool our region and help heal the climate. Includes revegetation and pest and weed control and “Careers for Nature”, and reinvigorating kāinga (rural communities)
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	<p>Establish a voluntary register for people with disabilities to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation (e.g. medical, pets, mobility or sensory) with support from WDC, NRC and Civil Defence. People also need to know where their nearest or most appropriate evacuation centre is, who to contact, and how to contact or mobilise themselves and others if access is blocked and/or phones are down. Can be publicised through WDC, Tiaho, NorthAble, FENZ, disabled peoples organisations, disability service providers and personal networks</p>
LTP24_3196	Jessie McVeagh	<p>Mitigation and Adaptation mahi is essential and must be a core focus now and going forward.</p>
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	<p>Anything not done now will cost more in the long run!</p>
LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	<p>Our communities are under enormous pressure, please do more.</p>
LTP24_3264	Caren Davis	<p>Increased analysis, planning and zero carbon delivery is essential. This work is pressing and will save money longer term!</p>
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	<p>Climate resilience is the most important role for NRC in my opinion. It impacts all the other roles of the Council.</p>

LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	The existing climate change/rainfall/flood modelling used by Northland Councils has been based upon the Auckland Council framework. At a recent subdivision consent hearing in Kerikeri, I introduced some of the evidence developed for Local Government NZ's request to MfE for a National Policy Statement on flood-risk management. This included an example of a Northland River (Waihou) for which flood peaks were predicted to triple with climate change. This was rebutted by expert witnesses for the applicant and Council who relied upon the recently updated Auckland Council modelling which predicted much smaller peaks. One year later the Anniversary Weekend floods made a complete mockery of the Auckland modelling. Northland needs to invest in climate change modelling that reflects both our regional topography and the erosion/sediment transport vulnerabilities.
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	Not enough information to make informed decision. What would be the impact of reducing the funding to bare minimum? Can me and my whānau afford not to have these things funded properly? The answer is no
LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	Enhancing resilience planning is essential.
None of the above		
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	The priority should be to Develop early warning system for flooding for Te Taitokerau (largely funded by government funds). Add three emergency management roles
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	How about clean the drains and rivers and keep up with the spray program. Pretty simple. Complete stopbank top ups. We had to use our own flood pumps to pump out Beach road in Dargaville during the cyclone. It saved the lower half of the town. Put them on the back of our tractors. Most of the staff have no idea of practical solutions or any way to resolve problems. Most of our annual drain cleans in the Wairoa have not been completed. Why? The drains are so full they can't be sprayed.
LTP24_318	Pete watts	Increase rates to meet demand
LTP24_345	Ann Reina Cabrera	You need to invest in our roads, emergency services so if there is an event we are ready. At the moment too much money is been spend on things that aren't a priority. Your community wants to see where their rates go?????
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support the implementation of an early warning system for flooding in Te Taitokerau. Why do there need to be x3 new emergency management roles? Is there not one in place already? Can this not be managed by x1 person? Why x3? There is a lot of wording here proposing general communication (consultations, partnerships etc). Council resources should be prioritised on getting the results rather than discussing them. I support the motions around general emergency planning, flooding etc. But I don't support pouring money into a 'climate change' based policy. As we've seen with our national government body, a lot of money has been wasted on this type of policy with very little results. At present, there is a substantial amount of litter being left, neglected by our council, filling our storm water drains and polluting our local streets, parks and playgrounds. Other councils fund rubbish bins and keeping our streets clean, but our local council doesn't prioritise this and instead wants to chase the invisible dream of 'zero carbon emissions'. Let's start with tidying up our streets! And not just in the more affluent areas.
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Again this will involve paying millions to consultants without actually achieving anything. If need to do something surely someone I house in their super large salary can manage it

LTP24_605	Tom WEBB	Fund an adaptive approach to climate resilience. Council to fund adaptive measures. Eliminate "Carbon Zero" approaches until full adaptation to change is implemented. Spending rate payer dollars on reducing carbon is a pointless, that money would be better spent helping to fund infrastructure to give people an option to not drive to work. The council should not be spending rate payer dollars on electric vehicles, as the future cost is too great.
LTP24_862	Karl wilson	Carbon neutral is a myth as long as carbon credits are sold only large profitable companies can compete. This gives the ideology as long as you pay emit your carbon at will, its just another revenue.
LTP24_1129	Leanne Clark	Do what you are doing now.
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Get cycleway and walkways a priority to decrease carbon footprint and for long term health of the community. Most roads in Northland are dangerous narrow and winding. We need walkways and cycleway to exercise safely.
LTP24_1916	GLADYS SANDRA ROWSELL	Over reacting again surely common sense prevails through education. Definitely do not need to fund 3 new emergency roles. Why is this being considered.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	I prefer a combination of the first and last options. Three things bother me - 1) I do not support an additional 3 managerial roles. I believe that well qualified, practical people with knowledge & expertise in climate related matters will be required instead. I don't like anything that looks as though the wheel is being reinvented i.e. 2) geospatial analysis - surely there are enough studies of NZ's geography available within Govt Depts that could be accessed without NRC having to re-do everything; 3) early warning flood system - I'm amazed NRC doesn't have one already. What does NRC use now? With floods all around the country, I'd have thought there'd be expertise to burn that would complement what NRC is currently doing without having to start over. Continue zero carbon programme
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	I don't believe growing capacity to support climate policy development or the zero carbon programme falls within the NRC remit, or is within the capacity of such a small organisation for such a large and existential subject. This is central government's responsibility, and should not be duplicated locally. You should focus on issues that can be solved locally, like climate resilience funding and natural hazards information, as well as the early warning system for flooding for Te Taitokerau.
LTP24_2910	Sean Cahalane	forget the zero carbon program not worth the cost NZ less than .01 of the world problem. Clean out the drains river beds and canals to help control flooding
LTP24_1867	Wairere	I am against the NRC taking away the funding of our emergency Services
LTP24_3132	Ngairé Sullivan Kiwi Coast	Growing landscape-scale pest control networks across Northland will not only allow taonga species such as kiwi to roam and disperse safely, but also provides safeguards against the effects of climate change, helping our native forests and wildlife to thrive into the future. The collaborative Kiwi Coast network of 225 entities represents and enables nature positive climate change action at a regional scale. The Climate Change Commission has recommended increasing pest control to protect existing carbon stocks and promote forest regeneration. Pest control projects linked into Kiwi Coast cover over 251,000 hectares of Northland - actively reducing foliage browse and increasing native forest biomass, health and resilience. This in turn, is increasing carbon sequestration and reducing emissions - two of the key drivers of global climate change. This work needs to expand further to grow and increase the benefits that result. This submission supports ongoing investment by the council in the Biosecurity Partnership program. Instead of a decrease, funds, support and resources should be increased over the next ten years in order to enable the continued growth of hapu,

		iwi and community-led biosecurity and biodiversity projects that are bringing significant and tangible benefits to Te Tai Tokerau.
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	Climate change is the biggest lie government, media and council are spreading. We were warned about Gabrielle in Northland and some people got prepared and got through it ok, but a lot of people ignored (she'll be right attitude) and those people "suffered" when they didn't have electricity for a few days. Roof got blown off, yeah sure, but if you look at those houses, its often because they lacked maintenance in the first place. People should take personal responsibility for their stuff. BUT the roads is a council/government problem and again its lack of maintenance that caused this issue, not just one weather event. These weather events have been happening through the ages, its nothing new.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Support community and industry ADAPTION to climate change. Moving infrastructure away from flood prone areas, preparing for hotter/ dryer and wetter weather events with shade, shelter and water management. Support different industry emerging that will adapt to changing climates (think changing to more tropical based primary industries)
[No response]		
LTP24_166	Yvette White	You should have a link here to refer back to the relevant section of the plan
LTP24_574	Rosalyn ingram	Oppose and decline Kaipara industrial furnace for rubbish destruction rubbish
LTP24_623	Sarah Williamson	It would be good to know what the budget is for this work. I think that some of it is important i.e. early warning system for flooding, climate resilience etc but other parts less so i.e. zero carbon programme.
LTP24_1238	M Vegar	You have a burgeoning bureaucracy which is fully engaged in promulgating climate change initiatives which are costly and, in my opinion, serve to do little if anything at all to mitigate the climate disaster that you are warning us all about. The "settled science" on this matter is nothing more than a political publicity stunt acted out on a local level by a fraudulent UN globalist agenda. You are supposed to serve us, not dictate to us and charge unaffordable fees in doing so. I strongly suggest that you trim down your council expenses. You can begin by cutting the salaries of the CEO and other highly paid staff. Then you can review the enormous budget that goes to consultants. And while you are at it, dispense with these nonsensical climate mitigation initiatives. I'd much sooner see my money used to clean up our polluted rivers, lakes and coastlines. It's for your own survival that I make these suggestions. Many ratepayers have already had enough of this millstone around their necks and are withholding payment of their rates. I imagine that many more will follow in the wake of such an absurd rate hike. No rates will mean no income for NRC. Change is coming. What do you want that to look like?
LTP24_1385	Patricia mark	Please don't cut the funding, we need our emergency services we wish to keep paying the \$11 per year, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CYCLONE, WE NEED EVERY EMERGENCY SERVICE AND THEY NEED THE FUNDING IT WILL BE A SAD DAY FOR NORTHLAND IF YOU CUT SOMETHING THAT HAS WORKED AND SAVED MANY LIFES
LTP24_1444	Ann Kearney	As a rate payer I am happy to pay extra in my rates to support the Rescue Helicopter. The loss of NRC support could see northland loose this service. Northland covers a big area and includes many places that are isolated. NEST has been there to support us when disaster strikes. Patients could die without their help.
LTP24_1647	John Eadie	What is "Maui" ?

LTP24_2312	Peter Gordge	There is far to much emphasis on climate change etc, there is nothing we can do to stop Nature from doing what it is doing, it has happened for well over a million years and will continue into the future. Sea rise and fall all the time and has nothing to do with so called global warming, it is Nature. I lived through Cyclone Tracy in Darwin and we were told then that these storms are on the increase and the life we lived before will no longer happen we will have to live with the changes. I can clearly say there has never been another cyclone with such force happen in Australia since. There has always been cyclones a round Australia and the occurrence of them has not got any worse contrary to we are told by the weather people forecaster. The same in NZ we have storms in many parts but very seldom do they occur more than once is a very short time in the same area.
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Climate resilience and emergency management are both very important but I believe there is a responsibility of Central Government as well so I would be happy with the first proposed option
LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	The government mindset on climate change and in particular, emission control has altered. Te Hiku Community Board recommends that funding of new work proposed in the LTP is deferred until certainty on the government's direction has been established.
LTP24_3052	Kath Keremete Healthy Families Far North	Support. HFFN encourages NRC to consider the impacts on and opportunities for food security and resiliency across Northland in a space of rapidly changing climate, and consider how they might support and enable locally led solutions.
LTP24_3018	Jan Francis	Please be proactive in terms of climate and flood protection and don't allow building and other activities which don't make sense in flood prone areas.
LTP24_3028	Anna Murphy	Climate adaptation planning and mitigation must be prioritized by the NRC and sufficient funding need to be allocated to ensure current projects can continue and other projects can ideally be brought forward in the budget. This would include an increase in funding to continue building community resilience to the impacts of climate change, eg drought preparedness- more water tank installs, replanting and restoration of wetlands and waterways. Again I would support an in increase in my rates to make sure this work happens.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	The emergency services in existence should be supported. To try and have climate resilience without an emergency helicopter service is ridiculous. Our tourism depends on having safe beaches, hence life guards plus the marvellous youth training. More effort should be made by council to find sponsors for these services.
LTP24_3110	Tony Phipps	See submission below (at the end) on continuing the NRC Water Resilience Fund

LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	<p>Enhancing Biodiversity and Water Management in Northland Collaborating with master's and thesis students can help fund research on the impact of climate change and sea level rise in Northland. Key areas of study include land tenure, coastal soils, aquifers, habitat for coastal species, infrastructure, residential expansion, land transport networks, fresh water availability, and waste water/storm water management. To achieve these goals, consider the following strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wetland Identification and Restoration: Previous attempts to map significant natural areas were sabotaged by far-right groups. They feared that mapping would lead to regulatory property theft. Public education is crucial to address fears and misconceptions. Anticipating reactionary responses is essential. Despite threats and abuse, staff can work with cooperative landowners to facilitate weed and pest control and fencing where permission is granted. 2. Understanding Opposition Forces: Neoliberals and conservative libertarians are active in Northland. Their objectives, often concealed, challenge environmental protection efforts. The debate over who owns biodiversity threatens private property rights. Some property owners resist mapping, claiming they can self-manage biodiversity. A regulatory approach triggers strong reactions among conservatives. 3. Alternative Approaches: The QEII National Trust offers voluntary covenants for perpetual biodiversity protection without regulation. The Northland Regional Council (NRC) could assist landowners with fencing costs. Building trust through trusted community liaisons may yield positive results in engaging farmers for biodiversity conservation. Balancing environmental protection with property rights requires strategic communication, education, and alternative tools. [Staff summary, please see full feedback for further details].
LTP24_3330	Ron Ford Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association	<p>Submission notes that the Tutukaka coast is at risk of Tsunami and inundation from heavy rain events, and that recent community research projects identified connectivity as an issue, which becomes particularly important in times of emergency when roads become inaccessible. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>

LTP24_3316	Alan William Preston	<p>For any government of our remote nation to be planning to further consolidate our inherent vulnerability by creating more dependence on externally sourced inputs while neglecting the development of systems and infrastructure that will ensure that we can sustain ourselves in hitherto unforeseen circumstances is strategically irresponsible and reckless. This proposal is predicated on the dangerous assumption that our remote island nation's access to the \$98,000,000 worth of petroleum and diesel that it costs to fuel our fleet of 4.5 million vehicles every day is guaranteed to continue unrestricted, uninterrupted ad infinitum as is. What provision is being made for the contingency/inevitability that our access to affordable - or any imported fossil fuels is restricted, interrupted or totally cut off? It makes no attempt to provide an appropriate response to the (peer-reviewed scientific research-based) advice/warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the International Energy Agency (that the New Zealand government pays to receive) that New Zealand needs to URGENTLY DRASTICALLY reduce its burning of and vulnerability inherent in its dependence on imported fossil fuels. In what way(s) can this proposal be seen to be responding in accordance with this advice ? The Northland Region already has a fairly extensive network of rail corridors between many of our population centres and its development, (double tracking and electrification) extension and utilization for the carriage of both passengers and freight will achieve MORE benefits with LESS costs . The terms of reference set by Treasury that define the parameters within which engineers carrying out cost benefit analysis studies on proposals for state-funded infrastructure needs to be amended to require that they must provide robustness and resilience and functionality in the post-fossil era that we must necessarily be willingly actively and rapidly moving towards - before it is forced on us by causes beyond our control. Northlanders need our railway to be connected to its ports more that we need another road alongside an existing road. For everything you need to know about the North Auckland line which runs from Auckland to Otiria and potentially to the Port of Opuia in the Bay of Islands , - on which \$207 million was spent from the Regional Growth Fund to replace the ballast, sleepers, bridges and to increase the height of tunnels to enable hi-cube containers. The line is expected to reopen in June 2024 following work to clear some huge slips that happened in January 2023. The branch line between Oakleigh and NorthPort and Marsden Point has been consented, funded, surveyed and most of the land bought. We are STILL waiting for the go-ahead from our political leaders.</p>
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service - Northern Region	<p>Healthy waters, land, and air: Water resilience NPHS recommends ongoing investment in the climate resilience programme, with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience. NPHS also notes the importance of water fluoridation when considering access to healthy drinking water. NPHS recommends: - ongoing investment in the climate resilience programmes with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience; and - that NRC works in collaboration with the district councils with regards to Section 125 of the LGA, given the impact of catchments on source water adequacy and quality. - NPHS is supportive of, collaborative whole-of-government approaches to climate change, such as Te Tai Tokerau Climate Action program across local authorities and other agencies and programs such as MPI projects and mental wellbeing fund [Staff summary; please see original feedback]</p>
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Certainly improve flood mitigation work
LTP24_2804	Lynne Stanaway	Continue funding Northland Emergency Services, life saving etc

LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	<p>Submission supports NRCs efforts to develop climate resilience through adaptive pathways planning and a zero-carbon transition plan. Decision makers must prioritize the well-being of disabled communities affected by natural disasters, as adverse weather events cause substantial infrastructure damage. Weather-enforced homelessness disproportionately affects disabled people due to the dire shortage of accessible housing. DPA recommends that NRC establish a voluntary register for people with disabilities, identifying special requirements for emergency or evacuation situations. Publicizing information about accessible evacuation centers and emergency contacts is crucial. [Staff summary; please see original submission] Recommendation 2: that the impact of climate change on disabled people is required when considering proposed works. Recommendation 5: that the NRC include in their emergency preparedness and planning for natural disasters the current shortage of accessible emergency housing for disabled people. Recommendation 6: that NRC establish a voluntary register for disabled people to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation and publicise information about emergency preparedness for disabled people through WDC, disabled persons organisations, Tai Tokerau disability providers and personal networks.</p>
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	<p>Federated Famers supports the proposed option for community resilience. It is essential that the Northland region is able to response quickly and appropriately to natural disasters and other crisis. However, the Council needs to ensure that the funds are distributed to where they are most needed and where there is a need for immediate action in high risk areas. It does not support the option of doing more than proposed given that this option requires an additional rates increase to fund it. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>
LTP24_3323	Jim Sephton Whangarei District Council	<p>WDC supports the proposed option with the following key points: -Support the growing investment in climate change and preparing for and responding to climate related emergencies and natural hazard events.</p>

Joint emergency coordination centre: How should we fund the increased cost?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Fund the shortfall	335	48%
Another option: Look for other funding	312	45%
None of the above	50	7%
[No response]	1,578	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 697 submitters responded to this question, with 335 choosing our proposed option, 312 choosing the 'look for other funding; option and 50 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 11 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 141 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option noted the importance of funding emergency services in Northland. They emphasized the need for a joint emergency coordination center, especially given the region's remote areas and vulnerability to climate change impacts. While some suggested seeking central government funding, others supported funding through rates. Overall, ensuring effective emergency response and coordination was a common theme among submitters.

Submitters who selected **another option – look for other funding** echoed the sentiments of those who selected the proposed option, but also Submitters noted that **central government** should be filling the funding gap. They emphasized that relying solely on ratepayers could be unsustainable, especially given the rising costs of living. While some expressed hope for central government support, others acknowledged the current economic climate and the need to explore alternative funding sources.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' emphasized the need for central government funding, while others suggested practical alternatives. Concerns were raised about unnecessary spending, the use of existing buildings, and the importance of maintaining emergency services. The debate centered on balancing financial constraints with the critical need for effective coordination during emergencies.

Submitters who didn't choose an option emphasized the need for more funding and additional emergency personnel. Others expressed concerns about increasing rates and advocated for maintaining essential services like the Northland Rescue Helicopter Trust (NEST). The importance of NEST was highlighted, with submitters emphasizing that a small contribution from ratepayers could make a significant difference.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Fund the shortfall		
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	This must include the Northland Emergency Services Trust.
LTP24_152	Jessica Evans	It is much needed. Climate change is worsening. There are more weather events than ever before. My partner works for Surf Lifesaving Northern Region and is trying to prepare many SAR squads around the region but this proving tough. If all emergency services could work together - better and more effectively, the response rate would be better and all would be more prepared. Everyone benefits.
LTP24_159	Corey Hopkins	This does need to happen, with Northland having some very remote places, Gabriel storm showed us that we need a central command centre to operate out of
LTP24_216	Saul Marinkovich	Do not scrap any funding for northlands vital emergency services

LTP24_249	Kim Gathercold	We are a large geographical area where access to medical care isn't always readily available. We must make sure that emergency services are funded to take care of our people. The Northland Helicopter is vital for accessing people in hard to reach areas but also for the gravely ill. We currently have an overstretched system and it is imperative that they receive funding to be able to continue to run.
LTP24_318	Pete Watts	Increase rates to meet funding requirements (increase support dont decrease it)
LTP24_296	Evan Oxborrow	I believe we need that centre. However taking funds from those emergency services to build it is ridiculous
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	Would this be a type of 'Northland Civil Defence' Centre? If so, then I support the proposed option to 'fund the shortfall'.
LTP24_650	Bob Drey Russell Protection Society	Continue to fund the emergency helicopter
LTP24_795	Susan Barriball	Given the current government's attitude to austerity and the regions, I think It's a big risk to pin any hopes on central government contributing to this item.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Agree more central government funding needed and better coordination in future - but need to support until this available
LTP24_599	Caroline Hollenberg	To cut this would be criminal
LTP24_995	Beryl Underwood	Yes, it a priority for Whangarei & Northland. We need and must continue to fund Northland Rescue Helicopter as well as an emergency co-ordination centre.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Preferable to secure the shortfall elsewhere if possible.
LTP24_624	Sharla Tangney	We need this service to keep our community alive in emergency ... how about stop planting roundabouts and the paying for them to be weeded ... roundabout should be visible from all intersection so rip out the plants concrete them save. Ost in the long run and found the helicopter
LTP24_1110	Riki Kinnaird	Please keep the funding, you should increase it as well for all emergency services
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Central govt at this point in history is unlikely to fund any regional shortfalls.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Don't cut rates for any emergency services
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Until alternate funding is made available it should be part of rates increase. The increase in rates is a drop in ocean compared cost of delayed or inadequate emergency response on the long term health outcome and cost of care of an accident victim. Good emergency care prevents hospitalizations and strain on our health system
LTP24_1514	Ben Tombs	I'm appalled at the idea of withdrawing funding for the EST. It must go on, especially because of the state of roading in Northland. NEST must fly. I've never needed it, but I believe it's an essential service.
LTP24_1603	Jenny Calder Northland Search and Rescue	A joint coordination centre is vital for the region and being multi agency, any major search and rescue operations would subsequently be better supported.
LTP24_1574	Stephen Crockatt	A vital and fantastic service, can't loose the Helicopters
LTP24_1614	mmatussevich@gmail.com	Please continue to fund the community services

LTP24_1704	Sheryl Clinch	Vital to the community - the joint emergency coordination centre makes complete sense and it would be a step backwards to remove funding from such an essential service.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Absolutely - have we not learned from the Enchanter tragedy that our emergency coordination is appalling and severely lacking. look at where we are - we desperately need far better coordination of emergency services. And possibly, even a better equipped coastguard that can deal with maritime emergencies - including helicopter rescues etc.
LTP24_1774	Amai Nuku Toi Tuoro Rawiri	100% we need this
LTP24_1112	David James Boswell	As a recipient of the services of the Rescue Helicopter, when I had to travel to Auckland Hospital for a Triple Bypass, I feel it is essential to continue to fund our Rescue Helicopter service. Northland cover a vast a diverse area, and often the helicopter is the only safe and fast means of transferring patients to hospital. Please don't mess with this critical service!
LTP24_1797	Amber	Don't cut the emergency funds!!! Take it out of our 17% rate rise
LTP24_1836	Melissa Armstrong	So essential!!!
LTP24_1935	David Gray	Please council, this is an essential service. We require greater capability, not less. With the current climate, there is greater probability of storms, and bad weather. Also we have an increasing and aging population. These factors alone are significant. We need to fund this service and ensure our future requirements. I for one do not want to see the helicopter unable to fly due to lack of funding.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Continue funding for emergency services. Support emergency services to seek further funding to cover increased costs as the region grows but continue funding at its current level for this plan period. Discontinue support sporting facilities.
LTP24_1963	Samantha Jane Boyd	Fund through rates. It's a small amount for a necessary service
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	iwi, hapu, marae and rural communities need to be included in the plan so we are assured this coordination centre will be able to support our particular needs.
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Better co-ordination of emergency management is a good investment as the increasing impacts of climate change are felt more frequently
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	Build the centre, but also look for other funding.
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	Northland needs a resilient emergency coordination centre
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	This is vital in this region
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Let's keep this rolling but continue asking central government for help with the shortfall. It might reduce having to rate for the centre to only one year.
LTP24_2461	Mike Murphy	As above this is critical, especially in the face of future adverse weather events
LTP24_2369	William BERRY	We must have available and robust Emergency coordination - FUND OUT OF Rates - even if it means higher rates. We MUST NOT reduce Surf Lifesaving commitment, fund out of increased rates, no question.
LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	This is an important facility and will help ensure improved multi agency co-ordination during a crisis/event.
LTP24_2467	Janice Pirihi	We NEED these services especially in rural areas.

LTP24_2417	Malcolm Campbell Campbell Copters Ltd	\$12 a year is nothing in the scheme of things looking at withdrawing that amount from ratepayers and using somewhere else is ridiculous
LTP24_2747	Rakesh Pinao	We need the joint emergency coordination centre! Absolutely advocate for great government funding, but expect to move this ahead ourselves.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	In an emergency a coordinated approach is essential. We were caught out last time and must do better. Collectively, we are more effective.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	The ability to continue a targeted rate to fund such an important project is your best option.
LTP24_2720	Robert Dewdney	This co-ordination centre is essential for Northland especially our remote regions
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe- Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	Keep the emergency helicopter and build a joint emergency centre for Civil Defence
LTP24_2987	Lynnette Cochrane	We are happy for our rates to be used for emergency coordination
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	A coordinated approach to Emergency management is crucial and needs to be a priority.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Yes, to the extension of rates for the Joint Emergency Coordination Centre - critical to have completed and operative. Costs will only increase and I am not at all confident that there would be any \$ forthcoming from Central Government
LTP24_1827	Raewyn Ings	needed
LTP24_3196	Jessie McVeagh	Climate Change will bring us more extreme events, we must be prepared
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option to fund the shortfall.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Unlikely that the current government will provide funding - rating is a surer option.
LTP24_3178	Julie Ann Widger	In an emergency, I want to know help is there. It's as simple as that.
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	In light of the ongoing discussions surrounding funding for emergency services, choosing to fund the shortfall for the joint emergency coordination center reflects a forward-thinking and responsible stance in addressing the financial challenges associated with supporting essential emergency response infrastructure in Northland.
LTP24_3207	Mark Gregory Vincent	I think it would be a waste of time trying to wring some extra funds from the new government which is focusing on cutting expenditure to fund tax cuts. Don't let that stop you asking though. The new PGF perhaps?
LTP24_3230	Connor Guest	After the response of the floods in Gisborne where the response was a [redact]. A multi agency would better prepare Northland for any further issues. Plan for the worst don't just hope for the best.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Preferably to secure the shortfall elsewhere if possible.
Another option: Look for other funding		
LTP24_104	Leanne Covich	Don't cut the funding. This is a necessity and has saved many lives
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	We need input from central government- rates are already stretching our community. We can't keep paying more as ratepayers - it's unsustainable with growing rise in costs of living
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Central Government should fund this.
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	This is surely a government responsibility that needs funding at a national level.

LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	You need to be pro active in the community and not be stuck in offices and going to individual sites and places. For example - create events where community members are invited to spend say 2 to 3 hours per month doing weed tree removal. To do this you need to provide the equipment and you need to post a letter to all residents with say a 3 km radius of the site. - do not rely solely on social media. NRC does not have a good profile so change things by doing events such as this.
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	Look for other funding.
LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Should be fully Central Govt funded.
LTP24_901	Christina Stiffe	Important to fund rescue helicopter
LTP24_922	Carolyn Stanley	Do not cut our emergency services funding. This is essential.
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Needs to be centrally coordinated. Emergencies don't respect geographical boundaries.
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	It's important to have joined up emergency coordination. Suggest a combination of the first and second option.
LTP24_1061	Kevin Drinkwater	This is good for long term emergency response in the region and very important.
LTP24_1119	Peter Myles Walters	Please continue the \$11.00 levy per household to help fund the Northland Rescue Helicopter Trust. As a past helicopter pilot involved in many search and rescue operations I know the value of a rescue helicopter service to all New Zealanders. A small contribution from everyone goes a long way and is a form of cheap insurance as we all may need the service one day.
LTP24_1199	John Bell	This is a national problem impacting every community.
LTP24_1329	Kerry Cane	Please continue to contribute to rescue helicopter funding
LTP24_1408	Nicola Patrick	Under no circumstances should we reduce funding to emergency services, even if it results in higher rates
LTP24_1437	Melissa	We need to keep out emergency services plus the northern rescue helicopter. We had to use then for a family member during covid they did absolutely amazing deserve more credit and funding to help more families and individuals
LTP24_1531	Angie Moselen	Keep funding our Rescue helicopter.
LTP24_1508	Johs van pierce	The ESF should stay at 1 dollar month per house hold it is a drop in the bucket but makes a huge difference in the survival rate of northlanders and their quality of life. Just think about your family and friends and think about how they have been helped by search and rescue, the rescue helicopter, ambulance and coast guard! We need them and they need funding.
LTP24_1569	Olivia Mitten	As a Northlander I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. The people of Northland need this service of NEST.
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	Central government have a responsibility to help Northland who have such different needs and geographical spread and poor infrastructure that most other areas in NZ do not.
LTP24_1570	Paul Ballantine	The centre is not needed. There are plenty of empty buildings which could be utilized at a faction of the cost. It is nothing but a waste of ratepayers money. Money should be spent on the frontline staffing and not on indulgent office space.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	This is not the time to burden ratepayers for a nice to have when facilities already exist in KDC, WDC, FNDC, NRC, NZ POLICE, ST JOHN, FENZ. WDC facility is state of the art and is capable of WDC and NRC (regional) coordination in separate areas of the building.

LTP24_1871	President Far North Search and Rescue	Central Govt will cover the shortfall.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Seek central government first, if its unable to go ahead go with the proposed option
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	This is a "nice to have". In these times of austerity I'd expect the new building to be low on the priority list.
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	Central govt should fund this.
LTP24_1501	Hannah Prout Whangārei Academy of Gymnastics	Cut spending on flashy council building and supporting projects like hunterwasser - unnecessary spending
LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	It's difficult to understand that an expensive building is a priority but I'm not an expert.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	Look for other funding is wise; I do not believe that it is pertinent for our rates to cover the shortfall.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Was this an outcome of the debrief following tsunami Friday in 2022? The response to that 'emergency' was a joke. Why can't the service work better without throwing more rate payers \$\$\$ at it? The staff are in place. They don't need a fancy HQ, just a place where they can talk with other agencies everyday. If Central Gov thinks a fancy new centre is going to help communication why don't they fund it.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	Please do not stop the funding for the rescue helicopter. Its hugely needed in the Far North as there is a lot of distance between people and hospitals. Lives will be lost and this will be your responsibility. Rates amounts are hideous high and what we receive. No more rate increases.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Central government promised funding if small rural hospitals were closed
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	How can we be assured that if you were to go with your proposed option, that in 2 years time our rates will have in fact gone towards this. I don't believe there is sufficient assurance nor is there sufficient accountability. I speak on this as being an emergency responder myself. The Joint Emergency Coordination centre is however, and fantastic move.
LTP24_1776	Sally Spicer	Government should be funding essential health services such as this
LTP24_3065	Desiree Sunde	My submission is on the funding of the climate resilience and emergency management. I can't actually believe that a council that lives in Northland would even consider reducing any funding for emergency services in our rohe. Has Cyclone Gabrielle or the Enchanter tragedy not taught you anything about the vulnerability of the area you supposedly govern. Not only are you putting the people that voted you in in life threatening situations if they need emergency assistance but any visitors to our rohe are at risk as well. All for a measly \$500k. My family only last week were in a situation where we needed an ambulance. My partner had a massive heart attack at home and even to get him to Rawene hospital it took an hour for the ambulance to get to us...he was eventually helicoptered from Rawene hospital to Auckland City hospital where he was raced into theatre to have 4 stents inserted. Without that helicopter he faced a 2and a half hour trip to Whangarei hospital..and I doubt he would of survived. Without our emergency services here in the North people WILL die. Please find some compassion for your constituents ..they need you to help them live here with out the fear of dying through lack of emergency care. I will happily speak regarding this submission if required. Nga mihi Desiree Sunde
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Central government is currently working on plans to re-organize this area involving the NZDF. Seems a bad time to launch into new ventures.

LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	Inadequate coordination between response agencies has not been the main problem for Northland, but rather an inadequate framework for reliable prediction of weather/flooding events (see previous comments)
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	You don't need this increase, now we got the contribution from central government.
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Support the proposed option Te Ūkaipō supports the option to look for further funding. In areas where there may be other opportunities to fund them we highly recommend doing so to ensure rates are kept at a manageable level for families in the current economy. The multi agency coordination centre needs its own consultation process for all rate payers and community members to fully understand the costs and benefits before agreeing to provide more funding from ratepayers. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Improving the utilization of our existing resources involves implementing strategies to assist individuals with disabilities, particularly considering the recent series of storms and flooding incidents over the past two years. Regrettably, our civil defence efforts have largely overlooked the needs of the disabled community. For instance, a wheelchair user's reliance on their mobility device is paramount, yet during emergencies, such as the need for rescues, there has been a noticeable absence of provisions to accommodate wheelchairs.
LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	Again I would like to see central government sharing these costs, Ratepayers are already doing their part.
None of the above		
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	Since central government has now committed to contribute just over \$1 million to get the project over the line, this question has already been resolved. Please accept the funding and proceed with the project as planned.
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	Just be practical. Honestly
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	Don't build any new buildings. We paid for the one in Dargaville with our rates and now cover KDC rent to NRC with our rates and thats called double dipping...Stop building any new buildings. and get the core work done instead
LTP24_540	Amanda Turner	Funding both from elsewhere and us. This is a crucial service. I would rather my rates go to lifesaving services, than more leisure and conference facilities.
LTP24_559	Lynda Cate	Stop the stupid indiscriminant spending. Cut back council jobs ,more on caring for urban streets and stop spraying any pesticides. Uo the rubbish bins and infrastructure. Cut the wages in half of the top 60% in council.
LTP24_605	Tom WEBB	Indefinitely continue the Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_627	Kirsty Leabourn	In my rates this is something that is absolutely worth the cost. As a rural northlander and ex firefighter in the Dargaville region you have no idea how many lives this service actually saves. This is one of the most important things to be covered in my rates in my opinion. Yes other funding options could be looked at in regards to funding as there is always something new coming out with potential funding options but please continue to fund this
LTP24_1020	Moana Young	Waste of money. Why build new when there are plenty of places already built that can fit the centres workers
LTP24_1167	Catherine Andrewes	Increase emergency funding.
LTP24_1317	Sheridan Leigh Walker	Why can't you use the council building for emergencies

LTP24_1386	Kristy Louise Lawton	Come up with a cheaper way of coordinating emergencies using existing infrastructure.
LTP24_1406	Hildegard Krollmann	Shortfall will be funded by central government
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	As a Chief Fire Officer of 30 years experience, communication and systems are far more important than some flash building that will only get used once or twice a year. As FENZ & Police & St Johns all have Local Incident Management Centers supported by Regional and National centers, your main role is looking after welfare issues, this is empire building at it's best.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	I don't know enough to comment in detail on the various options. I do wonder though, whether it might be possible to set up a 'no frills' emergency coordination centre at a lower cost? Say in some existing building rather than starting from scratch. I'd rather this money was spent on funding emergency services than a centre which I assume would only receive infrequent use? Emergency coordination out west here had both good and bad points during last year's Cyclone. The main problems for me were around the District Council. People looking for help found no-one at the Council offices to talk to - and nothing even on the door providing information on what numbers to call for what.
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Maintain if not increase funding for our emergency services. Central government have confirmed that this is a regional responsibility. Maintaining our funding of this service allows northland a say in the matter. These services are well supported by other organisations and we are getting great bang for buck. These are life saving services do not withdraw our support.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	More bricks and mortar not affordable at this time.
LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	The above point on Climate Resilience/Emergency Management should be incorporated into a well resourced community communication network rather than centralised bricks and mortar. Having locally based despatch centres and teams to address local and rurally isolated, or coastal areas and acknowledging it is local communities who are best placed to support each other in times of crises when resourced to do so
LTP24_2752	Peter Hames	Use already built facilities such as Whangarei District Council premises or Forum North
LTP24_2735	Sarah Warburton	No further funding. Use the existing building that we have for the emergency coordination centre. That is, lease the empty 1000m2 to 1500m2 space from the Whangarei District Councils newly built Te Iwitahi building (that was built for the NZTA to move into, but they chose not to). This will ensure we do not need to create or fund a new 7.5 million plus building.
LTP24_2910	Sean Cahalane	you dont say who is involved in this joint emergency center or what it is for are you duplicating what are national resources
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	The above point on Climate Resilience/Emergency Management should be incorporated into a well resourced community communication network rather than centralised bricks and mortar. Having locally based despatch centres and teams to address local and rurally isolated, or coastal areas and acknowledging it is local communities who are best placed to support each other in times of crises when resourced to do so
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Put the money into effective communication between existing providers and the communities they serve to ensure collaborative community centric approaches.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	Fund it by seeking government funding under the Provincial Growth Fund etc, and by reducing the number of EM staff you have. Replace some fulltime staff with part time ones on call.

LTP24_3278	Zoe	Keep funding our emergency services
LTP24_2108	Paul Voss	Whangarei does not need another costly building at the Rate payers expense. They always go over what they are costed at and we have many examples of this. Council could have had this emergency coordination center up and running by now simply by leasing one of the many empty buildings available in the town. This would reduce rates and fund the emergency rescue services which they suggest be cut
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	Why do we need an joint emergency centre? - yet more talkers less "do-ers". Marae's, churches, community halls are there already. small communities did ok with looking after each other.
LTP24_3050	Sara Eivers Northern rescue helicopters ltd	We cannot lose this funding for Northland. There would be significant detriment to the communities safety.
[No response]		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	there needs to be more funding and emergency people on hand
LTP24_281	Ian Page	I understand that NRC proposes to remove the current special rate of \$1/property/month that is used to assist emergency services such as the rescue helicopter.
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	Dont just increase rates!
LTP24_898	Janet Bradley Northland helicopter	We need nest
LTP24_1874	Susan Lynette Dee Northland Rescue Services	I pay rates in Whangarei, and I believe that part of this is used to fund emergency services. We need the rescue helicopter and all current emergency services. I vote to keep them.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	What increased cost?
LTP24_2675	Wendy Florence Saward	None of us know when we are going to need the rescue helicopter, please a dollar a month is nothing! At least we can see and hear how this dollar a month is spent.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	(Note that funding for this has since been secured so no comment)
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	However. We need an emergency coordination centre
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Try very hard to secure shortfall but if necessary fund shortfall at no greater rate than District Councils do.
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Comment was provided supporting the option to look for other funding. [Staff summary; please see original submission]

Changing the region-wide flood rate

110 submitters made a comment on the proposal to increase in the region-wide flood infrastructure rate threshold to \$1.0 million:

Supportive Views:

- Some submitters noted that increasing the threshold is prudent given the escalating costs associated with flood risk management projects.
- They appreciated the proactive approach by the Northland Regional Council in managing flood risk while considering financial implications.
- The adjustment demonstrates a commitment to maintaining the region's resilience against flooding events.

Concerns and Alternatives:

- Others expressed concerns about affordability and the impact on small communities.
- Some suggested that central government should contribute to the region-wide flood rate, given their status as landowners.
- A call was made to consider changing the split in the rate to ensure local communities fund more of the projects from which they benefit.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Comment on changing the region-wide flood rate:		
LTP24_25	John Keswick	Yeah that's fine
LTP24_24	Waiora Wihongi	This is an unfair proposal, there are regions within the boundaries that are completely left out
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	How do you pay for this?
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	there needs to be more funding more people to work
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	Do not increase.
LTP24_56	Cherie Nelson	Change
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	This proposal is fair, and I have no objections to raising the threshold as suggested.
LTP24_152	Jessica Evans	Flood events are more likely these days. We need to be better prepared.
LTP24_139	Michelle Grant	Yes sounds appropriate
LTP24_166	Yvette White	Where is more information?
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	Doesnt matter how much money you have the work still hasn't been done. Annual cleans are not done. Raise it.
LTP24_311	Tina Portanget	Making sure flood prevention is in place..eg: keeping drains and culverts free draining .. prevention before cure
LTP24_383	Mandy Wilson	Support this change.
LTP24_381	Beverley Guy	I would support the threshold increase
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	I dont see any work to stop Dargaville flooding so I do not support any increase in this cost
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	Not sure about how this would work
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support increasing this threshold
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	There will only be more with sea levels rising. Educate the people who give building consent
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Good. But make sure no more buildings are built on flood plains.

LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Fine, but at the same time, there are private rural landowners who benefit substantially from publically funded flood infrastructure which allws their businesses to make hefty amounts of profit. Those industries also degrade water quality and actively contribute to the flooding problem through ongoing drainage of wetlands and flood plains. There is a question of equity here.
LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	I agree
LTP24_795	Susan Barriball	Nice to have but a big ask for a community that is struggling.
LTP24_778	Lesley Griffiths	Another cost cutting plan!
LTP24_834	Ann Morrogh	This should cone from government
LTP24_841	Siobhan Trina Patia	Agree with the increase
LTP24_869	Devon Ashcroft	I think this will be a great thing to increase - natural hazards cause extensive vulnerabilities for many communities that they cannot control and I think It's important to help as much as possible
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	My rates in Kawakawa went up for flood works, i have seen no work done in this time! The last major weather event i was driving through low flood water on the roads at karetu at high tide does this mean we get a rebate as you have not achieved your reasoning for rate increase?
LTP24_925	John Oates	Agree with increase
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Agree with this.
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Ok will this
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Agreed to spread the cost fairly.
LTP24_624	Sharla Tangney	Replace colverts to handle more water .reduces buildup. Clean out drains and water tables ...mmm how about build a pond in parahaki forest to catch the water flooding up their and then you can also Youse it when fires are in their
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	No increase. Budget better,, make better decisions, less cost on consultants
LTP24_1129	Leanne Clark	No. Keep it as it is.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Sounds like a good plan
LTP24_1194	Mark John Hill	Agree
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Flooding is a significant ongoing concern in our region, and we need to increase the funding threshold as above, to ensure all communities can receive the benefits.
LTP24_1312	Marc Verwoerd	Support higher threshold.
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Priority should be for councils to make sure that people are not allowed to build in flood or slip prone areas in the first place and support for people to move away from these areas.
LTP24_1437	Melissa	To make the drainage better
LTP24_1450	Chris Bone	WDC need to stop allowing development on flood plains and areas that will be inundated by SLR
LTP24_1440	Margaret A Bishop	Yes I agree
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	It's reality However poorly researched solutions from consultants who rely on council coffers will not deliver. They need to be incentivised by results not constant fee payments Attributes for assessing capability need to move away from dollars and look at sustainable real value engineering and stop the focus on sustainability washing peel it back to see what it actually means and what they have actually achieved
LTP24_1570	Paul Ballantine	I agree with increasing threshold.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Agree

LTP24_1684	Ace Shattock	Why is this even a thing? Why should people who build on non-flood prone land subsidising the people who do build on flood-prone land?
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	No, keep as is
LTP24_1086	Vicki Macdonald Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics Incorporated	With increased major weather events predicted this would be prudent.
LTP24_1772	Di Miller	Keep same as current - do not increase to \$1.0m.
LTP24_1802	Rosemary Antonio	Before answering this, I need to know how much of this is going towards flood management in the Kaipara? Your spiel is not very clear.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	More government funding, less rates from us.
LTP24_1763	Aroha Louise Chase	It would be great to proportion over various capital projects regardless of project value.
LTP24_1876	Rita Carol Donovan	I think we should stick to the status quo
LTP24_1952	Robyn Hansen	yes i agree
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Agreement
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	pono agree.
LTP24_1958	Robyn Dey	Agree to change in threshold
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	Yes very important.
LTP24_2131	Michael Fox	I do not support a region wide flood rate. There are other risks associated with where people live (e.g. coastal erosion, wind exposure, land instability) that are not funded regionally, and must be borne by the affected parties. Flooding should be the same.
LTP24_2341	David Scott Chapman	This makes sense.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	N/C
LTP24_2283	Trae Harrison	Increase to the flood infrastructure fund will have long term benefit to the region
LTP24_2282	Michael Moss	Get waterways clear, stop allowing houses to be built in historical flood zones
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	We need to adjust the flood rate to meet higher costs
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	sounds reasonable.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Sounds like a plan!
LTP24_2403	Margaret Haines	Flood management is important
LTP24_2461	Mike Murphy	Agree
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	A fair distribution of cost is necessary.
LTP24_2401	Te Uri Clarke	Cleaning of the culverts Drainage on the sides of all the roads need to be carried out regularly and maintained by the contract holders for this work. Continuing to do work in the same flooding areas without changing the outcomes is such wasted money and time. Roadside trees should all be taken out or topped yearly so they don't fall on powerlines or roads or block the Drainage. Must be maintained at a higher standard
LTP24_2521	Kurtis Kain	If this aligns with forecasted flood risk then do it.

LTP24_2466	Annette Claire Richardson	Support change
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	We are heading into a future where flooding is more likely for certain parts of Northland. In order to prepare for this future, we need to increase this funding threshold.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Yes. The threshold does need to increase. Why is so much money spent on consultants for investigation, design and delivery? Create in-house posts and stop paying hundreds of dollars an hour for consultant contractors
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No rates are too high now. People can't afford to live on their property due to this.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	No increase affordable.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Agree
LTP24_2747	Rakesh Pinao	Agree.
LTP24_2686	Paul McDonald	Flood mapping shows the area of benefit and this area ought pay targeted rates on the benefit. Keep the 0.5 MN threshold.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	I agree, costs are escalating.
LTP24_2741	Mervyn Rhys Williams	Keep threshold as is but run to a budget
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	Agree
LTP24_2735	Sarah Warburton	No change. Stay at the existing rate.
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	I support to increase this threshold to \$1.0M.
LTP24_2913	Katy Simon	I support the increased threshold.
LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	This work has to include surrendering areas of flood plain back to the water as ever-expanding flood control is not sustainable.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Agree
LTP24_3040	Delwyn Osborne	We need to limit any future development in flood prone areas.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Sounds a prudent course.
LTP24_1827	raewyn ings	agree
LTP24_3068	PHOEBE BURGESS	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED TO CLEAR DRAINS AND WATERWAYS AND FLOOD PRONE AREAS IE: WAIPU
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	Not necessary
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	It will cost us all more, so leave it as it.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option of increasing the threshold to \$1.0M.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Floods are going to increase in volume and intensity. Increase the threshold.

LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	The proposed change to increase the region-wide flood infrastructure rate threshold to \$1.0 million seems like a sensible step by the Northland Regional Council. It shows that they are considering the escalating costs associated with flood risk management projects and making adjustments to ensure fair and sustainable funding allocation. As a member of the public, I appreciate the council's proactive approach to managing flood risk in Te Taitokerau while keeping in mind the financial implications for both the region-wide fund and local targeted rates. This adjustment indicates a commitment to maintaining the region's resilience against flooding events and optimizing the use of resources for critical infrastructure projects.
LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	Support
LTP24_3265	Anahita Djamali	Agree
LTP24_3278	Zoe	Keep funding our emergency services
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	Leave the flood rate as it is. It is the smaller projects that have the greatest impact on less populated areas of benefit. The impact of 500k spread across a small population of 400 residents is HUGE, don't change the threshold. It will hurt our small communities that have been dealing with impacts of flooding for decades.
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Te Ūkaipō supports the alignment with increasing costs and urges the Council to use this funding in a way that maintains and enhancing the regions flood infrastructure to support it effectively. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Agreed
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	As a landowner within a large catchment and a stream choked with crack willow I have sought help to remove these pests and increase the river volume back to normal. I have not had any support so it has taken me a long time to slowly chip away at improvements. Support for issues like this would be highly valuable as a way to enable landowners to alleviate flooding issues.
LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	I agree, however central government should contribute to the region wide flood rate, they to are land owners!! Central government have had a free piggy back for many years,
LTP24_2352	Stacey Sharp	Agree, important that NRC leads (but doesn't completely own) this mahi
LTP24_2471	Robert N	Maintain status quo. Local rates should be targeted.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	We agree with increase by \$1m and to spread the cost fairly.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Sounds reasonable
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	The Council also needs to consider changing the split in the region-wide flood rate so that local communities fund more of a project from which they will benefit. [Staff summary; please see original submission]

Flood risk management: How should we fund the work that's needed?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Do the new flood work	274	59%
Another option: Bare minimum	159	34%
None of the above	31	7%
[No response]	1,811	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 464 submitters responded to this question, with 274 choosing our proposed option, 159 choosing the bare minimum option and 31 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 18 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 73 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option emphasized the importance of better preparation and increased funding to cope with flooding. They highlighted the need for more personnel on the ground, proper gear, and improved flood response capabilities. Others urged caution in funding decisions, suggesting alternative sources of funding. Concerns were raised about mangrove removal, building in flood-prone areas, and the impact of global warming. Calls were made for balanced approaches, including managed retreat and nature-based solutions.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option emphasized the need for evidence-based models, raised concerns about protecting housing in flood-prone coastal areas, and raised questions about reevaluating building infrastructure as a feasible response to flood risk management. Affordability and the importance of understanding the total cost was highlighted as a significant concern, especially given the current economic climate. A "user pays" approach was suggested by some submitters, and concern was expressed about the impact on whanau in specific regions.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' raised concern about response agencies being under-funded, that schemes should be funded by central government, that debt should be limited and the area of benefit should pay.

Submitters who didn't choose an option emphasized the need for more safety talks and central government funding, and suggested that individual councils should not bear the financial burden alone. They supported initiatives like training young people as future rescue crews. Calls were made for proactive planning, public education, and climate resilience. Specific areas, such as Awanui and Whangarei, were mentioned, and collaboration with iwi, hapū, and marae was encouraged for decision-making.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Do the new flood work		
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given the flooding we experienced in 2023 and will face again in the future.
LTP24_152	Jessica Evans	Flooding is becoming more of a risk. We need to be better prepared. We need more people on the ground who are able to respond and they need to be fully prepared with the right gear.
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	As previously noted, try to fund here from elsewhere, not by increasing rates more
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support the proposed option. Lets increase our regions ability to cope with flooding.
LTP24_586	Trailequip Ltd	Ensure waterways are clear. Some of the Kaipara flooding was because of poorly maintained tributaries.

LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	This has to be done, but for the right reasons. We shouldn't be spending large percentages of the budget on funding infrastructure or schemes that only benefit farmland in flood plains. This should primarily be focussed at protecting whole communities or specific infrastructure (roads, rail etc) from flooding, not farmland which is on flood plains. We should be actively seeking ways to allow flood waters to utilise flood plains properly, not channelling it through flood plains to protect grass.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Flood risks need to be worked on and mitigated wherever required, unless it makes sense to move uphill to safer grounds.
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Whangarei harbour mangroves must not continue to be removed without public consultation, they are an important mitigator of climate change and pollution, as well as providing fish habitat.
LTP24_1681	Rochelle Dewdney	Don't allow building in flood-prone areas!
LTP24_1836	Melissa Armstrong	So important
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Seek the correct studies to justify the work required. This will help gauge costs more accurately before it brows the budget. Discourage residential and commercial construction in high risk areas. If they want to proceed create a higher tax rate for this area. For instance set up a rate tax plan according to the risk analysis on sites, higher the risk the higher the rate so that low risk areas don't have to pay extra for something that doesn't affect them.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	We cant continue to do this as global warming bites. While I support short term flood risk management, going forward the costs of poor planning or personal decisions should be borne by the council/developer/owner. If the district councils make poor planning decisions (i.e. building on flood prone or unstable land) then the cost of this should not be carried by the general rating base. If farmers develop areas that are susceptible to flooding or slips, then they should bear the cost of flood or slip mitigation. If individuals build houses that are on flood prone or unstable land (often done because the land is cheaper) then they should bear the cost of mitigation. Individuals that purchase housing in flood prone or unstable areas should be well informed about the risk associated with the property (LIM) but bear the cost of mitigation themselves. The cost of flood and land stability mitigation should be targeted to the owner.
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	ae ra get the mahi done.
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Flood risk is related to climate change and impacts will increase so investment in risk management is a good idea
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	A major Northland risk.
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Absolutely necessary
LTP24_2369	William Berry	Face the facts - we must have Flood risk action - Fund out of increased rates, implement a say 5 year plan and stick to it.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Another Climate Change/Resilience requirement...
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	Again, we are heading into uncertain times and whatever we can do now to best prepare for this future, is what we should do.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Prevention is better than after-event clean up
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Think that flood protection is to be better prepared for, so focus resources on intelligent solutions.

LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	Do the flood work, this is only going to get worse and burying our heads in the sands will need our mokopuna will have to fix our inaction.
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Flood risk management - Support increase in funding but would like to see rebalancing and reprioritisation towards managed retreat and nature based solutions. - The long term viability of existing flood management schemes needs to be regularly assessed as the impacts of climate change become evident. It is likely that managed retreat is going to be the best option in some area rather than continuing to sink money into hard protection works. - Support funding for research and implementation of nature based solutions like construction of wetlands and revegetation of catchments. These provide double benefits in terms of biodiversity and flood management.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to recent flooding, Naumai Marae has had their insurance policy revoked and they would like NRC to support in any way possible to have this reinstated. - Issues with the Wairoa River and the levels of silt in it. At some points it is only 2m deep in the middle at high tide and this is adding to the issues of not being able to secure insurance for the Marae and struggle with building consent. - Of the Marae flood preparedness fund, how much of this actually makes it to individual marae rather than admin. Money is needed on the ground. - Why does the flood map not include Ruawai? What influence can NRC have over the KDC owned drainage schemes? - Agree with the flood works but what will this look like for Kaipara/our area. Believe the area has been underserved in terms of flood works. - There is much water that comes from the top of the hills - NRC needs to monitor to understand where this water is coming from first and foremost.
LTP24_2782	Graeme Lawrence	If the flood adaptation work is not carried out in Dargaville and a better understanding of the Northern Wairoa River and its tributaries and contributing factors such as the Hikurangi Swamp - the future of Dargaville and other communities along the river does not bode well. Is building stop banks the best option for flood risk management - if the Northern Wairoa River was managed effectively, there would be less need to build and increase stop banks. Stop banks also have an advantage and a disadvantage that they hold the water from the river out, but they also hold the flood waters in. The Northern Wairoa Water Catchment area is the largest in Northland - why is it not the number one priority of the NRC?
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Happy with the Flood work including the New Work planned, that is with the exception of the Blue Green Network as I would consider this a District Council responsibility - it would have been good for NRC to have explained in what is meant by Blue Green Network in the Consultation document Very pleased and relieved that there will be some work in Kaipara
LTP24_1827	Raewyn Ings	this is only going to get worse so do the work needed
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	It would be good to spend more money on drain clearing also. We have a lot of floods around our way and they're mainly caused by blocked drains.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option of doing the new flood work. The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail provides free public alternative transport (walking and cycling) in high-flood-risk areas, such as the KiwiRail corridor between Kaikohe and Taumarere, where significant flooding occurs more frequently. The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail requests that it be considered a new project for the flood management scheme, particularly from Otiria to Taumarere.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Again, better to invest in flood management now - it will cost more later.

LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, it is crucial that flood risk management is approached with diligence and foresight to safeguard our communities and infrastructure. The proposed option to fund the necessary flood management work, including increased borrowing for existing schemes and new projects, demonstrates a commitment to proactively addressing flood risks and enhancing resilience across the region. Investing in flood management initiatives is vital for protecting our homes, businesses, and environment from the devastating impacts of floods. By prioritising the implementation of new projects and ensuring the sustainability of existing schemes, the council shows a dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community in the face of potential flood events. It is essential that resources are allocated wisely to support effective flood risk management strategies, as resilient infrastructure and proactive measures play a significant role in mitigating the impact of flooding on our region. The proposed approach to funding flood management work is a step in the right direction towards building a more secure and resilient community in the face of natural disasters.
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Harbour safety and navigation: How should we meet the growing needs?

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None of the above	42	10%
[No response]	1,840	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 432 submitters responded to this question, with 218 choosing our proposed option, 175 choosing the bare minimum option and 42 choosing 'none of the above'.
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LTP24_56	Cherie Nelson	Make sure that work is spread around the area, not concentrated in the B.O.I where the harbour master seems to do the bulk of his work
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LTP24_264	A.A van den Nieuwelaar	All the before mentioned work is important and ideally could be funded. Growing capacity of the harbour however is the first 'cause' that might reap a financial reward. We'd prefer to focus on more financial lucrative opportunities and developments like growing the harbour capacity before taking away funding of emergency services and important community building, health supporting sports facilities. In saying this I would like to acknowledge that the proposed works are undeniably important and in our opinion should remain high on the agenda. Perhaps more focus on supporting projects that support our communities and businesses to grow in wealth and independence as a region. A flourishing region would be happy to support all proposed initiatives in this report, just not when the median population is struggling to meet their basic needs.
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LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Oil spills are a concern, with tankers coming into our harbours, and the maritime vessel is intended to help with this. If we lose the water quality of our Whangarei harbour, we will all be adversely affected. Cruise ships must be monitored to ensure they do not damage our Northland harbours in any way.
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LTP24_1603	Jenny Calder Northland Search and Rescue	With the increase in maritime related incidents, Northland Search and Rescue support the increase and improvements to harbour/maritime safety and see this as essential work required to ensure lives are not put at risk.
LTP24_1916	GLADYS SANDRA ROWSELL	Very important to the North and should be expanded
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	We have had Cruise Ships this year. We need them again to bring in more income
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LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The majority of our rurally based marae, hapū and whānau have built resilient communities over a number of decades and so “resilience” is nothing new to them. What is new, is the increased level and ferocity of climatic events that are exponentially impacting on their wellbeing and infrastructure. ii. We support all of the above initiatives with the expectation that iwi, hapū and marae are fully involved in the decision-making outcomes for their respective communities. iii. Te Kahu o Taonui is willing to collaborate with NRC to articulate to Central Government what an appropriate unilateral response around community resilience would look like for Te Taitokerau.
LTP24_3348	Jennifer Chivers Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities	<p>4. In Kaitaia, Kāinga Ora manages approximately 240 homes. Based on current Northland Regional Council’s flood risk mapping, some 200 of these homes are within the 1 to 100 year flood risk area. However, Kāinga Ora understands that if the Northland Regional Council completes the proposed Awanui Flood Scheme upgrade works, nearly all of these homes will no longer be at risk.</p> <p>5. Kāinga Ora therefore seeks confirmation that the proposed Awanui Flood Scheme upgrade works are funded and programmed to be completed in the next 3 years, as part of the proposed LTP.</p> <p>6. Kāinga Ora supports the direction of the Northland Regional Council LTP in relation to flooding and hazard management and appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback.</p> <p>7. Those areas of interest to Kāinga Ora have been specifically identified and elaborated on within this feedback letter. Kāinga Ora reiterates the importance of continued investment and flooding management and infrastructure resilience which directly impact on the supply of new and warm dry homes in the Northland region, where demand for public housing is high.</p> <p>8. Kāinga Ora remains committed to working with Northland Regional Council and welcomes any opportunity to discuss this feedback further.</p>
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	<p>These low-lying areas are often at greater risk from flooding, sea level rise and/or liquefaction in an earthquake but because they are often more accessible and affordable, a higher proportion of disabled people live in these areas. Given that 40% of Kainga Ora clients are disabled in some way, this means that in many places social housing, and disabled people, are being effectively placed in harm’s way. So those least able to avoid or recover from a natural disaster are most at risk of losing everything. Preventing this situation re-occurring in the future will require planning for climate resilient communities and places that are also accessible for disabled people. As a recent news article states “Floods are inevitable. Flood disasters are not” Recommendation 3: that the NRC include in their planning the learnings from natural disasters and extreme weather events</p>
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	<p>Given the current economic climate and the uncertainty over when the country will start to recover from the recession it is on, it is felt that no new projects should be commenced in the next three years unless they are absolutely critical to ensure the survival of a community / ies. Federated Farmers supports the bare minimum option presented in the LTP as this option keeps any rates increase to a manageable level. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>
LTP24_3323	Jim Sephton Whangarei District Council	<p>WDC supports the proposed option with the following key points: - Support developing flood risk management with a focus on Whangarei centre in conjunction with funding identified in WDCs Long term Plan. - Support the investigation and modelling work in relation to Punuruku to align with the outcomes of the WDC and NRC joint study.</p>

Public transport: How should we fund what's needed to keep it moving?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Do this work	204	44%
Another option: Bare minimum	213	46%
None of the above	44	10%
[No response]	1,814	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 461 submitters responded to this question, with 204 choosing our proposed option, 213 choosing the bare minimum option and 44 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 17 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 97 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option emphasized the importance of decarbonization in addressing climate change, while others highlighted the need for reliable, accessible, and innovative public transport services. Suggestions included increasing funding for driver subsidies, exploring alternative technologies, and ensuring accessibility for all passengers.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option emphasized the need for affordability and basic services, while others questioned the rush to decarbonize buses. Concerns were raised about low ridership, the appropriateness of large buses on low-occupancy routes, and the feasibility of private funding. Suggestions included exploring alternative options such as bike lanes, trains, and private initiatives.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' emphasized user pays models, while others highlighted the lack of public transport in certain areas. Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of the current system, low usage, and the need to consider options beyond Whangarei. Suggestions included exploring private enterprise and revitalizing rail lines.

Submitters who didn't choose an option Submitters expressed various viewpoints regarding public transport funding and accessibility. Some emphasized the need for affordability and basic services, while others questioned the rush to decarbonize buses. Concerns were raised about low ridership, the appropriateness of large buses on low-occupancy routes, and the feasibility of private funding. Suggestions included exploring private enterprise, revitalizing rail lines, and extending public transport options to outlying areas.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Do this work		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	more half price extend the half price bus fares
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given our need to mode-shift to decarbonised public transport as soon as possible. As a Bream Bay resident I do currently not benefit from CityLink bus services, thus I ask you to please work with NTA to investigate the viability of small-scale on-demand public transport solutions (similar to MyWay in Timaru) for the Bream Bay area (and potentially less frequented CityLink bus routes). I'm more than happy to contribute an additional \$10 per annum to improved public transport, instead of the proposed \$2.

LTP24_287	Amber-Leah O'Neill	I choose point 1 but have no interest in Council green-washing. Even researching Electric vehicles is a waste of money until such time as an alternative power source has been developed. Not interested in Council wasting time on technology that is dangerous to source and dispose of (lithium mining and disposal of the batteries,)
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Find buses AND trains!
LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Happy to subsidise. Try and make using the bus system as attractive as possible.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	People will only use public transport if it is well funded, frequently available and reliable. Minimum spend means poor service, people wont use it, then it won't make money anyway
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Decarbonation is important vis-a-vis Climate Change
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	decarbonisation is a priority, and bus drivers deserve a pay increase.
LTP24_1411	Talia Comp	With the outer areas of Whangarei growing rapidly, work needs to be done to expand public transport out of central Whangarei to both Bream Bay coast and Tutukaka
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	Consider our demographic and access to cars poor roads we need some public transport that takes us into the future and work and to undertake our communities lives - what is the study on access to cars affordability etc - how do we support our regions and getting people to work opportunities mid north to boi etc
LTP24_1514	Ben Tombs	The best way to reduce carbon footprint is to provide public transport and get freight off the roads.
LTP24_1719	Erin Corble	Public transport need to be better, smoother, and more active and accessible not just within Whangarei, but from outside. By improving public transport, you also cut down on the carbon footprint of the region
LTP24_1770	Michael van Beek	Stop investigating and DO make decarbonisation of CityLink and Whangarei bus services
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	pai ana get it done
LTP24_1342	Karen Walker	Increased koanga Ora housing with less green spaces and no car parking means there needs to be increased public transport
LTP24_2224	Kelvin Maxwell	The current service is limited in its functionality. The lack of this mean is underutilized.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	As the region grows, e.g. Whangarei, bus services will need to expand with greater frequency to encourage people to use public transport. Whangarei's traffic congestion is beginning to rival Auckland's!
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Remove the pressure from cars
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Decarbonation is important in view of Climate Change
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	As we transition into a green future, we need to do all that we can now so that Northland is in the best place it can be in 10 years' time.
LTP24_2513	Rebecca Everest	Make our public transport more reliable and people may actually use it
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Firm believer in Public transport
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Public transport - Support NRC proposed option

LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	I encourage the council to be innovative in this area, decarbonise the fleet, value your drivers, and further incentivise the use of public transport.
LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	Make all buses accessible as per the Tai Tokerau Regional Accessible Strategy. Increase range of subsidies through Total Mobility for disabled people and their families for taxi services or whānau supported transport.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	support required from NRC to lobby Waka Kotahi, who has raised the road outside of the Marae (the year previous) so much that they cannot even get a bus/@truck into the car park anymore because of the steep gradient they were left with. this has hindered bringing in housing/doctors rooms etc. even a gradual grade would be better than what they currently have. - Buses have to park on the side of the road and kaumatua have to walk up - very unsafe. - Advocate to lower the speed limit outside of the school. - the hill coming around Tokatoka has collapsed and fear this will happen to a larger degree blocking one of the only access routes to the area. Needs to be cambered.
LTP24_2748	Annet Rook	suggest finding further alternative revenue sources to grow public transport capacity even more, e.g. advertising
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	This is essential for climate change and reducing emissions. A regular link between Ruakākā and Whangārei is essential for Patuharakeke accessibility.
LTP24_2770	Helen Gilbert	smaller electric powered buses
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	Great to see further bus routes added recently. Increased frequency of bus transport during the period 9 am to 3 pm would be appreciated also
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Definitely agree with work towards decarbonisation being started in this LTP, however this is an expense that could be put over a longer timeframe I think that there will be new technology and cost reductions in the near to medium future and potentially some Central Government funding that would justify a longer timeframe
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	Make all buses accessible as per the Tai Tokerau Regional Accessible Strategy. Increase range of subsidies through Total Mobility for disabled people and their families for taxi services or whānau supported transport.
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	Public transport needs to be reliable for those who need it
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	And also investigate public transport within the region.
LTP24_3176	Joanne Shanks community business and environment centre	Northland needs Targeted subsidies to continue to provide buses in our region, with a growing need to jump on a bus to save money these services need to be supported.

LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, the sustainability and reliability of public transport are vital for our community's accessibility and environmental well-being. The proposed option to "Grow capacity" by increasing funding for driver subsidies, investigating decarbonization efforts, and re-tendering the bus service in Whangarei reflects a proactive approach to enhancing our public transport system. Investing in driver subsidies and exploring decarbonization initiatives underscores a commitment to improving service efficiency and reducing the environmental impact of public transport. Furthermore, funding the re-tendering process for the bus service demonstrates a dedication to ensuring high-quality and competitive public transportation options for the community. Public transport plays a crucial role in connecting individuals, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting sustainability. Therefore, supporting initiatives that aim to enhance public transport services through increased funding and sustainable practices is essential for improving accessibility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and ensuring a reliable transportation network for all residents.
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Public transport is a fundamental part of community resilience and climate change adaptation.
LTP24_3265	Anahita Djamali	We need to increase the number of bus services in Northland. Especially in Whangarei and make public transport free.
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Te Ūkaipō supports the proposed option to increase funding for driver subsidies (and ensure drivers are paid a living wage). The transport sector is one of New Zealand's largest emissions contributors 3 and the decarbonisation of this sector is agreed to help align Aotearoa New Zealand with its targets. The management and reduction of carbon emissions are of utmost importance to Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	In other cities, electric buses have demonstrated a concerning tendency to cause road damage due to their excessive weight. Therefore, prioritizing accessible buses is crucial; there's no sense in re-tendering services if they still entail inaccessible buses. Just a couple of years ago, intercity buses were accessible. However, since the recent re-tendering, this vital accessibility feature has been lost. I am an author of many books these should be included in my submission Designing Inclusivity Building Accessible Cities for All See link https://designrr.site/?i=vufc&t=efdd5f
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Decarbonation is important vis-a-vis Climate Change. Public transport needs to be more innovative. The standard model won't work as we do not have the population to fund buses running between our main centres. Options include ride-share with drop off points at each of the main centres, combining an Uber type of service with main arterial routes. Using smaller more flexible buses that can respond to a request - via cellphone, i.e match the transport to the need rather than a set schedule. There are lots of innovations happening and NRC needs to explore these rather than relying on the old model.
Another option: Bare minimum		
LTP24_62	Rachel Smith	Explore collaborative opportunities in more rural communities to leverage off school bus networks etc. Ensure tamariki and rangatahi can utilise public transport to access sporting facilities.
LTP24_106	Cameron Wood	Decarbonisation is not important when you don't have enough money to fund basic needs. It is a want not a need

LTP24_142	Katrina	Don't rush to decarbonise buses, only when they need replacing. Still a lot of technological advances to be made in the transport space, wait until the tech is cheaper and more accessible before replacing the bus fleet. Support a wage increase for drivers, more reliable services and to people who need it. Does the bus service have to be council funded? Could this be run by a private company?
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	I support funding the cost of the bus service, driver wage increases and driver subsidies. I don't support the investigation of decarbonisation of the CityLinks bus service.
LTP24_813	Kate liddington	Personally not used living in Kerikeri
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	No one uses public transport, It's a white elephant
LTP24_1013	Dana Upton Thomas	Carbon is [redacted]
LTP24_1307	Kylie Horsfall	Build decent but cheap bike lanes etc, as in Wellington. Done much more cheaply than other towns.
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	There are 3 x 60 seat busses on routes that are usually carrying between 0 and 5 passengers. This adds a lot to carbon emissions as well as ratepayer costs. There may be a social benefit from those routes, but surely more appropriate vehicles can be used if that is the case.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Affordability is huge at the present time. Please meet only the basic needs in a fiscally prudent way
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	No need to look in the decarbonization plan at the moment. Do further study and look into it in the new year, consider fuel tax increase.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	The Whangarei bus service doesn't seem to see a lot of use. What is happening with trains? This is a preferable and long-term solution.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	User pays not the ratepayer.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	The only affordable option for ratepayers in general.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Perhaps uber could do the job.
LTP24_2987	Lynnette Cochrane	Public transport doesn't even exist where we live
LTP24_3040	Delwyn Osborne	Outside of Whangarei there is basically no public transport so why should the whole region pay rates for something they can't access.
LTP24_3148	David Insulate	Public tra post should be funded by a targeted rate by those properties that directly benefit from public transport - that is those properties within the bus route. I strongly disagree NRC continuing to charge rural residents for public transport when they don't benefit and can't use it. I would much rather my transport fee to fund the emergency helicopter service - a service that I might need. Rather than being charged for the public transport service that I don't use because I can't use. Until you put in park and rides and extend the service into rural areas, do not charge rural residents for public transport.
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	Not a user of buses in Whangarei.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	Auckland Transport must have a lot of information on decarbonising a bus fleet after doing it themselves.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Public transport trains please (rally the central government.) Any plans for better public transport in the far north? Maybe supporting a private company initiative? A hospital bus service for Bay of Islands hospital?
None of the above		
LTP24_11	Nathan Read	Target the public transport rate to those ratepayers who can use the bus service. ie the Whangarei District rate should only be urban ratepayers living near bus routes and not the rural ratepayers in Whangarei District.
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	User pay

LTP24_311	Tina Portanget	None of that applies in Dargaville
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	No public transport in Kaipara so Kaipara residents should NOT pay a public transport rate to NRC.
LTP24_856	Tracey-ann Hodgkinson	We should only minimally subsidize the bus service as only a small percentage of the population use it and users should pay
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	There is NO transport network in Northland so why are we funding a small areas transportation coats that should be funded bybthwor local council as it does NOT provide a service to the region so shouldn't be funded by the regional council
LTP24_1166	Les Sykes	Should this be funded by a region wide rate when the majority of the population of Northland have zero access to public transport
LTP24_1495	Crispin Middleton	Usage is minimum. Add bike trails instead and ditch the bush
LTP24_1639	Roma Leiataua	we dont live by a bus
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	Where we live in the Far North, our local "bus service" is at best poor. Plow money into the area above Whangerei.
LTP24_2182	Tamara Hayward	Do not fund any of this. User pays like any other business. Do I get special funding because I fund my own vehicle.... no
LTP24_2282	Michael Moss	get our trains running again and have more coverage for rail lines
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	The rates rises for these services should be restricted to those living in areas concerned, rather than across the region.
LTP24_2403	Margaret Haines	I can't comment as there is no public transport where I live.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Rethink the whole underused system. A science fair project by two high school students highlighted how ineffective the current provision is. An example: The ridiculously low use of the Whangarei Heads service.
LTP24_2806	Melissa Wood	Need to consider how you can support Far North residents with some public transport options, particularly those lower socio-economic demographic areas.
LTP24_3138	Janet Barker	Private enterprise
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	what public transport are you talking about? there is none in our area! No taxi service. The transport service for the doctors is run by volunteers, Its a disgrace that you say "keep it moving", when its not actually there. Phantom transport service. How can you just look at Whangarei and not the rest of the region?
[No response]		
LTP24_123	Roxanne Rehm	Increase public transport options for those places outside of Whangarei
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	Bare minimum No comment.
LTP24_675	Donald Chandler	I would also like to voice my support for increased public transportation, including extending bus service to major Northland towns such as Kerikeri. Private vehicle ownership and operation is a major drain on the district's wealth.
LTP24_1272	Fay Drake	Dont use the bus services as live out of town
LTP24_1501	Hannah Prout Whangārei academy of gymnastics	The bus service is so limited and only really services central town and not those in outlying areas.
LTP24_2675	Wendy Florence Saward	Keep the rescue helicopter as congestion builds on our roads it will become more and more important to move people in need quickly to medical care

LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Public transport: De- carbonisation is important so are strong bus services in the centers
LTP24_3028	Anna Murphy	I also think the NRC need to prioritize zero and low carbon transport options.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Increase support for the Total Mobility initiative and extend it to use by whānau transport, and community agency initiatives who aren't registered as taxi providers. Make sure all public transport, especially buses to and from the hospital, are accessible and affordable.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	No public transport in Mangawhai.
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	Work with District Council to provide the urban planning that will make public transport economic. Push for commuter rail services to Auckland and Opuā.
LTP24_3330	Ron Ford Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association	Submission notes that the Tutukaka coast does not benefit from public transport options so it would be good to explore other options to support our Coastal connectivity. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3332	Gavin Shaw Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora	Health New Zealand manages health services across New Zealand, including Whangārei Hospital. Submission acknowledges that the hospital urgently needs redevelopment due to factors like population growth, Māori inequity, and an aging population. It introduces project Pihi Kaha, which aims to redevelop Whangārei Hospital over 20 years, and notes that supporting infrastructure, including public transport, is crucial for its success. Health New Zealand supports Council's inclusion of the targeted Whangārei Transport Rate in the proposed LTP. However, they specifically request that funding from this rate be allocated to improving public transport services to Whangārei Hospital. Project Pihi Kaha's redevelopment of Whangārei Hospital will increase demand on State Highway 14, emphasizing the need for accessible and reliable public transport to enhance accessibility and reduce congestion in the area. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service - Northern Region	NPHS is supportive of NRC's involvement in public transport funding and provision. Upgrading the bus fleet in Whangareī is worthwhile because of improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gas and particulate emissions, and greater physical activity levels linked with public transport use.
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Think very carefully about most sensible course of action for entire N.R.C area.
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	The provision of accessible public transport services is important for disabled people in terms of the ability to undertake social connection, inclusion and participation in their communities. Recommendation 8: that the Far North Passenger Transport Services, Whangareī Bus Passenger Services and CityLink Whangārei services be accessible
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Federated Farmers supports the "bare minimum" option if all ratepayers in the Whangareī district are impacted. However, if rural ratepayers pay a lesser proportion due to their limited use of public transport, they would also support the proposed option. [Staff summary; please see original submission]

Regional leadership

Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships: How can we best strengthen these?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Grow capacity to deliver on Te Tiriti relationships	264	42%
Another option: Bare minimum	257	41%
None of the above	110	17%
[No response]	1,644	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 631 submitters responded to this question, with 264 choosing our proposed option, 257 choosing the bare minimum option, 110 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 17 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 125 of submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Of the submitters who selected our **proposed option**, various viewpoints were expressed regarding the importance of Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships. Some emphasized collaboration with hapū and resourcing marae for Māori. Others highlighted the significance of honouring the Treaty, educating future generations, and empowering iwi. The importance of balancing funding priorities was highlighted, and providing access to Te Reo Sign Language was also discussed. Feedback that supported the proposed option also expressed the difference and significant contribution of the work that marae, iwi and hapū do in the protection of the environment and the regional leadership that council demonstrates and how it achieves the well-being of all communities.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option noted various perspectives regarding Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships. Some emphasized the need to focus on these partnerships while ensuring efficient resource allocation. Others highlighted equal opportunities for Māori in local government. Concerns were raised about allocating funds to translation services for council meetings, especially when other community needs are pressing. Opinions varied on the emphasis placed on Te Tiriti and Māori language and culture. Some suggested cutting funding altogether, while others supported continuing existing efforts. Balancing core business priorities and community consultation was discussed.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' expressed diverse viewpoints regarding Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships. Some emphasized collaboration with Hapu and resourcing maraes for Māori. Others questioned the value of certain initiatives, emphasizing core business needs and practical outcomes. Calls for equal treatment, accountability, and transparency were raised.

Submitters who didn't choose an option expressed diverse viewpoints regarding Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships. Some emphasized the importance of empowering Iwi for self-determination (mana motuhake) and fulfilling obligations under Te Tiriti. Others highlighted the need for clear, measurable results and effective resourcing. Opinions varied on the emphasis placed on Māori partnerships, with some advocating for equal treatment and others recognizing the unique position of Tangata Whenua. Specific recommendations were made regarding wastewater treatment, airport land transfer, and constitutional incorporation of He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Grow capacity to deliver on Te Tiriti relationships		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	grow more capacity on maraes for Māori people
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	These partnerships are vital for a healthy society.
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	As an immigrant and stranger to kaupapa Māori I have difficulties assessing the value and possible benefits of the proposed option, however, given the small amount of less than \$5 per annum I have no objections and trust that the proposed option will lead to better outcomes.
LTP24_123	Roxanne Rehm	Support areas that already implement Māori business development (Kaikohe)
LTP24_287	Amber-leah O'Neill	Absolutely continue to fund, grow and deliver on tiriti
LTP24_482	Sacha Young	Top priority to actualise te Tiriti o Waitangi.
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	It's very important we honour the treaty. Teach future generations. Stop the rascism
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	This is very important.
LTP24_618	Tui McCaughey	You need to get the right people involved. Those who are willing to do the work, not just talk the talk.
LTP24_795	Susan Barriball	Northland is the home of Te Tiriti and has the largest Māori population in NZ. As such, I believe we have a duty to lead the nation in Treaty matters and relationships. This is particularly so at the current time where the governing political parties are seemingly wishing to reduce Te Tiriti to a historical curiosity and deny recognition of Māori as first peoples.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Iwi have shown how they can step up to support community in challenging times e.g. cyclone, covid - work on these relationships. They know the environment - use this knowledge!
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Essential especially for Northland.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Improvement of societal relations and cooperation are important.
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Any increase in Tiriti based initiatives need to be accompanied by effective education to the public who are resistant to anything Māori. They need to know that Te Tiriti is not only a Māori taonga but a an agreement for us all to manage and protect the whenua. Suggest NRC engage Network Waitangi locally to provide courses.
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	Māori expertise and te Ao Māori has a great deal to offer in providing advice and inspiration on how our environment and taonga can flourish. We must honour te Tiriti o Waitangi in the spirit of the Māori version signed by the Rangatiri in 1840, and as our founding document for democracy and the joining of different peoples, ie the indigenous owners of the land, and the settlers.
LTP24_946	Juanita Bassett	More representation in all areas of the council
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	Essential that more and better work is done here.
LTP24_1870	Patrick Newman	Total agreement but cant see how you can do this successfully with some of the cuts you propose..eg around biosecurity etc.
LTP24_1926	Vicki Macdonald Whangarei Academy of Gymnastic Limited	This is important- to carry on the great work that has been done already.
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	pai ana get it done!

LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Support for Te Tiriti partnerships but many in the region do not agree. Many friends/family/work colleagues see this as an unnecessary cost and this will be a challenging area to fund going forward.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Provide free educational seminar's for large businesses and new citizens to ensure they have a clear understanding of the true treaty to help educate and keep interest in the community. This will help spread awareness in the community, however we need to meet the expectations of the tourism entering the district by having this information available and ensuring our community does as well.
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	I have great faith and belief in the full participation of tangata whenua in environmental decision making. This must be further encouraged, developed and supported. Iwi decision making processes are very robust and Western style beauracracies could learn from them.
LTP24_2124	Pani Hauraki	Enough ignorant ,insulting comments and action by the current trio government.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	I think this work is increasingly important. I support growing the capacity here. I do know that when working for not for profits, it can be very difficult to access Māori technical expertise and capability as the relevant people seem to be overwhelmed.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	As many people as possible need to be positively engaged to create a dynamic region.
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Please pay attention to Hapu and Iwi groups, they do alot of research and have alot of knowledge.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Cooperation is essential, but increase efficiency and effectiveness. You cannot continue to add more staff, as that will become unaffordable for rate payers.
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	I'm as pakeha as you can get, but I believe this is important work at local government level, both for current and future generations.
LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	With a Treaty Settlement outstanding bringing the whole community along is important
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	We need to increasingly honour our past and make sure that we head into the future with co-partnership as our steering light.
LTP24_2461	Mike Murphy	So important; would be good to align with the Māori world view of protecting the land and the people in the long term, not the short term.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	Te Tiriti requires this - fullstop. I pay rates and as a rate payer this is a necessary function of local governance.
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships - Support NRC proposed option - Strongly support increasing funding for kaitiaki delivering critical mahi in partnership with council.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tatou says it all.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	This is council's / Crown obligation. Tikanga is never compromised. - Do not forget about the home grown expertise on the ground.
LTP24_2747	Rakesh Pinao	Absolutely.
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	Patuharakeke have a strong relationship with NRC, and wish to continue to grow this and implement shared objectives through our Mana Whakahono ā Rohe and other mechanisms such as Taika e. Therefore increased and enduring funding is essential.
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	Please be more specific when saying "Grow capacity to deliver", as this is very broad and ineffective. I do agree with the proposal to what I do understand, but there needs to be extreme clarity on this.

LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	Provide access to Te Reo Sign Language for public hui through support of subsidised learning opportunities for those wanting to learn or add Te Reo Sign to their existing NZSL capability
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	But you must negotiate with the land owners and not the hapu (unless they are the land owners, however in all my Tupuna Whenua our hapu do not own the land, we the people do...)
LTP24_2865	Ariki Baldwin	Relationships with Māori should be promoted
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option of growing capacity to deliver on Te Tiriti relationships.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	And invest in Te Reo Sign Language provision for Te Tiriti related events
LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	Coastal communities are facing sea level rise at an alarming rate. Planning for retreat is inevitable, do the planning to help us.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	I support the new work in this area Taiki e and the annual Te Tiriti Health Check are critical to success in this important area However, I do not agree with the use of the Environmental Fund for Tangata Whenua Environmental monitoring as this should be new money I would also hope that as much as possible Cross Activity Initiatives are used regarding Māori Co -Leads, not to save money necessarily but to provide continuity and consistency throughout the organisation I am surprised that in your Outcomes you still have the work Meaningful regarding Tangata Whenua partnerships I would hope that NRC are at the stage now where they can just say Partnerships with Te Taitokerau Tangata Whenua or something less Pakeha than Meaningful. Perhaps Whakawhirinaki/Trusted
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	Provide access to Te Reo Sign Language for public hui through support of subsidised learning opportunities for those wanting to learn or add Te Reo Sign to their existing NZSL capability
LTP24_3196	Jessie McVeagh Please select	As our founding document of the Nation this is important ongoing mahi
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, it is essential to prioritize and strengthen Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships within our organizations. The proposed option to "Grow capacity to deliver on Te Tiriti relationships" demonstrates a commitment to enhancing Māori expertise, cultural understanding, and the implementation of Te Tiriti strategies. Investing in resources for technical Māori expertise and promoting cultural competency across the organization through kaupapa Māori adaptation work signifies a proactive approach to honoring Te Tiriti commitments and fostering meaningful relationships with Māori communities. By prioritizing these efforts, we can work towards building stronger partnerships based on mutual respect, understanding, and collaboration. Supporting initiatives that aim to enhance Te Tiriti relationships is crucial for promoting inclusivity, equity, and cultural diversity within our organizations. It is through initiatives like these that we can create a more inclusive and culturally responsive environment that benefits all members of our community.
LTP24_3264	Caren Davis	Tautoko the preferred option!!
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Vital to get it right.

LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Support the proposed option Growth and development regarding Te Tiriti relationships has been overdue for some time and this work is now urgent. Iwi and hapū have limited resources and resourcing more technical Māori expertise and capacity across the sector will enable consents and projects to become more agile and implementation periods to be shorter. It is of utmost importance to Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa that our relationship with Council is enhanced and nurtured from both the Council and the Rūnanga sides and points of contact between the two organisations are consistent and respectful. Cultural capacity within council is a high priority need as this will improve outcomes for tangata whenua within the region. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	It is important to have skilled people on staff who understand the legislation and to assist in making appropriate RMA decision. It is also advantageous to have staff that can assist in facilitating relationships between mana whenua and industry.
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Māori are a significant part Te Tai Tokerau population and need to be heard and respected.
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	Not enough information to make informed decision. What would be the impact of reducing the funding to bare minimum? Can me and my whānau afford not to have these things funded properly? The answer is no
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Improvement of societal relations and cooperation are important.
Another option: Bare minimum		
LTP24_56	Cherie Nelson	While focus needs to be put on this, make sure it is being done right and not paying for multiple people to do the same job
LTP24_80	Ross Ivan Jones	Māori have an equal as opportunity, to get into local council & Government, without being given an automatic right.
LTP24_142	Katrina	Would much rather see rates go to things like emergency helicopter and wider community needs that benefit a lot more people. What benefit is translating council meetings doing for the majority of the northland population?
LTP24_602	Edward Raymond GROUFSKY	Far too much emphasis (nation-wide) on Te Tiriti and elevating Māori language & culture above all others these days - "tail wagging the dog".
LTP24_574	Rosalyn Ingram	Or cut funding altogether
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	No comment, save to say you must Continue funding existing.
LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Stick to core business.
LTP24_1199	John Bell	Focus on our priorities rather than more consultation
LTP24_1347	Karen Traill	We do not need more expenditure on more consultation. Divert these funds towards the emergency services.
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	only chose this option as believe with our high Māori population we have great partnerships and relationships (obviously could be better like everything) but its at the forefront of our minds being Northlanders - its just 'normal' whereas not so much in other regions of NZ. We have outstanding people in our region who can cover this type of work without the need to spend more money on focusing on it.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Affordability is huge at the present time. Please meet only the existing needs in a fiscally prudent way
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	While Te Tiriti is important, I don't see the value for the wider community in providing translation at council meetings when there are so many other priorities that need funding.
LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	Existing approach is suitable and appropriate. NRC do well in this space already.

LTP24_2369	William BERRY	Te Tiriti partnership spending is a national responsibility, Northland is a large land area with a relatively small population, so Te Tiriti costs should not be a burden on Northland. Negotiate with Central Govt to achieve Govt contribution - the same as for Roads.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more increases for the rate payer.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	No changes needed.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Your real expertise comes with your kaimahi. They forge the on-ground relationships every day. Cultural capability should be an intrinsic part of working at NRC, not an added operational cost
LTP24_2867	Sheryl Bainbridge	Once again, align yourself with government direction. This is a nice-to-have not a must-have in the current economic climate.
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	I believe between central government, local government and numerous NGOs, sufficient funding is already provided to deliver on Te Tiriti and kaupapa Māori adaptation work without increasing rates.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Many of us have grown up in Māori and mixed communities and find the lecturing attitude of central and local government on a particular view of the Treaty extremely condescending.
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	Bare minimum only.
None of the above		
LTP24_14	Floyd WiHongi	Working alongside Hapu and also resourcing Hapu to carry out Mahi, on both high and low level Mahi, - resource Hapu ideas, development of Maturanga Māori/ bringing together western methods and Māori methods to create fresh innovative ideas around tackling our current environmental problems. Work closely and transparently with hapu-
LTP24_63	Kirsty Fisher	This is a waste of money
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Not core business Lots of talking More focus is needed on what affects rate payers. It's our rates funding this unnecessary talk fest. You will never get consensus.
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	What is this meant to mean?? Get on clean your drains, top up the stop banks support your industries by having good roads. Money wasted on this nonsense does nothing for anyone.
LTP24_381	Beverley Guy	Treat everyone the same
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	Much less importance when you look at the big picture
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	How does 'funding our existing' work in this field lead to an annual increase in rates? Funding should be re-prioritised. Aim for action and achievements in our community rather than funding the discussions.
LTP24_435	Elizabeth Jones	Stop deviding the funds for Māori/non Māori. We all live in the same area.
LTP24_586	Trailequip Ltd	These partnerships are not helpful to any of your practical aims in resource management that you already have minimal funding for.
LTP24_813	Kate liddington	Money coming in from government and organisations needs accountability to where it is used to ensure it goes where it is needed.
LTP24_901	Christina Stiffe	Continue current work
LTP24_985	Les Francis	Drop the Treaty partnership altogether
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Focus on core council activities. You are taking above about borrowing funds to meet core infrastructure costs yet spending money on this. The reality is there is not sufficient funding from rates for this.
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	Not a priority, focus on the needs of the many not the few
LTP24_1095	Paul lyndon john Stevenson	cut all funding!

LTP24_1105	Carolyn Smith	I propose funding is prioritised to resource mana whenua to have greater input into decision making and provide support and advice through equitable, authentic and genuine partnership
LTP24_1203	Karl Finlayson	Stop apartheid.
LTP24_1334	Paul Robinson	There is no obligation under the treaty for such things. Moreover, if there are obligations under the ToW, these are to the Crown, not to local body councils. Treat all your citizens equally and include them in decision making where appropriate. Spending money on so-called 'cultural competency' is an egregious waste of ratepayer funds.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	You are not the crown, you have no obligation under the treaty of Waitangi, and you should not have any partnerships with any group. You are a regional council, your role is supporting the people who pay their rates to fund your activities for the betterment of Northland and everyone who lives here regardless of race or creed.
LTP24_1684	Ace Shattock	New Zealand doesn't need race-based policies. We are all kiwis.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	I have read the document on the Te Tiriti partnerships. There have to be obligations on all sides. Perhaps what is required that the council, ie YOU who have been elected by US the people should be focused on ensuring that EVERYBODY pays their rates and is treated equally. Imagine if everybody in our region paid their rates, instead of claiming Māori Sovereignty and therefore exempt themselves from paying rates, your rates income would be where it should be and the NRC and FNDC would be able to fund all the initiatives and SERVICES that we expect as ratepayers. For example - consider the houses along SH10 between Kaingaroa and Awanui - clearly no resource consent required there but other people are expected to have resource consents. Treat people equally. Expectation should be that everyone living in the area and benefitting from the services(?) of council should contribute towards these services. And it should be council's obligation to collect these rates from EVERYONE. With people's rights come responsibilities and this should be true for every single person. Nobody should be exempt.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell Private	Equal funding for all. No segregation of funds.
LTP24_2131	Michael Fox	All people should be treated equally. Māori expertise etc. Should only be funded on the same basis as, say, farming expertise or other interest groups.
LTP24_2736	John Richards	Time to cut the distractions
LTP24_2811	Fiona King Elbury Holdings Ltd	Treat us all the same . NO special funding for Māori only relationships. No splitting of our communities please . Iwi's find it very hard to get a consensus together . In the past they fought with each other and will do into the future. There are no full blooded Māori's , we all have mixed blood.
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	Work with locals to ensure a far greater Māori representation on NRC next election
LTP24_2870	Thomas Edward Messham	There is no partnership - we are all one people
LTP24_3132	Ngairie Sullivan Kiwi Coast	Increase on-the-ground support for hapū and iwi led biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives. Mahi tahi - assist communities to grow their relationships with hapu and iwi to maximise ecological gains and strengthen initiatives.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	Cut back on this, we cannot afford these non essential things. NRC should be in partnership with all citizens not just some.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	Can it be more of a partnership? It would be better if local community come together with a solution that works with Council to meet these needs as then it is a fit for purpose solution. The passion for the outcome needs to come from the local community and Council can then enable the joint solution.

LTP24_3278	Zoe	None
[No response]		
LTP24_462	Pippa Nicholson	By having a change of government. Current Govt have us going backwards
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Iwi need to be empowered to achieve self determination (mana motuhake). Giving effect to obligations under Te Tiriti is not optional. It is required by law and in good faith. This is the social contract in Aotearoa and we must strengthen this. Toitu Te Tiriti. It would be objectionable in the current climate in Aotearoa to not strengthen the Regional Council's ability to have functional relationships.
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	We need to undertaking this work in partnership it's not because it's trendy or controversial - however the ineffective resourcing without outcomes in the space is outrageous - what are the clear measurable achievable results
LTP24_2312	Peter Gordge	There is far to much emphasis on Māori in the document, saying in partnership etc etc with Iwi and Hapu. We are al New Zealanders, I have Canadian, Indian, English ancestry and I call myself a New Zealander and most people have the same view. The treaty makes no mention of partnership in fact it says we are all one under the law of the land. It only in recent years courts have said it a partnership trying to interpret the treaty what man would think it meant today.
LTP24_2633	Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	Submission sets out points in relation to councils role in Treaty settlements: Tautokos NRCs Tiriti partnership policy and recommends that FNDC, WDC, NRC Komiti Māori hui together annually to collaborate across Tai Tokerau on policy and practice. Urges NRC to stop approving resource consents to dump sewage into waterways, and focus on collaborative approach re 17 wastewater treatment plants in FNDC & moana restoration Sets out issues relating to Kaitaia airport as a strategic site; Recommend NRC use its influence in Crown Minister circles to transfer land back to mana whenua in order to continue emergency rescue operations in relation to the airport. References specific hapu and mana whenua seeking settlement redress. Submission notes that NRC has a statutory obligation to a) share sponsorship of secretariat for Te Oneroa a Tohe b) complete work plan. Incorporate He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti into the Constitution of Aotearoa by 2028 as per Matike Mai Report led by Moana Jackson, Makere Mutu and rangatahi Comments on overall roading plan for Te Tokerau, referencing specific roading situations and asking for further conversation around roads, and highlighting the need for meaningful engagement. [staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	When the "part" Māori of today give recognition to the diversity of their bloodline the better, many do but the "hardliners don't". We can then move on as a nation, as an overwhelming percentage of us want!
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships are crucial and need to be maintained for a strong united Northland
LTP24_2800	Esther Kirk, Enviroschools National Manager Toimata Foundation	This submission: 1. Thanks and gratitude to Northland Regional Council (NRC) for its long-term support of Enviroschools Te Taitokerau. NRC leads Enviroschools in the region alongside a regional partner from the ECE sector and 18 collaborators. 2. Supports the strategic direction of NRC and requests that council note the contribution of the Enviroschools network to these priorities, in particular to: - Resilient, adaptable hapori/communities in a changing climate - Meaningful partnerships with tangata whenua and local communities - Healthy waters for the environment and our people - Protected and flourishing native life [Staff summary, please see attached submission for full details]
LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	It is vital to have increased Māori participation. Stop priviledging economic activity over environmental concerns. The council must help to coneract the new government's reactionary policies. Please uphold te mana o te wai.

LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	Te Hiku Community Board recommends the bare minimum option: Only fund the existing independent tāngata whenua subcommittee advisors. Anything more is seen as being desirable rather than essential. The country is in a recession and NRC must act prudently with ratepayers' funds.
LTP24_3052	Kath Keremete Healthy Families Far North	Support
LTP24_3018	Jan Francis	Toi Tu Te Tiriti - honour our treaty relationships, encourage te rep and respect our Tangata whenua. We are unique in Aotearoa and should celebrate, build and acknowledge our Māori people and support our treaty partners.
LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	Overarching comment: 4. Te Kahu o Taonui is mindful that there is increasing pressure from the Crown to reframe our Te Tiriti relationship and obligations and we are fundamentally opposed to any constitutional reframing of what that position looks like in relation to Te Taiao and our respective communities. 5. Te Kahu o Taonui is also mindful that Māori Representation is another fundamental requirement to maintaining our partnership responsibilities and we will oppose any processes that would seek to impact on this Tiriti principle. i. We support growing the capacity for NRC to deliver on its Te Tiriti relationships.
LTP24_3285	Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)	Submission introduces the Te Roto Ōmāpere Strategic Plan, and makes requests related to its implementation, with the aim of helping to address priority issues, promoting the restoration and preservation of this invaluable natural resource for generations to come: 1. Collective catchment management plan with supported infrastructure subsidy \$100,000 p.a 2. Pest weed (both aquatic and land-based) management plan development and delivery \$50,000 p.a 3. Long-term monitoring (includes capital assets and opex) \$50,000 p.a [Staff summary; please see original feedback] See attached the LTP submission from Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service - Northern Region	The Northland Public Health Service (NPHS) recommends that the Northland Regional Council (NRC) recognizes He Whakaputanga and actively implements Te Tiriti o Waitangi. NPHS supports NRC's proposal to enhance capacity for Taiki e. They also applaud the recognition of He Whakaputanga and encourage alignment of future plans with tāngata whenua aspirations and advice [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	Through co governance where Māori are represent at the table to be heard there and those voices are respected and acknowledged.
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	All human beings are equal in the eyes of God, and should be in the eyes of man. Many Tangata Whenua have not felt equal for a very long time which is not right.
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Given the current economic climate and the struggles people are facing, Federated Farmers is unable to support the Council's proposed option to grow its capacity in this area at this time. Federated Farmers supports the bare minimum option for growing capacity on Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships and supporting mahi across the Council.

Supporting the mahi across council: What's needed to keep things running smoothly?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Catch-up with growth	235	39.5%
Another option: Bare minimum	282	47.32%
None of the above	79	13.26%
[No response]	1,679	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

- 596 submitters responded to this question, with 235 choosing our proposed option, 282 choosing the bare minimum option and 79 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 14 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 96 of submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option, noted various viewpoints regarding the need to invest in staff capacity, salaries, and systems. Some emphasized the importance of attracting and retaining competent employees to deliver effective services. Others highlighted the significance of data protection, IT investment, and cooperation.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option noted various viewpoints regarding the proposed increase in staff capacity and salaries. Some expressed concerns about the impact on ratepayers, emphasizing the need for efficiency and optimization. Others questioned the necessity of salary increases and suggested alternative ways to attract and retain staff.

Submitters who chose '**none of the above**' expressed various viewpoints regarding the proposed increase in staff capacity and salaries. Some emphasized the need to focus on core business functions and remain within the current budget. Concerns were raised about excessive spending, high-paid staff, and the impact on ratepayers. Suggestions included looking for savings, cutting costs, and managing resources more effectively.

Submitters who didn't choose an option expressed a range of viewpoints regarding the council's operations and expenditures. Some highlighted language issues, emphasizing the need for clarity in communication. Concerns were raised about excessive spending, the need for efficient core business operations, and the importance of local knowledge. Recommendations included redistributing funding to hapū organizations, exploring shared services, and improving transparency.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Catch-up with growth		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	grow the salary budget increase the staff and increase the hours
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	While the proposed option makes up about half of the total increase in rates, I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given the increased workload and responsibilities we're facing now and in the future. I don't think that eroding NRC's capabilities and risking NRC becoming an undesirable place to work is worth saving \$31 per annum now, only to risk much increased cost and possible IT and capability failures later.
LTP24_142	Katrina	Data protection and IT is so important to invest in. Would be good if this fund also goes into how AI can be used by the council and what benefits that new tech will bring.

LTP24_618	Tui McCaughey	You need to have people who work, not just have a title and take the money but don't actually do anything.
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Provide decent salaries to employ staff to deliver services properly. Reduce reliance on consultants for activities that are NOT user-funded.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	Invest to save money and time in the long term!
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Support any required work and improvement, but keen to see efficiency and effectiveness raised to avoid constant increase of staff numbers year by year.
LTP24_1329	Kerry Cane	Housing, equity, accessible healthcare
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	definitely need to reward competent and passionate staff who do a great job so that they stay - I personally work with a few in my work role and am so impressed what they have accomplished in our Te Hiku region over the past 3 years with the government funding.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Increasing staff capacity does not mean free licence to employ people who do nothing. Any additional (and existing) staff should be employed in targeted areas. Definitely need to attract well-qualified and competent individuals with good work ethic.
LTP24_1870	Patrick Newman	If Te Tai Tokerau is to grow sustainably, successfully, then the NRC can not do anything but ensure it has the people and the infrastructure, to do this. It will cost, but the cost to not do this, in the long run, will be far greater.
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	pai ana get it done!
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Strong support for catch up with growth. The costs of salaries and wages impacts all council services and if not considered will lead to an inability to attract and retain good quality staff - identify in the plan, general cost of living adjustments for all staff and identify areas that require market allowances to attract specialist staff in challenging areas.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Get more students involved from high school to build their interest and share the demand required. Support their studies and lock in a career based initiative to help keep young people in the region as they have a better understanding of everyday life in the area and where development is required.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	Salaries need to keep pace and be sufficient to attract and retain well-qualified, competent staff. However, I expect the NRC to periodically review and, if necessary, cull positions. Under-insurance is not an option
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Staff are often our most important resource
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Cooperation is essential, but increase efficiency and effectiveness. You cannot continue to add more staff, as that will become unaffordable for rate payers.
LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	Necessary to invest in internal systems, attraction of good people to deliver on future plans.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	For a healthy environment, we need the organisation providing for this environment to be in the best shape it can be.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Fully fund growth
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	Keep us updated of what is coming and when. Strengthening treaty partnerships - NRC has done This well in the past.
LTP24_1827	raewyn ings	catching up with growth

LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	Attracting and retaining your staff for their expertise is essential. I have the highest regard for the people I've engaged with from council and look forward to meeting new staff.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	While I don't doubt that the spending of the money is needed and overdue, I question if it can be put over a longer time frame The 5.58% being approximately half of the rates increase being proposed, is a significant investment of rate payers' money and needs to have the required robustness, scrutiny, expertise of implementation and therefore timing I do appreciate the need to stay relevant in the wages market so not suggesting there be any cuts in wage increases or staff numbers necessarily. Perhaps longer timeframes could be used here also I see that there is no mention of economic spending, I would suggest that if there is any planned investment using money that could otherwise be used in other areas that it be reviewed I also see that the projected interest earnings are lower than current bank TD rates - approx. 4% as opposed to TD rates of 6%. I would suggest that if NRC has investment assets that have not been performing over a number of years they be cut loose Would question if a Principal Adviser is necessary
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, it is essential to prioritize the effective operation of council services to ensure the smooth functioning of our community. The proposed option to "Catch-up with growth" by supporting the expansion of council work programs, increasing staff capacity, and investing in necessary licensing and systems is crucial for meeting the evolving needs of our community. Investing in staff capacity, licensing, systems, and salary budgets demonstrates a commitment to providing high-quality services that cater to the community's growing demands. By addressing increasing costs for insurance, licensing, and maintenance, the council shows a dedication to running operations efficiently and effectively. Choosing to catch up with growth rather than opting for the "Bare minimum" approach is a proactive step towards ensuring that essential services run smoothly, staff are supported, and necessary resources are in place to meet the needs of our community. Prioritizing these investments is key to enhancing service delivery, maintaining compliance, and ultimately serving the public in a sustainable and effective manner.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	You can achieve a lot with good employees and excellent regulatory management.
LTP24_3278	Zoe	Keep funding emergency services
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	MFM supports Councils stance to keep Council relevant, efficient and coordinated.
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Basic common sense, otherwise the efficiency will keep falling behind.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	We support any required work and improvement, but are keen to see efficiency and effectiveness raised to avoid constant increase of staff numbers year by year.
LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	You can't get the work done without the staff on board and them being well resourced.
Another option: Bare minimum		

LTP24_67	Rhys McCullough	This is a massive portion of the proposed increase at nearly half the cost of councils proposed 11.05% Increase. Yet there is almost no advantage to this huge increase for rate payers directly. Council evidently feels by this proposal that making cuts in other services and infrastructure to pay for increased staff remuneration, HR and IT systems is preferential despite the fact this provides the least tangible increase to productivity, efficiency or livability in the region for rate payers directly. Council should first consider its remuneration structure and in particular for those in middle and senior positions vs the staff members quantifiable productive output before simply slapping ratepayers with a large increase to cover expenditure that has been poorly managed for decades by the very people this increase is proposed to pay.
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	The 'catch up on growth' option has a significant annual increase in rates. The 'bare minimum' is a very loaded title. The council should maintain its efforts/resources with slight increases to address rising costs and IT issues as needed. The rates increase should not be as unreasonable as it is with the 'catch up growth' option.
LTP24_574	Rosalyn Ingram	Optimisation and accountability of staff and results
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	BARE MINIMUM.
LTP24_788	Maggie McGrath	The council building is ugly and expensive, and not something the general public can enjoy or make use of. Council workers from at least one department finish work at lunch on Fridays and go to the pub regularly. I think you can probably find money in house for these things :)
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	Do a proper audit and see how many staff you actually need, cut back on diversity, health and safety, compliance and other non jobs and focus on core work. No one actually knows what council do
LTP24_1002	Lynne Haselden	I don't think you need to pay your staff more
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	I am unsure about increasing local govt staff capacity at a time when central govt is cutting public service staff. I sent a petition to NRC last November and have not had even an email acknowledgment of receipt.
LTP24_1307	Kylie Horsfall	Tjis survey is incredibly hard to understand. It should be rewritten in plain language so that everyone can understand it.
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	Times have changed in the last couple of years. Staff retention via big salary jumps, WFH etc are no longer essential to ensuring quality staff are available. Use of AI and other productivity enhancers should be prioritised. There are few salary increases happening in the private sector and the public sector needs to adopt the same discipline and manage their way through things, as opposed to writing ratepayer cheques. Its hard mahi but there are few other options.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Option two is the responsible action at this point in time
LTP24_1719	Erin Corble	There is a cost of living crisis, please keep this in mind. The people are being stretched thin.
LTP24_2468	Andreas Thirling	scrap IT Projects and freeze salaries
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more increases to the ratepayer. Inflation and lack of money.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	There are many ways to attract and retain staff other than financially - e.g. flexibility of work hours/days.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	Only affordable option.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Get the basics right first. The public in-fighting by counsellors showed some poor leadership and huge amount of self-interest decision making. That is NOT what they are elected for

LTP24_2867	Sheryl Bainbridge	It is work, not mahi. Writing official documents in pigdin English is unprofessional \$12 million plus in the current economic climate is also unprofessional.
LTP24_2915	Helen Ruth Chegwidien	Why is the council wanting to employ more staff when all around the country the Government is making 1000's of people in the public sector redundant?
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	I do not support increasing staff capacity and growing council work programmes. The old saying 'cut your cloth according to your purse' should apply here. Local government is well known for wastage and ballooning cost overruns on projects. There is a tendency for 'wish lists' that don't equate to the financial times we find ourselves in. I'm of the opinion that NRC should be tightening their belt at this time, not expanding.
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	More efficiency in staffing rates needed at council. Large increase in numbers over the past few years.
LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	Regarding supporting the WORK across council Te Hiku Community Board requests that NRC fund the bare minimum, and as mentioned does not proceed with freshwater work that is not consistent with the government's direction. \$12.18 million is an excessive amount of ratepayer funding to allocate as suggested in the LTP document.
LTP24_2987	Lynnette Cochrane	we absolutely do not need any more staff
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Support the bare minimum option Where funding is sufficient and already delivering, rises in rates may not be necessary [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Instead of increasing staff increase efficiency
LTP24_2407	Katherine McKenzie	Stick within your budget, not increasing staff capacity. Northland rates are ballooning and you're still proposing cuts to the council funding important things like emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2471	Robert N	Tough economic environment means tightening budgets wherever possible
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Fair pay for workers. But not try to take over all work. Instead supporting existing companies and communities to take care of they're areas.
None of the above		
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Focus on core business
LTP24_88	Erin Howell	Remain within current budget
LTP24_345	Ann Reina Cabrera	Cost cut everything!! its time to downside and reduce the costs of everything. Hiring more council staff at a time when rates are rising is not great and it makes the council look really bad. Go back to the basics ask the people what they want improved with their areas. It will get to the stage where no one will be able to afford rates and then what will you do.
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	We so do not need anymore high paid staff in the councils. Review the staff you have - are they actually doing a good enough job?
LTP24_856	Tracey-Ann Hodgkinson	Council staff already experience reasonable salaries and private health care.
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	Stop creating mor jobs when the existing are hard to fund. Do the basics correctly.
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Suggest look for savings and efficiencies in the manner that central government agencies are being called on to do.

LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Cut costs across council. You salaries are already higher than the private sector. I know numerous people who have left the private sector for council jobs due to the large pay difference. You compete with the towns you are based in not Auckland.
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	There is no need to increase any wages or staffing. You're barely doing your jobs with what you're paid now. The rest of us are struggling & budgeting I suggest management do the same.
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	Central government entities are being expected to find ways of saving funds while still delivering on core services. Ratepayers can reasonably expect this also of local government.
LTP24_1347	Karen Traill	No further wages increases.
LTP24_1368	Alexis Wheeler	Before increasing budgets for wages, we should be looking at reducing are costs as all other public services are doing. There is alot of excess spending in both Regional and local councils, as there is in public service. I know I work for one. We have cut back significantly as we should. If you are spending public money you need to justify it thoroughly and manage the books appropriately. I don't feel this is being considered however it should be the first thing considered in any new budget.
LTP24_946	Juanita Bassett	Get rid of some of these top heavy positions of power. That would save some \$\$ PUT THAT MONEY INTO AMBULANCE/ RESCUE HELICOPTER!
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	Your job is to ensure the rates you collect are well spent for the betterment of all Northlanders, not empire building. More internal jobs and computers, do not relate to a better outcomes for Northland, you need to concentrate on outward looking projects, not inward empire building.
LTP24_1693	Grant David Hall WDC Ratepayer	We don't have the money for nice to have projects.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell Private	We have enough councilor's. Redistribute the work load.
LTP24_2182	Tamara hayward	What a [redacted] just so you can get a payrise and bonuses
LTP24_2224	Kelvin Maxwell	A nice to have- your core work is to deliver service to ratepayers.
LTP24_2369	William Berry	Manage more effectively, get the costs down put a freeze on new staff hires - make the current the current employees more accountable
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	Again, these options provided are worded and designed to favour the proposal with filler words. You say you will do these things, how and when! We obviously need all of these tasks brought up to speed, but we need to know how and when.
LTP24_2929	Christina Lange Private	When you put out a document use either English OR Maori. Three quarters of the nation do not know and do not want to learn the Maori language. So how do you answer a question when you do not know what the word means.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Health & Safety has become a large organisation with many entities carrying out the same function. IT projects are a bottomless pit so this needs to be approached with caution. Often an inteface program will suffice.
LTP24_3197	Natasha Copeland	People before buildings ...building came first so no money left for the people
[No response]		
LTP24_559	Lynda Cate	Bastardised pidgin English/Maori again. Use Maori or English...
LTP24_1647	John Eadie	You are using Māori words and I don't know what they mean. English words please.- and tha5 is me being nice about how upset I am.

LTP24_1681	Rochelle Dewdney	worse-case scenario and local knowledge should be the base line for response - there's no point in throwing a lot of money at administration and staff if we are not going to effectively implement the policies developed and people on the ground prepared to do the work.
LTP24_1840	Adam Mansbridge	Deal with your own shortfalls after building a grossly over the top council building on rate payers money
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	Something in between, towards the minimum side. We are not in the economic conditions to be growing NRC work programmes. As important as they are, I believe waiting until the next LTP is probably more financially prudent. We are also likely heading towards a structurally different labour market (meaning less competition for skilled labour), so less money needs to be set aside for retention. As well as the fact Gen Y and Z have other workplace values than simply getting paid more. More pay does of course help, but it won't make a dent with staff retention if you aren't meeting their other needs.
LTP24_2706	Marianna Fenn	Supporting the mahi across council - Question why this spend is so much compared with that proposed for the front line work streams already commented on. - Where possible savings in rates increases should be made in this area rather than the other work streams. - NRC should review it's contracts / providers for IT services etc to ensure it is getting the best possible value for the spend. Things are moving quickly in the IT space and it may be that more cost effective options are available.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Carry out your core business efficiently and on target, my observation being you haven't been doing this. Forget the "must haves" and future dreamers.
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	Consider redistributing funding to hapū organisations to undertake some of the roles that council carry out in our rohe.
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Supporting the mahi across council: To be a viable government organisation NRC needs to grow alongside the communities it serves
LTP24_3110	Tony Phipps	To improve efficiency and effectiveness enter into more shared services with other regional councils and the district councils. The 'Enterprise' system seems to have turned into an expensive bottomless pit of expenditure.
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service - Northern Region	Efficient, progressive and transparent council systems: Equity-centered planning NPHS recommends an equity-focused accountability framework be adopted to monitor and measure progress. This framework should include best-practice use of data. NPHS also recommends that NRC develops and invests in their internal systems for managing and promoting good quality engagement with diverse communities. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]

LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	<p>Work with communities through various groups and individuals. The public serves as the eyes and ears, recording events and observing changes. They are a storehouse of knowledge and intergenerational history. This is crucial because Council staff experience turnover, with new staff arriving from outside the region and other countries, lacking the local knowledge that takes decades to build. Consultants, who have even less personal engagement with the region, exacerbate this issue. Good support with community groups, iwi, and hapu is essential. These groups address matters beyond the scope of the council and fill gaps on behalf of the council. More interagency connections are needed where responsibilities overlap or common objectives can be met. Encouraging communication between staff within the council improves interactions with the public and contractors. Improved communication channels are necessary between the public and senior staff regarding breaches of consent conditions and pollution concerns. For instance, the Solvent Recovery Plant at Ruakaka highlights poorly considered consent conditions and a wait-and-see monitoring program. Rigorous consent conditions and monitoring are crucial for an industrial area built on porous sand above an aquifer that leaches onto a beach where people gather seafood. Given the current government's fast-tracking of approvals, the council must stay ahead. Studying core samples at the Featherstone Core Store could provide insight into mercury concentrations and spread over the Puhipuhi hills, where gold mine prospecting occurs near the Puhipuhi mercury mine. With Shane Jones advocating for mining and showing a flippant attitude toward environmental safety, there may be opportunities for the regional council to protect the downstream \$20M/year dairy industry in Hikurangi swamp. Historically, the farming community has had disproportionately high representation on councils. These councillors should act as intermediaries between the council and rural landowners to find workable solutions for biodiversity protection. Building bridges between the council and the people they represent is essential to meet statutory obligations and protect the public interest in Northland. [Staff summary, please see full feedback for further details].</p>
LTP24_2231	Birgit Rahm	<p>huh?? I thought the regional council was there to work for us, the rate payers, is it that dysfunctional that we even need to ask this question? Way to much compliance work, not enough action.</p>
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	<p>Federated Farmers opposes the proposed option due to the economic climate and the financial challenges faced by its members. They emphasize that the Council should focus on essential work and reduce costs rather than increasing rates for non-essential activities. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>

Emergency services, sporting facilities

Should we stop our funding contributions to these activities?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: Stop our funding contributions to emergency services and sporting facilities	39*	3%
Another option: Continue the emergency services funding	358	29.5%
Another option: Continue the sporting facilities funding	40	3.5%
Another option: Continue both	760	62%
None of the above	25	2%
[no response]	1053	-
Total feedback forms received	2,275	100%

*note that 10 people who selected this option, then provided a comment that indicated disagreement with the proposal.

- 1222 submitters responded to this question, with 39* choosing our proposed option, 358 choosing to continue the emergency services funding only, 40 choosing to continue the sporting facilities funding only, 760 choosing to continue funding both, and 25 choosing 'none of the above'.
- 948 did not select an option ('no response') but still made comment. Overall, 1596 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **'proposed option: stop our funding contribution to emergency services and regional sporting facilities from June 2024'** and provided comment that supported that expressed the view that council should focus on its core business and external or self-funding should cover activities such as emergency services and sporting facilities. They emphasized that emergency service providers are crucial for the wellbeing of all Northlanders and should continue to receive funding. However, council should exercise caution in decision-making, considering economic conditions and potential legal challenges. There was sentiment that the government should take responsibility for essential health services, and reassurance was needed to ensure emergency services won't struggle if funding is cut.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option as above, but then provided comment that indicated disagreement with the option, highlighted the critical role these services play as lifelines in emergencies and raised concerns about the potential life-threatening consequences of underfunding. Feedback also drew attention to perceived inequities in funding allocation, citing recent investments in sporting facilities while essential emergency services remain underfunded and understaffed. There was a unanimous call for continued support and funding to ensure the availability and efficiency of these vital services for all community members.

Submitters who selected **'another option: Continue our funding contribution to support emergency services at current levels of funding (\$1.11M a year)'** emphasized the critical importance of these services, particularly the Northern Rescue (the helicopter service). These services were referred to as being essential for a region with remote and hard-to-access communities. Submitters considered the contribution of about \$12 per household annually modest. The consequences of proposed funding cuts were discussed, cited as being unfair, with concern raised about it potentially resulting in preventable deaths. There was a feeling that while sporting facilities could find alternative funding sources and had only localised benefits, emergency services are essential for the entire community and deserve continued support to save lives and maintain community resilience. It was considered that the small cost per ratepayer for continuing this funding is outweighed by the benefits it delivers.

Submitters who selected **‘another option: Continue our funding contribution to help smaller sporting facilities (\$1.59M a year)’** expressed strong opinions on both fronts. First, they firmly believe that emergency services funding should not be reduced. These services play a critical role in saving lives, especially in rural and remote areas. The proposed \$12 annual contribution per household was seen as a reasonable investment. Submitters also advocated for a more sustainable long-term funding model to ensure the continuity of these essential services. Second, sporting facilities were considered vital for active, healthy communities. Submitters anticipated an increasing demand for local facilities and stress that these should not be sacrificed. Overall, submitters who selected this option urged council to prioritise safety and community well-being by continuing to support both emergency services and sporting facilities.

Submitters who selected **‘another option: Continue to rate for our funding contribution of \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities’** strongly advocate for continued funding for emergency services and regional sporting facilities, emphasising their critical importance to ensuring Northland’s community safety and wellbeing. Submitters urged council to prioritize these services and consider alternative funding models to ensure their sustainability. Concerns were raised about relying solely on fundraising for essential volunteer services, as it may reduce the time available for actual service delivery. Given Northland’s diverse landscape and the spread of communities, well-funded emergency services were noted as being essential. Submitters expressed concern regarding the impact of reduced funding on rural areas and disadvantaged communities in Northland. They recognize that emergency services serve as a lifeline, particularly in remote locations where timely assistance can be a matter of life and death. These services are essential for ensuring safety and providing critical care.

Submitters also expressed the critical importance of regional sporting facilities for community wellbeing. The role the facilities play in promoting physical and mental health was noted, reducing the burden on the health system. Submitters noted that maintaining funding for these facilities is essential to ensure their continued operation. Additionally, sporting facilities contribute to revenue generation by hosting tournaments and games in the future, and serve as hubs for community activities, celebrations, and recreation.

Submitters expressed concern about the funding model for critical life-saving services in Northland. They questioned why these services are funded through council rates rather than being fully funded by central government. It was noted that the proposal to stop annual funding contributions to emergency services aims to allocate resources more efficiently for core council functions. It was noted that NEST and other emergency services advocate for sustainable long-term funding models to ensure the continuity of their services.

Submitters who selected **‘none of the above’** expressed diverse opinions regarding funding allocation between emergency services and sporting facilities in Northland or going back to core services only. Around half of these comments favoured funding for emergency services only, and not sporting facilities, or making sporting facilities user-pays.

Many submitters didn’t choose an option but provided a comment. This feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of the continuation of funding for emergency services and mirrored the sentiments already address in the options above and therefore hasn’t been repeated here.

Included in the feedback above, two petitions were received:

- ref LTP24_1921 – Whangarei Arthritis Support Group, with 19 signatories supporting emergency services; and
- ref LTP24_3302 – Residents/ratepayers of Bland Bay and Puriri Bay, with 90 signatories opposing the withdrawal of funding for first response services to the Northland Regional including the rescue helicopter, surf lifesaving and Coast Guard.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: Stop our funding contributions to emergency services and sporting facilities		
LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Stick to core business. These activities need to be externally or self funded.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Emergency services and sporting facilities are not NRC's core task and should be funded by alternatives like Government, grants, etc.
LTP24_1300	Sandra Meyst	NEST has other sources of funding, as mentioned in the council consultation document.
LTP24_1644	Cherie McGregor	Absolutely do not stop funding emergency service providers. They are essential to the wellbeing of all northlander.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	With the current economic environment only core business should be paid for from rates. Unfortunately those who have previously source funding from this fund will need to find alternate funding/ sponsorship. This shouldn't be decided on " popularism " The NRC should not be exposed to liability if this rate was challenged in court.
LTP24_1776	Sally Spicer	Government should be covering these essential health services
LTP24_1927	Tahiroa Bishop	We need reassurance that our emergency services will not struggle to provide their critical services if NRC cuts their funding. Sporting facilities are not a critical service.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Not core tasks for NRC.
LTP24_2659	Bart van der Meer	Except surf life saving clubs, keep supporting them.
LTP24_124	Alane Courtney	Our emergency services are life lines for people normally in circumstances where they need these resources - they should be getting more money not less.
LTP24_210	Marion Ankersmit	Continue funding NEST emergency helicopter service
LTP24_296	Evan Oxborrow	These services are already under manned and under funded. People will die if funding is dropped
LTP24_785	Jodie Scott	It is appalling that the council will forgo any funding for these services/facilities. I find it extremely interesting that this has been proposed now that Kaitaia and Kaikohe have comfortably gotten beautiful sporting facilities. FNDC committed to helping get the Kerikeri Sports hub in Waipapa up and going due to a huge increase in participants. League, Football and Gymnastics have had to suffer sub standard facilities for many years. In emergency services I would like to know what the council actually fund? We have a poor service at Bay of Islands Hospital which also in its "upgrade" has 1 functioning ambulance bay. Does the council donate/assist St John or the medical centres? They are allowing new homes without consideration to our infrastructure. It's extremely short sighted on all fronts.
LTP24_759	Pete Cernis	I Strongly object to any attempt to stop or reduce the rescue helicopter service especially for those living in the high rated area of Russell.
LTP24_786	Diane G Pulham	This would be a big step backwards if we were to lose our rescue chopper the north on a whole rely on it. please dont drop it , I am happy for a bit of our rates go to it.

LTP24_2140	Pamela Lawson	I urge the NRC NOT to stop funding our emergency services and regional sporting facilities. These are what all of our community needs. I do not believe that taking away this service for a small amount of \$12 per year (\$1 per month) would benefit our communities one iota. If NRC was to scrap this rate because of supposed hardship, then funding for playgrounds and the rescue helicopter would not be able to be procured from the community. This rate is by far an achievable way of delivering much needed outcomes for our communities.
LTP24_2752	Peter Hames	I can't believe you would consider stopping collecting funds to support emergency services or regional sporting facilities. Having decent sporting facilities in Te Taitokerau is fundamental to the health and well being of our communities and people. My understanding is that the collection of the regional sporting facilities rate has been integral in the establishment of MAZ in Mangawhai and Sportsville in Dargaville and these are examples we can all be very proud of. I am sure there are worthwhile projects across Northland that would benefit hugely from the collection of this rate, even if you have to reduce the amount a little.
LTP24_2820	Michael James Taylor	The task of councillors is not just about money, their primary role is to look after the community, many of whom voted in the councillors. I am shocked, I am most disappointed that a proposal to cease funding to the emergency services, especially NEST, has even been put forward as a proposal. I'm sure that the vast majority of Northland residents will agree with me that even thinking along these lines, let alone suggesting it, is both shameful and disgraceful. To take away this funding would be a very negative step and does nothing to improve the facilities that you are charged with. If money is your primary consideration, then look to councillors salaries and fees and then the population will be able to see if the elected representatives are really there for the electorate or for their own gratification.
LTP24_2920	Noeline Margaret Wright	I think its absolutely essential that we KEEP the Funding for emergency services. In our portion of the NRC rates every rate payer pays a portion towards these essential services. I guarantee that if any of our elected councilors have ever had to use any of these service's for themselves or a family member it would be a different story. These services are a priority I know that Central Govt should be helping but until then NRC to keep funding
Another option: Continue the emergency services funding		
LTP24_26	Niesje Howie	Please do not cut funding to emergency services, people like Search and Rescue volunteer their time, time away from their own families to be put searching for lost parties in the middle of the night. We already have to pay so much money for our own gear like head torches, compasses, expensive hiking boots, clothing, overnight camping gear etc etc... we are volunteers and to cut our funding would lead to potential harm of local citizens.
LTP24_9	Allinda Hardwick	Emergency services are vital to support - the population in Northland is growing, as we keep on being told, so demand will increase - and there is an increased older population too. Sporting facilities can raise money through other avenues, and do not need Council to fund their projects.
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	please continue the funding

LTP24_36	Mick Kelly	In a predominantly rural areas such as Northland the emergency helicopter, for example, provides an essential service, meaning literally life or death in the event of a medical emergency. To withdraw funding with no alternative source in place is to deny a central responsibility of regional government.
LTP24_47	Paul Ahlers	Council is committed to providing community resilience and support for emergency management. Emergency services require community support and the targeted rate is the most effective mechanism for ensuring this cost is spread across the whole community. I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund to provide valuable community support to the rescue helicopter and the other local rescue services.
LTP24_56	Cherie Nelson	Do not stop the critical funding to the emergency services sector. This funding is well used and needed by these organisations to be able to respond as capable and competent search & rescue personnel when needed. We have a high marine rescue and land rescue rate in northland.
LTP24_81	Heather Golley	Leave the funding as it is and you need to give them more to do the core and important services that are needed. It is \$12.00 per person and that is not even a couple of cups of coffee for most people. Just leave it a alone.
LTP24_75	Briar Edwards	The Emergency Services in Northland are vital to our community. By having this fund through the NRC, every household can contribute a small amount to these services. The Northland Rescue Helicopter is particularly important due to the large rural and sea areas in our region. The rescue helicopter is able to reach people where ambulances and other services can't get to. The loss of this funding would have a huge impact on the rescue helicopter as well as the other services. Continuing this fund would support the NRC's focus on emergency management as that is when these services are critical for our community. I fully support the continuation of this fund.
LTP24_80	Ross Ivan Jones	We have got a Big area to support in the North and we really do need to support our Emergency Services better (Helicopter Trust, Coast Guard & St. Johns).
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I'm happy with stopping the contribution to regional sporting facilities, but emergency services are worth the additional rates increase to me. In the near-term future we will still see some people taking unnecessary risks, because of lack of knowledge or understanding of the changes in our environment, as well as more people getting into trouble through no fault of their own, for example as a result of more extreme weather. Until we have increased our knowledge and awareness and built up our resilience to deal with these additional risks appropriately, we'll need to fund our emergency services accordingly to enable them to keep saving lives.
LTP24_90	Jo Ellen Beattie	Fund emergency, decrease sports funding
LTP24_141	Daniel	The Emergency Services funded by rates are critical for Northland and should be the last thing to ever be cut. The proposal of removing this funding could likely lead to preventable deaths.
LTP24_142	Katrina	100% support the continued funding of our emergency services. Sporting facilities should also still be funded, but is there an opportunity to cut that funding and have it as part of an application process, with shortfall coming from people who use the facilities.

LTP24_159	Corey Hopkins	The funding contribution for emergency services is a no brainer, we have one of the best services on our door step to reach far and wide of Northland. This contribution needs to continue to benefit all Northlanders in the time of need. Living in a rural community and as a volunteer Firefighter, NEST is one of our greatest assets to rural Northland. We whole heartly depend on this service and sharing the cost across the rates is far better than rasing staff numbers in NRC office
LTP24_221	Amy Donaldson	Emergency services like the rescue helicopter should always be funded no questions asked. Are people's lives not that valued?! Seems like a no brainer really
LTP24_281	Ian Page	Firstly it is ridiculous, in this form, to group emergency services with sporting facilities. They have quite different imperatives. My first comments refer to emergency services. I understand that the current situation is a special rate of \$1/property/month and that NRC proposes to remove this. I would like to strongly object to this removal and feel that funding contribution to emergency services is an essential role of NRC.
LTP24_289	Hannah Ruth White	The emergency services are vital to the ability of all our population to recieve urgent healthcare and if anything, we should be expanding their funding with the increasing costs they must be experiencing.
LTP24_318	Pete watts	This is extremely important. If nothing else increase rates to support this alone
LTP24_346	Colleen Jannette Hunter	Absolutely continue the funding contribution for these essential services! We may ALL need this at some point in our lives, all of you included.. think about it!
LTP24_378	Allinda Hardwick	Emergency services are vital to support - the population in Northland is growing, as we keep on being told, so demand will increase - and there is an increased older population too. Sporting facilities can raise money through other avenues, and do not need Council to fund their projects.
LTP24_383	Mandy Wilson	I do not support the proposed options to stop the funding of emergency services. This service is critical to our communities.
LTP24_368	Lynette Suvalko	PLEASE do not stop funding our emergency services. Cut funds from other areas. People's lives depend on it literally.
LTP24_412	Sandra Page	I value the support the Northland Emergency Services Trust provides to our Northland communities, and do not wish to see any cut in current funding, and would support any increase of this funding. It is a vital service for Northlands widely spread communities, and limited health service centres
LTP24_381	Beverley Guy	Our emergency services and sporting facilities are extremely important
LTP24_401	Colleen Timu-Collins	You need to be pro active in the community and not be stuck in offices and going to individual sites and places. For example- create events where community members are invited to spend say 2 to 3 hours per month doing weed tree removal. To do this you need to provide the equipment and you need to post a letter to all residents with say a 3 km radius of the site. - do not rely solely on social media. NRC does not have a good profile so change things by doing events such as this.
LTP24_446	Naomi Foot	It is seriously concerning that stopping funding our emergency services is even an option. We need this service and it should be priority funded.
LTP24_574	Rosalyn ingram	Absolutely essential to have and support St. John's and the rescue helicopter

LTP24_624	Sharla Tangney	You waisted so much Mony on barge park equine yards ..and all they do is fight over them .they only get used a few times.a year by mostly out of towners equine is a ritc man sport with no sportmanship to encourage and involve new people . That Money could have been yoused in better ways...look at the project you are foundi g and who are they supporting and encouraging to be involved
LTP24_621	Vanessa Furze	I fully support the emergency services rate. These are community services that should be supported by community. If these are not supported, we may loose these vital services which would be detrimental to the Northland community. Paying a small amount each year is a cheap insurance policy to receive an emergency service that helps save lives. DO NOT STOP THIS FUNDING.
LTP24_494	Mike Cleary	Continue funding emergency services. Scrap funding for sports, arts, etc
LTP24_656	Susan Goodall	Our emergency services are extremely important here in the mainly rural North. Any cuts to helicopter or ambulance or weekend health service should be avoided.
LTP24_658	Alastair MacDuff	The emergency services and sporting facilities are two separate activities. The rescue helicopter is an important part of the provision of emergency health services to our Russell and surrounding area community. We are quite isolated, especially at night with the ferry on phone call access only. Please do not stop the funding of this critical service. . One proposal is to scrap the funding for the rescue helicopter. To everyone who believes we need to “rescue” our rescue helicopter.
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	*CONTINUE funding emergency services. The funding is abysmal for these services, and they are vital for the whole community. *STOP funding sporting facilities. These can find funding elsewhere.
LTP24_749	Mark Baird	I strongly support continuing contributions to our emergency services, including NEST. We are heavily dependent on the helicopter for medical emergencies in Russell, and it provides vauable back-up to our first response volunteers.
LTP24_752	Lydia Aydon	Please continue funding the emergency services at current levels of funding. I live in Russell and we are very dependent on the emergency helicopter to get us to hospital quickly in the event of a severe medical emergency. Especially as an ambulance has to come across the ferry and then it's an hour and a quarter drive to get to Whangarei Hospital while a helicopter takes 30 minutes - a matter of life and death!
LTP24_758	Theo Klee	Please continue funding for our Northland Rescue Helicopter emergency service. Rural communities will be severely disadvantaged and people's lives are at risk if this service has to stop because of your funding stop. Thank you
LTP24_822	Cinnamon Lane	We cannot have funding cut to this emergency service . We are all volunteering to keep Northland safe and we rely on our core emergency choppers & medics . It would be criminal and lives would be lost It's not an option
LTP24_833	Elizabeth glover Horse Trekn Limited	You are absolutely insane for grouping these two features together, emergency services are on a completely different scale of importance to sporting facilities whoever suggested the merging of these two into a similar category should probably be fired - it's almost tempting to go to the press about this.
LTP24_944	Susan Ritter	Please do not cut our emergency services We need more Ambulances etc and helicopters. this is not only for us but for all the visitors who come here

LTP24_925	John Oates	We need to retain the emergency medical helicopter
LTP24_946	Juanita Bassett	Continue to support emergency services - the sporting facilities can fund themselves ! How ridiculous to not keep funding the vital services like helicopter etc! Look at the digisting amount of money poured into things like the Hundertwasser building and te council buildings!!
LTP24_1005	Murray Broadbelt	Keep the targeted rate for Emergency Services Fund that supports Northland Emergency Services Trust (Northland Rescue Helicopters)
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	This is a terrible proposal. You must not stop contributions to emergency services especially given the remote and wide spread nature of our communities.
LTP24_948	Stefan Lerbs	Essential
LTP24_1034	Lynda Matthews	Please continue to keep emergency services at the current level.
LTP24_1007	Cam and Lynne Paterson	We support continuing the funding contribution to emergency services at current levels or increasing it.It is very important to have a service like this in the Northland Region
LTP24_1035	Sharron Lodge Sanctuary Palms	Please keep the rescue helicopter, it may not be needed every day or even month but it is there when most needed
LTP24_1013	Dana Upton Thomas	You want to cut emergency services? Absolutely not. Sporting is not crucial, and therefore not a financial priority.
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	Sporting facilities are not essential & can be funded by members & grants. Our emergency services are critical they are the ONLY costs that should be maintained or increased to remain viable in Northland NOT council staff. Emergency services are CRITICAL to most of the Far North
LTP24_1078	Max Stackhouse Whangārei Heads Volunteer Surf Life Saving Patrol	This season, Paid Lifeguard Service (PLS) who patrol Ocean Beach at Whangārei Heads during the week over the peak of summer, carried out 437 preventative actions which kept 1881 members of public safe. Because of their presence and active monitoring of the beach, there were no loss of lives. PLS patrolled for 7 weeks this season, however a decision to stop funding would significantly decrease this to 1 week at It's worse. Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the No

LTP24_1061	Kevin Drinkwater	The continuation of the helicopter is essential for our region, especially the rural community and at \$11 per ratepayer is a bargain! I'd be happy to give \$50 a year if you added it on. So many lives are saved by the helicopter service - please keep funding it!
LTP24_1092	Hanna Gilhespy	I needed to be rescued from a remote part of Puketi Forest in Northland. I required search and rescue as well as the rescue helicopter. If it was not for these people and their services, I would have been stuck in a difficult environment and unable to get myself out. What they do is amazing and they need the funding to continue their awesome work. People rely on these services during one of the most frightening times of their lives and they deserve to have the funds available to continue their work.
LTP24_1090	Peter King King Consulting	I believe that the NRC does have some assumed responsibility to support our Emergency Services. I accept that this is basically by intuition as I do not know what your "charter" is. I also think that sport in Northland has had a very good deal and does not need help from the NRC. I do not believe this to be a core responsibility of the NRC.
LTP24_1105	Carolyn Smith	It's crazy to have a question for such diverse areas. I may be open to looking at different funding for sports but definitely not emergency services..
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	You should not stop funding emergency services especially not at short notice. As you note these are critical to the region, especially given the spread out population and remote communities. This would be a terrible decision. A more responsible approach would be to enter into consultation with the various agencies and other funders with a view to determining an equitable and resilient approach to delivering these essential services sustainably for the future.
LTP24_1129	Leanne Clark	I am appalled to see that emergency services funding and sporting facilities funding combined into the same question and also that you want to cut funding to emergency services. The emergency services funding is so important and critical. This is about saving human lives - more important than sporting facilities, climate control, harbour navigation, biosecurity and biodiversity etc. Who else is going to fund them? You do not say who could pick up the short fall in funding if you stop the targeted rate? I would actually like to see more funding given to these emergency services as they are critical to us.
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Northland Rescue Helicopter service looks like good value at only \$1 per household per month and should be retained in light of extensive coastline, remote access areas and outdoor lifestyle of both residents and visitors to region. Sporting organisations appear to be able to access excellent support from lottery and pub charity funding avenues.
LTP24_1192	Lesley McNab	I do not agree with your plan to scrap the \$12 from our rates that we pay which supports the emergency services which includes Rescue Helicopters, ambulance and fire brigade. We need to keep these essential service in our area operational. Do not be stupid. People are more than happy to pay this fee. If you proceed with this plan, I shall be deducting \$12 off my bill and donate it to the emergency services. You work for us dont forget.
LTP24_1166	Les Sykes	MUST FUND EMERGENCY SERVICES. Can trim regional sports funding after giving time to attempt to source alternative funding.

LTP24_1210	Emma Baker Surf Life Saving Northern Region/Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	<p>Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.</p>
LTP24_1211	robyn drake	<p>You need to support our emergency services instead of a art galley that is losing us money. The art galley we voted NO for</p>
LTP24_1232	Gemma Parkin NZ Land Search and Rescue	<p>The NRC Emergency Services Grant is an integral part of volunteers being able to provide effective rescue services to the Northland Region. While NZ Land Search and Rescue receives some central government funding, this only covers 50% of the funds required to train, equip, and operate a volunteer workforce, the remaining 50% is raised via other means. The long-term plan consultation document states that funding emergency services such as Land Search and Rescue is not the Regional Councils 'core role'. Unfortunately, it is no one's core role, that is the nature of volunteering. By removing this funding, the Northland Regional council moves the funding burden back onto volunteers, who already contribute 6,500 plus hours per year to the Northland Region. The consultation document highlights the impact on services, but only in relation to the services the council provides 'Council services maintained. It avoids highlighting the impact to the community caused by the reduction of emergency services funding. For Land Search and Rescue we know there will be a reduction in training which affects readiness and therefore response. There has been very little fluctuation in the total number of nonoperational hours our volunteers have contributed over the last 6 years. What fluctuates is the number of hours attributed to training; when fundraising hours increase training hours decrease. A reduction in funding will result in a reduction in service. In the last 2 years our volunteers have assisted 68 people to return to their families. These operations included assisting local Civil Defense teams with the Cyclone Gabriel response, alongside operations in incredibly technical environments utilizing the skills of our cliff and cave rescue teams. As our environment becomes more unstable now is not the time to reduce emergency services. Increasing flood protection as proposed in the long-term plan is a worthwhile target, but these measures are not yet in place. Even once these controls are in place residents will continue to head into waterways, caves and the ocean during rough weather, tourists will continue to underestimate the Te Araroa, and the regions aging population will continue to require our services.</p>

LTP24_1203	Karl Finlayson	Sporting and health are central to communities without them we fail to be what we are, Stop putting money to one group of people and wasting money on that and put it towards our emergency services.
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	It is essential to support our emergency services - reducing funding will have a dramatic impact on already under pressure services. While I understand it's not core council business, the precedent has been set and it will be nearly impossible for these organisations to find replacement funding elsewhere in the current climate.
LTP24_1272	Fay Drake	Help emergency services. Sporting facilities should be user pays. Again live out of town so no interest to me.
LTP24_1282	Andrew Bruce Mitchell	We can not do without these services and if anything, we should be supporting more
LTP24_1307	Kylie Horsfall	Bundling sporting facilities and emergency services in this survey makes it difficult to choose the option I want, which is that emergency services should be prioritised above all else. I don't care about tennis courts etc - but the ambos, the rescus helicopter etc are the most important thing you fund. Tennis courts will never save someone's life.
LTP24_1341	Karen Weston	Emergency service support is critical - life saving especially in such a big region.
LTP24_1334	Paul Robinson	Emergency Services are not a 'nice to have', they are a 'need to have'. Saving lives and improving health care efficiencies are critical aspects of societal infrastructure. Ratepayers are happy to make small individual contributions to these essential services which are not adequately funded by central Government. The nature of Northland's geography and population spread make helicopter services even more critical. In addition, helicopter services in particular are a critical part of resilience planning. Indeed, they have proven their worth repeatedly over their operational lifetime.
LTP24_1311	Chantelle P Yorke	We must help fund emergency services, surf life saving and others like them
LTP24_1389	Stephanie Valent	Vital to keep emergency services afloat
LTP24_1368	Alexis Wheeler	Emergency services are core funding, this should not be something that is considered to be cut. We must continue to fund these. If you believe you should increase your own budgets for wages I believe you cannot in good conscience take away a service that protects and saves the people who pay those rates, to enable pay increases for staff. Other options must be considered.
LTP24_1382	Sarah Mawson	It is a crazy proposal to stop funding emergency services. Very short-sighted.
LTP24_1338	Rachael Smith	You MUST continue funding our emergency services. This literally saves lives.
LTP24_1412	Fiona Guest	I think both funding options should continue. Otherwise where are these organisations going to get enough funding from. These are all worthwhile organisations.

LTP24_1104	Wendy Lowe	Kia ora I pledge my support for the NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund. The Northland Rescue Helicopter is a critical service for our community, it saves lives. As I am a rate payer I wish the NRC to continue to support this vital emergency service. It is absolutely essential you continue to fund the Northland Rescue Helicopter. As a council representing the people the NRC has a responsibility to continue to contribute. Emergency services affect every one of us and when it's a member of your own family you will understand this service is vital. We live in a region of long distances from anywhere, remote and hard to access communities. My husband's life was saved this week. He was a long way out of Whangarei with life threatening injuries and we will be forever grateful to the Northland Rescue Helicopter for saving his life. Nga mihi nui
LTP24_1448	Diana Sandifer	I think it is vital to keep funding emergency services across the board. We are too wide spread in Northland to go it alone. With future climate emergencies on the cards we need these services.
LTP24_1454	Craig Gibbons	The Northland Emergency Services Trust n(NEST), operating as Northern Rescue, is an essential regional service and should continue to be funded, along with St John, Coast Guard et al.
LTP24_1436	Peter Scott	Our beautiful region is highly treasured, in part due to its remoteness of rural locations; This remoteness however presents a challenge for all Northlanders who may suffer an accident or medical emergency. Specialist Life saving emergency teams are highly utilised and much needed. As a ratepayer I know many such folk who would unlikely have made it if not for the quick response of our emergency services teams, and I don't mind contributing at all. Charge more.
LTP24_1462	Alana Puttick	I think the Emergency Services Rate is very important and should be continued with. At around only \$11 per household, It's not a major factor in rates and it is incredibly important to have the best equipment/services available when required.
LTP24_1450	Chris Bone	Sports people should fund their own facilities, user pays
LTP24_1440	Margaret A Bishop	Yes I would like to see NRC Continue the emergency services funding Continue supporting emergency services at current levels of funding (\$1.11M a year). Rate for an extra \$1.11M to cover the growth in core business. Impact on rates and debt Average of \$11.40 extra per annual rates bill in year 1*, which equates to a 2.35% increase. On top of our proposed option this would make a total rates increase of 13.4% or \$69.65. No impact on debt levels.
LTP24_1453	Tania Garton	Northland needs to keep our emergency services, without them there could be many lives put in danger. How scrapping their funding is even an option baffles me !
LTP24_1496	Elleigh jackson	Unbelievable that thinking stopping this funding is an option . I would be happy to pay double to keep these things running .
LTP24_1514	Ben Tombs	NEST and the EST must go on for the benefit of all.
LTP24_1549	James Price	It's pretty hard to use sporting facilities, enjoy the environment, worry about climate change, etc, if you die or are missing a leg because the helicopter couldn't get to you. The state of road ambulances in Northland (i.e. how many are available and when they are available) is an absolute joke, and healthcare and emergency response is of paramount importance, and quite frankly, everything else is a luxury that you can enjoy if you're safe and well.

LTP24_1566	Maria Anna van Daalen	Our emergency services are crucial to keeping everyone as safe as possible in our wide-spread community. Keeping the rescue helicopter up and running can mean the difference between life and death, especially in areas where ambulance response is too slow or even impossible. I believe It's vital to make sure these services are financially able to continue to support the whole community.
LTP24_1546	Barbara Leyland Surf Life Saving Northern Region	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance for our clubs is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1535	Rochelle Williamson	Emergency services fund needs to be continued - the health of the region will suffer dramatically without it.
LTP24_1548	Hayley Flay	As a Health worker, mother and partner to a volunteer firefighter in the Kaipara Region I can't stress how important maintaining Emergency Service funding, especially the helicopter is for Kaipara and Northland as a whole. We live in isolated rural communities and in cases of medical emergencies including stroke, myocardial infarction, trauma and paediatric illness timely access it health services is imperative and directly impacts patient outcomes. I would happily have part of our NRC rates contribute to maintaining theses services. The recent incident outlined in the below article is a prime example of the lifesaving capabilities of this essential service and to stop funding it risks public health and safety. https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/northland-emergency-services-at-serious-crash-on-cove-rd-waipu/BWC6NU4WKVCB3J7S43YUWLSIGM/
LTP24_1565	Ian Ruddell	It is important to me that the emergency services funding continues
LTP24_1568	Doug and Vonnie France	Please keep funding the rescue helicopter at the present rate or more. We need to keep this valuable service for our community you never know when it may save your life. The cost spread over the total population just makes common sense.

LTP24_1198	Lesley McNab	The emergency services are essential to everyone in our community. It is one of the most important things - saving lives. Why this funding was ever considered to be stopped is beyond belief. Most of our emergency services are run by volunteers anyway and now you want to put a stop to it. We must keep these services running. If you dont - \$12 is getting deducted from my rates and being donated to the emergency services for as long as I breathe.
LTP24_1636	Angela Perrett	Please continue to gather funds to pass on to emergency rescue helicopters at least at the current rate.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	We should be looking at increasing funding for the emergency services not taking it away, I'd happily pay more to see these essential services supported. They are what Northland turns to in times of disaster.
LTP24_1635	Bill Black Far North Land Search and Rescue	Unless another adequate funding source is found for supporting emergency services the Northland Regional Council must continue to fund it. The significant amount of volunteer contribution to emergency services gives our community much more than they are having to pay for. It is money very well spent by the Northern Regional Council that supports the community the council serves. It is past time that rates levels are set to provide the services the community expects on a sustainable on-going basis.
LTP24_1665	Victoria Traas	These emergency services are vital to Northland. Meier so than sporting facilities. Without the Northland Rescue Helicopter, I would be dead. You cannot put a price on people's lives. People come first corporate development second. Drop funding for sports if you like, but keep the services that keep people alive.
LTP24_1681	Rochelle Dewdney	This is Northland! which covers a huge area - the Far North alone is already a big area - and mostly rural - Emergency services are VITAL here!!!! Helicopters, ambulance, fire!!!! - even more so with climate change - look how dry it has been this year!!! To cut Emergency Services in anyway is to endanger the lives of many in SO many ways!!!!
LTP24_1719	Erin Corble	Emergency services SAVE LIVES. They are imperative to a healthy and safe society. If you need to cut sports funding, then do that instead.
LTP24_1708	Kelly Gander	The emergency services such as NEST, Coastguard, Surf Life Saving, Land Search & Rescue all play a critical role in the safety of Northland communities. Cutting funding to their services could cripple those organisations resulting in less attendance to emergency call outs, more drownings (less staff on scene at Surf & Coastguard), and NEST services to be impacted due to running costs of the helicopters, resulting in less rescued patients. To even consider removing this funding begs the question - how much do we/ NRC value people's lives? All of those organisations play a key role in bringing family members safely home in dire situations. Funding should never be even considered to be cut to Emergency Services & they should continue to receive NRC funding so they can continue to do amazing work here in Whangarei & wider Northland.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	The fact you muppets even contemplate stopping the funding of Northland Rescue Services (helimed) which is such a vital service to the whole of Northland astounds me. It was bad enough when you made the fund contestable, I would promote the rescue choppers are the only ones fully funded from this levied rate, as all your other emergency services funded only benefit a few local locations (not the whole of northland like the choppers do). How you lump in sporting facilities in with supporting the Rescue Choppers is also beyond my comprehension, they should be totally separate issues and targeted funding.

LTP24_1718	Jessica Ulukau	We need full funding for emergency services. Northland has a vast geography and we rely on things like the rescue helicopter. Please do not cut funding
LTP24_1827	Raewyn Ings	We are an isolated part of NZ. We are constantly cut off from our major hospitals because of flooding, cyclones etc. We were promised the helicopter when our hospitals were run into the ground. It has saved my life twice so please fund it. These are my rates being used and I am more than happy to pay.
LTP24_1775	Vicki Dougkas	Because of our geographic location and poor health services in the mid to far north I oppose this
LTP24_1817	Jenny Hill	It is essential that funding for our emergency services be continued. For such a small annual ratepayer contribution, these services deliver a huge benefit.
LTP24_1886	Sara Carr	If anything increase contribution of rates to put towards emergency services
LTP24_1823	Christine Hussey	I would like to see the Northland Regional Council continue the current funding contribution to support emergency services in Northland. It is vital that these services are available to all in our community when needed.
LTP24_1832	Neville Stelzer	At 33 cents a day per rated household it is a must to continue this funding for emergency services! I know 3 people who owe their life to the N.E.S.T helicopter services. You probably know someone who has been saved by this service as well.
LTP24_1774	Amai Nuku Toi Tuoro Rawiri	We need to keep our emergency services! Keep funding them!
LTP24_1423	Vicki Gardner	Emergency services must be a priority if we lose our helicopter service lives will undoubtedly be lost especially in Russell and those who are not attended to in a timely manner may be left with avoidable long term health consequences. The rate rise to cover this is insignificant and for an individual whose health has been compromised by slow emergency response is nothing at all ! Confidence in the area as a place that people can readily get emergency care will plummet and could affect growth. Sport facilities are also like cycle and walk tracks extremely important for the long term physical and mental resilience of the population. Dont be short sighted !
LTP24_1896	Jenny Ellwood-Wade	Whatever other decisions you take, keep funding the emergency services. They are vital.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	Sports are a nice to have and not as important as Environmental stuff. Emergency management probably needs more support.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Support emergency services to seek further funding to cover increased costs as the region grows but continue funding at its current level for this plan period. Discontinue support sporting facilities.
LTP24_1863	Sandra Drinkwater	Emergency services are number one and given the remote areas in the north and distances to aid this is a priority.
LTP24_1959	Susan Alves	The Council cannot stop funding for vital emergency services. Northland has ongoing difficulties of access already and no funding would cause even worse difficulties.
LTP24_1881	Ian Potts	The emergency services are fantastic & must remain fully supported they assist many rate payers & visitors in Northland. Ian Potts 5 Brind Road Russell
LTP24_1919	Joanne Goodwin	It is crucial to keep the funding of emergency services to Northland. We are currently under resourced for the geographical area and population.

LTP24_2038	Pauline Loka Surf Life Saving Baylys Beach	<p>* Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives.</p> <p>* Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day.</p> <p>* Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge.</p> <p>* If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations.</p> <p>* The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average.</p> <p>* Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions.</p> <p>* SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely.</p> <p>* SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.</p>
LTP24_2092	Bob Christie	Please keep funding the Emergency Helicopter.
LTP24_2177	Kevin Mackenzie	more money needs to be spent finishing pohe island bike park. its only half done . I am not interested emergency service fund . Would just like pohe island to get finished ...half a job !!.Do i pay rates ..yes , do i get annoyed when councils dont finish jobs properly ..yes !!.
LTP24_2133	Jessica Costello Mangawhai Heads VLS	Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge.
LTP24_2160	Deb Blewett	Please continue this funding as there are so many people who need these services. The funding is used by volunteer groups for life saving equipment and training to help save lives in Northland. Without the funding for emergency services could put more lives at risk.

LTP24_2135	Jonathan William Clarke	<p>- Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. - Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. - Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. - If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. - The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. - Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. - SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. - SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.</p>
LTP24_2156	Colin Hansen	<p>Northland Clubs have conducted more than 30 rescues this season and carried out almost 4,000 preventative actions. Continue funding the clubs, so that more people make it home alive next summer.</p>
LTP24_2197	Mark Modrich	<p>Discontinuing the funding for emergency services with effectively no notice puts lives at risk as services are likely to be diminished. Under the CDEM Act Council is required to manage hazards and risks. These costs can be justified under those requirements given that risks would not be well managed should the region lose organisations trained and willing to respond to emergencies.</p>
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	<p>I strongly object to stopping the emergency services funding contribution in June this year. We need these services in Northland. And they have proven their worth time after time. And I see them as hand in glove with the emergency management functions of the NRC. In addition, what is proposed only gives them a very short few months notice of the need to find other funds. At the very least I think they should be funded until they can find replacement funding. But my preference is that the NRC continues to fund them - at least those that need this funding to continue their work.</p>
LTP24_2195	Pamela Irma Brott	<p>I have expressed my thoughts regarding emergency services in a three page submission [attached]. Thank you for your time to read through my submission. {Submitter strongly supports the continuation of funding for emergency services. Staff summary - please see full submission}.</p>
LTP24_2127	Karen Easterbrook	<p>Why are emergency services and sporting facilities lumped together here? I don't care about sporting facilities, but emergency services are essential and we shouldn't risk reducing access in a region that already struggles with access to health services. Redirect any savings from not spending on sporting facilities into emergency services / emergency response.</p>
LTP24_2252	Terry Lewis Conaghan	<p>Retain support for emergency services. Your options given are poorly written to guide towards dropping this support.</p>

LTP24_2305	Marie Alanah Brabham	Please don't cut funding for the Northland Helicopter Rescue. They can get into areas that are difficult to access, cover rural areas that would take too much time for an ambulance and transporting emergency cases to Auckland, if they cannot be serviced here in Whangarei.
LTP24_2184	Karen Russell	Keep funding Helicopter emergency services and .surf Life Saving. do not stop this funding,!!!!!
LTP24_1689	Sophia Egan-Reid	You can not stop funding emergency services - people will die! Do you know how hard it is to access medical care and ambulances as it is?! Especially those of us that live rurally.
LTP24_2200	Flynn Powell	As a surf lifeguard I have worked across many beaches in northland including Waipu cove, Ruakaka, Baylys beach and Far north surf rescue (Ahipara). At each of these beaches myself and my colleagues have saved many lives during the week that otherwise would have drowned. While working for surf life saving have worked with the coastguard, northland rescue helicopter and Hato Hone St John, in a joint effort to save people's lives, both locals to the region and visitors. If this funding is cut, make no mistake, people will lose their lives.
LTP24_2311	Catherine Orevich	The funding needs to be collected by somebody to continue this essential service.
LTP24_2325	Tui Slater	Our emergency services are great and cover a very wide area plus very remote areas. As a previous user of these services, i would be very disappointed if funding was cut, as it would affect the health and safety of our community and their longterm health if emergency services took longer and with less resources, to respond to life and death events.
LTP24_1738	Michelle Myers	Reference to media article "Rescue chopper funding for chop in Northland Regional Council plan" 05/04/2024. It is very disappointing that Tui Shortland is proposing that the contribution to emergency services be diverted to renovate Maraes and community centres for a POTENTIAL civil emergency that may or may not happen. The rescue helicopter service, Coastguard etc are currently required for emergencies that actually occur each and every day. It is critical that funding is not reduced on the assumption that central Government might cover the cost diverted for renovating facilities that are not accessible for everyday use for all members of the community.
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Prioritise our emergency services, look to increase funding for core functions. support sport as required, they would be the least of our concerns and can fall back on their funders and community support, the current sports fields and facilities will cope.
LTP24_2317	Anita Rademacher	Emergency services are a critical element to save guarding our people. We need funding to ensure our own lives are protected in dangerous circumstances
LTP24_2415	John Prosser	The Northland Rescue Helicopter Services should continue to be funded by the council. It is an essential service and it would be devastating for the service if the funding was scrapped.
LTP24_2434	Kate Trendall	Please continue funding the NEST rescue helicopter service. It is so, so vital to ensure the health and well-being of our Tai Tokerau communities. It's a life saving service that will be at risk is this funding is not rated for. It's such a minimal cost per household to ensure the service remains for all.

LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	Emergency services support provide a wide benefit across Northland, and are an important part of the community. Unlike other areas of NRC spend, the support by NRC results in tangible and direct benefits to the community (those living and visiting Northland). I am very much opposed to a reduction in any support to the helicopter, and surf life saving, without a clear hand over to another funder. The cost per ratepayer of continuing this funding is small and the benefits it delivers is considerable. Removing this funding now is unfair on our community and will have direct adverse consequences. I understand that sporting facilities have a more direct localised benefit, and there may be more of a case for local funding (e.g. district councils). But I would also support keeping funding here.
LTP24_2466	Annette Claire Richardson	Supporting emergency services is essential for the large, rural and remote areas of Northland. Removing this funding would put many people and communities at risk.
LTP24_1808	Megan Haines	You must not stop funding the emergency services fund! This is without a doubt an essential service for the people of Northland and without it we risk worsening health inequities. Fight for this service!!
LTP24_2496	Jane Dawson	The Emergency Services Fund through the NRC must continue to support Northland emergency services. Our rescue helicopter is a vital essential service for all Northlanders. We have an ambulance service to get people to hospital but the helicopter service, due to Northland's rural and remote locations, is necessary for victims of accidents, people having heart attacks/strokes etc. and mishaps off our extensive coast line. Flying the patients to the specialist hospital where they can start treatment immediately and thereby saving lives. The NRC's funding contribution to emergency services must be allowed to continue.
LTP24_2486	Helen Tong	We should continue to support the Helicopter as this is an essential service for Northland, without it many people will die. The Helicopter service provides advanced medical care and enables quick response times for those patients with life threatening injury or illness. Northland has many small remote communities that have no local ambulance service or hospital within the critical one hour travel time. Medical professionals know that if they can provide advanced medical treatment to a critical patient within sixty minutes of injury or the onset of a cardiac event the patient has a much higher chance of survival. Northland needs this emergency Helicopter service.
LTP24_2403	Margaret Haines	Lives matter. Emergency services as so important and should be funded by either local or central Government. It shouldn't be left to volunteers to fundraise.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	I wholeheartedly believe that Northland Regional Council needs to continue to support emergency services - especially the paid lifeguard service. Please, please, please, do not take away funding for emergency services. I do not want to feel responsible for any loss of human life resulting from a smaller rates payment.
LTP24_1871	President Far North Search and Rescue	People will die if Volunteer services cannot respond effectively to emergencies. That is, if their equipment is not fit for purpose or teams are fundraising and unable to respond. NRC has a responsibility for Social Wellbeing, which includes Safety in Emergencies. Central Govt will not fund small groups in Northland, we all know that.
LTP24_2482	Deborah Fabian	I believe the rescue helicopter is essential to all Northland residents and the rate payers should support the service to ensure availability is not interrupted. To expect the services to suddenly find the funds is likely not viable and stretch their resources.
LTP24_1892	Tamara Phillips	The Northland rescue helicopter is an essential service here in northland. Without this service my son would not be here. Westpac Rescue were not available when my son became critically unwell. They went down to starship to collect the picu team came back and then flew us down there. So many other people we know have stories of how important this service is. Every funding source should be supporting this

		service from local government to central government. It's only a tiny proportion of our rates but its one of the most important.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	WE need to continue to support core emergency and sporting facilities. Sporting facilities are important for our community wellbeing! From a public health standpoint, having accessible and inclusive sport facilities mean that everyone gets to participate and yeild the benefits of keeping active. I have a disability and anything that helps me to keep active in my community will have positive impacts socially, physically and improve mental health. Also our tamariki need places to go. The evidence is clear that children and young people who participate in sports and activities will do better, be less involved in crime and have better mental health. Any cuts here will have a detrimental impact on community wellbeing. Emergency service are core and can not rely on good-will. It is not until you need emergency services that you realise how essential they are!
LTP24_2663	Jared Dodds	These services are vital, social and health implications to not providing these services are more important than the savings.
LTP24_2681	Ian Howlett	Support for emergency services is essential for the support and well-being of the community in Northland. The geographical and roading abnormalities of Northland make air services (helicopter) essential and needs funding from these rates. Emergency services should supercede sporting facilities.
LTP24_2743	Elysha Ludlow	My husband would not be alive today without St John & the Rescue Helicopter! Just over a year ago, after arrival to Whangarei Hospital via ambulance, he was airlifted to Auckland for life saving brain surgery. He almost didn't survive the flight, every single second counted for him, as his brain swelled, bled, and became damaged. The Rescue Helicopter literally saved his life. PLEASE do not cut the Emergency Services Fund!
LTP24_2718	Allan Mortensen	Funding emergency services should be a top priority. We are dealing with people's' lives and we should be prepared to pay for it.
LTP24_2746	Robert Ludlow	I am alive because of the Rescue Helicopter & St John Ambulance, please do not cut the funding for these services! Last year I was assaulted in the CBD which almost killed me, the only reason I made it to Auckland for life saving brain surgery was because of these services, I owe them my life.
LTP24_2774	Glennie van Prehn	Please please continue funding the emergency services. We HAVE to have the level of service we have now and possibly even increase it as the population grows. To pull funding I believe is completely the wrong decision and I can't actually believe you are planning to do so.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Emergency services priority over sports
LTP24_2806	Melissa Wood	Strongly disagree with the proposed removal of funding contribution to emergency services. I'm surprised and appalled this has even made it to the table for consideration. The impact this would have on our Far North communities, particularly those more remote - especially in the Hokianga would be devastating. People will die.. we cannot access emergency medical care as it is in a timely manner, ambulance services are barely non-existent, or take hours to reach us. Please do not stop funding this, it is a vital life-line and incredibly important service that actually requires an increase in funding if anything.
LTP24_2857	Raewyn Messham	People are more important than the environment. You must carry on supporting the emergency services that do save lives. When the hospitals were removed (Kaeo as an example) the helicopters were needed to transport people to the Base Hospital in Whangarei and else where.
LTP24_2836	Tanya Stevens	Emergency services provide an essential service to the community. It is important that we look after our own community, and also that we are ready and prepared to look after visitors.
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	I fully support the continuation of the funding contribution to support emergency services at the current level.

LTP24_2927	Derek Ross Pulham Northland Rescue Helicopter	Northland relies on the rescue chopper, I was a member of the Dargaville Volunteer Fire Brigade for just under 30 years, I can recall the first chopper and helping load patients in it, then came along the new chopper , I can tell you the relief upon hearing the chopper while at motor vehicle accidents or medical emergencies knowing expert help has arrived. (I fully Support the continued funding of Northland Rescue chopper.)
LTP24_2875	June & Larry Jacobson	As long term residents & ratepayers in the Bay of Islands we strongly support the continued funding of the rescue helicopter, to provide essential emergency services for the region. We accept the need for a targeted rate to provide this funding.
LTP24_2870	Thomas Edward Messham	There is a great need to keep supporting and financing the Emergency Services Fund. The helicopter must still be funded. The helicopter was the option we were given in Northland when Helen Clark shut down the local Hospitals. We owe it to ourselves and our visitors, for safety and community support.
LTP24_2144	Aroha Davis	All I want to say is our household, despite struggling with finances and living in NZ are prepared to pay \$1 per month to continue funding for our emergency services and we do not support pulling that funding from those services!
LTP24_2919	Qiuqing Wong	I am a rate payer with a home in Waipu Cove. We have two children who love the ocean, and we feel safe swimming in Waipu Cove beach and nearby Northland beaches that are patrolled by surf lifeguards. Removing funding of these critical volunteer services would be do detrimental to our community. Not only would we be risking more lives in the ocean, but the culture of volunteering and connectedness that we value so dearly would struggle to continue. We are happy to continue to contribute via our rates to these critical services.
LTP24_3063	Claire Halliday	Never stop funding the most important emergency services we have. It would be ridiculous to even consider cutting any funds towards them
LTP24_3023	Andrew M	Stripping funding from emergency services would be a catastrophic and frankly naive decision. If people are unable to access emergency services due to the funding cuts, how could you justify people dying or have significant morbidity as a result?
LTP24_3095	Dr Jason Smith Kauri Museum, Matakohē	The Kauri Museum supports the retention of contribution for the emergency services in Northland. As a busy visitor attraction in a remote part of Northland, far from any large town, the Kauri Museum relies on emergency services such as the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service to help save lives. Retaining funding for that service is vital to the tourism industry and the reputation of Northland as a visitor destination, which links to economic development outcomes for the region. As the largest purpose-built visitor attraction north of Auckland the Kauri Museum is concerned any cut to emergency services funding would be damaging to the reputation of Northland as a safe destination for visitors. Retain the emergency services funding as it is an essential lifeline for successful tourism !
LTP24_3068	PHOEBE BURGESS	DO NOT STOP FUNDING THE RESCUE HELICOPTER - IT IS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROTECTING THE LIVES OF NORTHLANDERS
LTP24_2988	Naomi Morgan	Why would these be grouped together?! Emergency services should be alone.
LTP24_3010	John Pickworth	the EMS chopper is vital and must be supported for our community
LTP24_3002	J and S PRESSDEE	With the relative remoteness of the Far North and poor road connectivity we consider the Northland Rescue Helicopter a vital element of life here. We are in favour of our paying for this service in our Rates.
LTP24_3136	Valerie Green-Moss	Essential to continue emergency helicopter. If NRC doesn't do this, who does?

LTP24_3067	Vickie Matich Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service Inc.	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_3197	Natasha Copeland	Emergency funding should not be lost in any capacity ...we are talking people's lives ... new buildings and supporting shortfalls in buildings should be very low priority. Emergency services and sporting should not be grouped together. Everyone can benefit from the emergency services with themselves or a family member being saved. Buildings and sporting only benefit a small minority.
LTP24_3207	Mark Gregory Vncent	I'm surprised you don't recognise supporting emergency services as part of your/our CDEM function
LTP24_3196	Jessie McVeagh	WE NEED EMERGENCY SERVICES IN OUR RURAL AREAS. LIVES WILL BE LOST WITHOUT THE ONGOING SUPPORT TO KEEP THESE GOING
LTP24_3110	Tony Phipps	Continue the funding of the rescue helicopter service and surf lifesaving at least until there is secured alternative funding. These are essential services and the rate paying community seems to support this level of rate funding.
LTP24_3283	Guy Francis Robinson	To the Mayor and Councillors of the Northland Regional Council; The Council and its elected members should be aware that one of the core Regional Council functions is to best serve the community that elected it. I would suggest that the vast majority of Northlanders would want continued support for the Northland Emergency Services Trust, recognising that it has potential benefits for everyone in Northland, whether that be in either a medical or a Civil Defence emergency situation. It would be socially negligent of the Northland Regional Council to allow this tremendously valuable community asset to lapse into insolvency. Perhaps some re-prioritising of rates spending might be called for? Perhaps consider putting continued support for emergency services as a higher priority in existing proposed rates increases? I ask you to please reconsider your proposed option for ceasing funding to emergency services. Sincerely, Guy Robinson
LTP24_3267	Alice Hosted	Please keep funding emergency services
LTP24_3187	Jillian Secker	I would like to see some funding continued for emergency services to spread the cost of supporting these essential services across all ratepayers.

LTP24_2448	Julie McRae Whangarei surf lifesaving	The paid service of the life guards help to protect hundreds of local family's
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	Continue to fund emergency services - especially rescue helicopter, as these may be used by everyone, we live in rural hard to reach areas, we cannot be without that service. Can't put a price on saving lives! People are possibly willing to pay more for this, Perhaps the funding for sporting facilities is not as necessary...maybe put that back into keeping rates down. Anyhow these two activities are so different, why lump them together here?
LTP24_3326	Gillian Bruce Maungatapere Village Inc	Although we agree that emergency services should not have to be the domain of Regional Councils, we recognise this service is critical for Northlanders, especially those who live outside Whangarei. Central Government and other providers have shown no inclination to fill the funding gap and cannot be relied on to do so. For that reason we support the continued funding of emergency services.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Support emergency services. Sporting facilities have more options. Why aren't NRC and WDC working together on this?
LTP24_2777	Nopera Pikari	Don't discontinue the Helicopter service it is of vital importance for our Communities here in Northland, Why do I say this as an ex Firefighter retired I have seen and witnessed the value the helicopter service brings for our people who live in rural and remote communities throughout Northland. It is a lifeline for our people it is I would the difference between life and death. For example if we had a bad accident multiple fractured bones internal bleeding, heart attacks. They would have to be flown to Whangarei or Auckland hospital. For instance Rawene Hospital has no Trauma Capacity I strongly believe that we need to maintain this vital service for our people here in Northland, particularly the Far North with its remote communities. To stop funding the Helicopter service would be in my humble opinion, be a disservice for our people, I highly recommend that you reconsider and maintain our helicopter service for the people of Northland
LTP24_2918	Katie Lash	Keep on supporting the Northland Emergency Services Fund
LTP24_3040	Delwyn Osborne	Emergency Services are vital in Northland. Central Govt have made it clear they won't fund it and I would rather spend \$11.40 on this to protect my family and community.
LTP24_3075	Kyran Alastair Gillespie Surf Life Saving Baylys Beach Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. - Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. - Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. - If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. - The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. - Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. - SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can

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<p>Another option: Continue the sporting facilities funding</p>		
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	<p>Why on earth are you looking at increasing in areas such as safety, staff, compliance, Maori engagement and other virtue signalling areas and looking at cutting key important areas like this?? Disgraceful</p>
LTP24_1408	Nicola Patrick	<p>Under no circumstances should we reduce funding for emergency services. These services are under funded and under resourced as they are. Our health is the only thing that matters at the end of the day.</p>
LTP24_1536	Stu Middleton	<p>Sporting facilities are a key driver for active, healthy and happy communities. We can't lose this essential rate.</p>
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	<p>Surely there are less critical budget lines that can be addressed before needing to stop or reduce sporting and activity funding. The society-wide benefits of sport and recreation are well proven. Your proposal would be inequitable, hitting the vulnerable harder. This proposal is very likely to be counter-productive.</p>
LTP24_1851	Debbie Raphael	<p>I have been part of the Kaikohe and Districts Sportsville development at Lindvart Park in Kaikohe. NRC helped make the new complex possible. As part of this development I also networked with developments at Te Hiku, Kerikeri and Dargaville all of which received funding through NRC. As part of the Lindvart Park redevelopment we spent a lot of time networking with the Emergency Helicopter service as their landing pad is on Lindvart Park. I have learnt a lot during these past few years which is why I am advocating for the continuation of the NRC rate for both services. Sport is something which cannot be centralised, instead there is increased demand for regionalisation. This increased demand is partly because of the increased cost of travel, partly because of a push to get kids more active, partly because kids are disadvantaged if they can't attend sports locally, partly because there is a lot of pride and mana behind having a local team which represents a hapu. I can only see that the demand for local sporting facilities is going to increase rather than decrease. I know that under the new aquatic facilities plan, Sportsville plan to fundraise next for a heated pool for Kaikohe. A heated pool in Kaikohe will replace the aging and damaged Northland College pool and will give all the people in our remote rural areas who would only get to Kawakawa once in a blue moon a place to swim all year round. We could only create such a community facility with the help of funders like NRC. One of our Sportsville Board members is only with us today because of Northland Emergency Helicopters. Therefore I would also like to advocate for NRC to continue supporting the helicopters also. I think a lot of work that NRC does is not directly seen by the community. Perhaps NRC could advertise its involvement in sporting facilities and emergency services more so that people can see that what they are using is funded by NRC.</p>
LTP24_2002	Joanne Rollo	<p>Do NOT stop funding for Emergency services and sporting facilities as both are important. my 4 children have loved sports and the workshops, supports, trainings that have been given to help keep them active and healthy. A lot of whanau I know have used emergency services and it has saved their lives (especially the recent Waipu crash, in which 3 of my very close whanau would not have been around if it weren't for the emergency services that were sent out to save their lives.)</p>
LTP24_2067	Jesse John Titford	<p>it is important that we have our youth being able to have a wide selection of sports available to keep them in a good space and off the streets causing trouble. It would be ridiculous to take that away from them. Funding for emergency services is needed to help with the</p>

		growing population in Whangarei. it is already a long wait to get help when needed.
LTP24_2376	Wayne & Wendy Holland	Emergency Services Fund We would like to keep the current system of rating \$12 per household to keep the emergency services operating!
LTP24_1819	Erin Fowler	Sports facilities in Whangarei have a positive impact that is immeasurable. This small financial contribution results in a range of positive outcomes. A worthwhile investment to ensure Northland is a desirable place to live.
LTP24_2678	Louis Rattray Whangarei District Council	Sport and recreation plays a critical role in community wellbeing and connectedness. There is an identified shortage of sports facilities in Whangarei as evidenced in the Indoor & Outdoor sports reports / strategies. Some of this demand can be met supporting local clubs to upgrade their facilities as well as strategic developments and while the Whangarei District Council is planning for a regional indoor facility (proposed 6 courts) to meet the population growth, at this time the LTP only includes land purchase. Other regionally significant facility developments include artificial turf at the home of Northland Football and planning will commence for a future aquatic facility development. The regional rate will be a key funding source to support the development of regional sporting facilities for the future.
LTP24_3138	Janet Barker	Emergency services funding is absolutely essential. It needs to continue and should receive more. Less so sporting facilities, let them fund raise. Also NO MORE of our money should be wasted on inane initiatives like the Hunderwasser fiasco.
Another option: Continue both		
LTP24_37	Martin Ruddick	These should continue to be funded as they are now. Emergency services are essential for the wellbeing of the whole of Northland and having volunteer services funded provides a more cost effective service than having to fully fund a staffed service. If there are services now fully funded by central government, they won't need the funding, but the other services do. Having to fund raise to support essential volunteer services reduces the time available for those services and also removes the desire to participate in the services themselves. Regional sporting facilities are also an essential part of the well being and development of the whole community and funding should be continued to encourage participation.
LTP24_33	Thomas Zink	A comprehensive and well resourced suite of emergency services is critical to Northland where people have active lifestyles and medical facilities are often quite distant. Funding these services through a portion of the regional council rates provides a mechanism for a large portion of the Northland population to contribute to the services from which they all benefit. Sporting facilities help promote physical and mental wellbeing for people of Northland, providing both enjoyment to the participants and reducing the burden on the health system from illness linked to being inactive. Funding these facilities through a portion of the regional council rates provides a mechanism for a large portion of the Northland population to contribute to the facilities from which they benefit.
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	It is absolutely shameful for NRC to even consider reducing any funding to emergency services, particularly NEST. Northland's diversity of landscape and coast and spread of communities needs the capabilities of emergency services such as NEST. Fully funding NEST should be a basic priority for NRC funding.
LTP24_27	Raewyn Smythe Far North Search & Rescue	Without funding the Land Search and rescue volunteers will have to spend more time on fundraising for equipment and less time on training to be ready. There is no sole source of funding for Land Search and rescue. Without this support our volunteers are forced to spend time fundraising, resulting in a reduction in in training, equipment,

		readiness... This applies to all the Emergency services across Northland who rely on Volunteers. and response capability.
LTP24_43	Janine Moy	Both of these services are essential for the future growth and health of our region. Don't be short-sighted by cutting the sporting facilities rate, having great facilities will help bring in revenue in the future where we can host bigger tournaments and games. Keep the sporting facilities rate.
LTP24_63	Kirsty Fisher	Emergency services are key to the region. They're already lacking in funding and support and people are dying in our region, because there aren't enough emergency support services to cover the area.
LTP24_65	Mia Haywood	As most of northland is considered rural, it is so imprinting to have these emergency services available Toni's. By cutting northland rescue helicopter funding will put lives at risk.
LTP24_66	Rachel Lloyd	This is the most important funding for the average rate payer to contribute to. It helps everyone, on land and sea, as a necessity to keep people safe, and provide a service that saves lives. Do not cut their funding.
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	This is core business for council You already take a dedicated rate for this purpose
LTP24_62	Rachel Smith	While this may not be "core business" of regional council, there needs to be consideration of supporting the outcomes to be enabled through other avenues. Simply dropping the fund, without looking at how to ensure the outcomes can be met, is irresponsible leadership for our region.
LTP24_67	Rhys McCullough	This is totally illogical to stop funding critical emergency services such as the northland rescue helicopter, SAR and Lifeguards. Northland is world renowned for its large quantity of pristine beaches and stunning marine environments as well as bushland and parklands. However, this comes with risk to the public in terms of safety when accidents and incidents occur in these often-remote areas. This has become evident in recent times with multiple marine and land incidents requiring Northlands one of a kind Helicopter service. The statistics for drownings at beaches speak for themselves. Clearly council members either lack empathy for the public safety or have simply never had a family member or friend require the lifesaving services this funding helps to provide.
LTP24_88	Erin Howell	Apparently current council members have lost touch with the community when they consider it is okay to cut emergency services this is Northland
LTP24_91	Maria Eisel-Klee	To us in rural areas it is vital that rescue services continue. Without the rescue helicopter and other rescue services our communities will be horribly disadvantaged. The results would be more unnecessary sufferings or death. So I want my proportion of the rates targeted to rescue services to stay .
LTP24_96	Sylvia Nugent	I don't understand how you could risk peoples lives and wellbeing by cutting any funding. How can you sleep at night if you think any cutting of emergency services and no longer support people to live healthy and productive lives.
LTP24_126	Derek Pulham Northland rescue helicopter	Please keep supporting this essential service
LTP24_106	Cameron Wood	As a rate payer and member of the local community emergency services are a must. Our rescue helicopter service is the best in the country and we are proud of this. This service is core to our community and especially those not easily accessible by road emergency services. To cut the funding for this critical service would be a disservice to the community that you are trying to serve. Fund the services that help the people. The northland community relies upon them to be there in their time of need. Do the right thing NRC and increase NRH's funding to maintain the best air ambulance service. Sport deserves the funding to be maintained also. Sport is a backbone to our countries outdoor

		pursuits. It's crucial to keep our kids out there enjoying playing sport to get the exercise and socialisation they would otherwise not likely get.
LTP24_114	Jamie Doouss	Important that any emergency service funding is continued at current funding, should be raised not lowered of anything
LTP24_123	Roxanne Rehm	We are already failing in healthcare due to increased demand at doctors offices. We need an accident and emergency in Kerikeri and increased imaging centres (Kaikohe). Our ambulance and rescue vehicles are our lifeline in the north
LTP24_133	Ayden Armitage Coastguard Bay of Islands	At a time when rescue organisations are already facing increased operational costs, it very much feels like a slap in the face to all those people who put themselves out there for the people of northland in the their times of need.
LTP24_137	Shayne Storey	Emergency Services MUST be funded!!!
LTP24_152	Jessica Evans	How can you cut funding to emergency services?? These are essential to all in Northland - you never know when you might need it. You could be putting any number of lives at risk if you cut funding.
LTP24_166	Yvette White	You are crazy if you think these services will survive without funding from councils. The far north relies on these services due to our remote location. Sporting and emergency services should be in their own categories, one is a must have the other is a nice to have.
LTP24_187	Arron Lilley	Removing the funding from NEST will cost lives. The helicopters are the busiest in the country. The need more money. Not less
LTP24_185	Sharon Carroll	We need to continue to fund our emergency services and we are happy to continue to contribute this through rates
LTP24_211	Janyse Matia	Emergency services are essential!! We also have not much available for our tamariki so maintaining the Sporting facilities will help to keep our tamariki busy and give them places to go instead of a dealers house
LTP24_209	Joanne Kaye Thomas	The emergency services are a vital part of our community and need to be funded.
LTP24_198	Kathryn Trewin	The \$12 per household that this costs is invaluable, particularly to our smaller communities who would be most affected if this funding was cut. Emergency services are already stretched to their limits and cannot afford more cuts. Sporting facilities are the hubs of our communities, not just for sports, but for people together not just in emergencies, but in celebration.
LTP24_255	Tayla Mitchell	Why would you stop funding for something so important.
LTP24_249	Kim Gathercold	The health of Northlanders is not something that can be cut. We need our people to be able to join the community through sports, reap the benefits of participating, exercising and having a social group supporting them. Emergency services are critical for Northland, we don't have easy access to hospitals, we need those services and without them many preventable deaths will occur. They must be funded, It's not something you can cut and expect that magically they will find funding elsewhere. You cut their funding and in this economical climate, they are done.
LTP24_257	Leanne Douglas	These are extremely important services for the community and the funding absolutely needs to continue.
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	We need to support our emergency services
LTP24_293	Andrew Mardon	The funding of emergency services through a regional council targeted rate is not the most appropriate funding mechanism for these services. However, in the absence of an immediate alternative through more appropriate national agencies, I support this continuation of this targeted rate - provided that the proper due diligence and monitoring is carried out to ensure the financial situation of each recipient demonstrates a need for this specific funding.

LTP24_287	Amber-leah O'Neill	You absolutely must continue to fund and look at increasing capacity for funding our emergency services. Parks, Council planning, Resource consents - NONE of those things matter when a person needs emergency services
LTP24_315	S Cooper	If you cut funding to essential emergency services people will die.
LTP24_322	David Postlewaight	It would be crazy to cut funding for emergency services.
LTP24_313	Deidre Christiansen	I live in Russell and we are the centre for the rescue helicopter to land in our area. We are well aware of the need for this service. We and our neighbours and friends are willing to pay the extra in our rates to cover this most important service. Don't disadvantage the rural areas in this way.
LTP24_339	Leah Williams	Vital emergency services need more funding NOT a reduction. My family are aging and require emergency services to continue. We live in Dargaville and sometime the ambulance takes over an hour to come from Whangarei. My husband was medi-vacced to Auckland hospital for emergency heart surgery. We are grateful for this emergency service in Northland. May it continue to grow.
LTP24_361	Jody Hansen	Being a little isolated in Northland we need our emergency services to be funded as without the funding it would take away from the operational time as they will need to spend more time fundraising. Sporting facilities are important for our tamariki. If we keep them busy playing sports they tend not to cause as much trouble.
LTP24_345	Ann Reina Cabrera	This is disgusting that you would even think of doing this!!! I don't have anything to say other than I hope someone with common sense thinks what the entire community feels is that this needs to be thrown out. I can't even believe you would think to do this.
LTP24_342	Brett Gavin	Current we are paying around \$1 per month to support emergency services in our rates. I would like to see this increase, as when I look at it we can do better to save lives. I would not miss an increase of \$10 or 20 a month to support for emergency ambulance and helicopter services, life saving clubs, Saint Johns etc.
LTP24_376	Beverly Mitchell	In terms of community resilience and wellbeing, ambulance, the helicopter and Search and Rescue provide a valuable service to ALL. I live in a rural isolated community who has already lost after hour/emergency services in the Hokianga. Regional sporting facilities are integral also to our district. Your proposed option is the worst decision - a TOTAL DISGRACE. 100% support our Emergency Services, and sporting facilities.
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	Really if you take this away we will have no sporting facilities and no emergency services and the funds taken from these would go into the gravy train and be lost forever.
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Absolutely. Emergency services need to continue. If you are proposing cutting emergency services then you have obviously never needed them
LTP24_387	Frances Short	It is just so unrealistic to stop funding to such vital, important, essential services of Northland Emergency Services Rescue Helicopter, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, St John's Northern Region, Coastguard Northern Region, Search and Rescue Northland, Far North Radio and Sea Rescue are all such vital resources for Northland it just seems so very very very irresponsible to cut funding. Why would a council even consider doing this?? Absolutely so wrong. Surely these are all "core" to the Northland area. Please reconsider!!
LTP24_391	Sandra Waddell	DO NOT REDUCE FUNDING OF THESE VITAL SERVICES PLEASE.
LTP24_447	Emma Talijancich	We need these services and if their funding was cut so would their services and alot of communitys and community groups rely on these to get them the help they need

LTP24_420	Grace Adnitt	Northland can't afford to lose this funding or these services, without this support imagine what it would do to our already struggling emergency services. Please don't take this away from our already under funded and under resourced region.
LTP24_453	Ellie Eastwood	These two are so incredibly important for 1. funding facilities for our tamariki and rangatahi to play in, stay active and maintain wellbeing. 2. the emergency services???? these are VITAL and extremely important!!!
LTP24_439	Ericka Lashbrook	The current emergency services are essential. They are struggling to fund the demand on their services already. There is no way we should be considering stopping this funding that directly saves lives. Investing in our regional sporting facilities is an investment in our Tamariki, Having good sporting facilities supports those doing positive activities to be successful, not only in sport, but in our community.
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	These are two of the most important responsibilities of Council !
LTP24_468	ERIN STEEL	Places for people to play, get active, learn and socialise are important, please help us save the funding for new facilities for sport and movement in Northland. Northland Regional Council is proposing in its Long Term Plan, cancelling It's Sporting Facilities Fund which helps fund and get projects underway for the spaces that our communities are telling us they need in order to be well and healthy, and active. It's only \$12 in your rates a year!!!! and it makes a HUGE difference in the lives of Northlanders having access to facilities.
LTP24_449	Shar-nica du Plessis	We need emergency services! In fact we need an A&E in Kerikeri with a 24/7 clinic that has low cost but good services to support our growing town.
LTP24_478	David Hall	Emergency services and sporting facilities are far to import to be dropping funding on.
LTP24_480	Nick Scott	Should increase funding
LTP24_500	Brian Taylor	I cannot believe that you are even considering reducing or scrapping the Council's. Contribution to Rescue Services in Northland. These are vital services which are always struggling financially. The Public is aware and accepting of support through Rates.
LTP24_493	Kaye Robinson	I am very much against NRC removing the \$12 Levy/annual payment to help fund the Rescue Helicopter & the Surf Lifesaving services. These are absolutely vital services to maintain especially here in Tai Tokerau where it is often a long wait for Ambulances to arrive, due to distances in outlying areas and often very limited medical services. This amount is such a small annual amount per household for these vital services. Why would you even think of cutting funding to these services????
LTP24_476	Margaret Hunt	This is our lifeline when things go so badly downhill with our roading ie floods especially in emergencies like major crashes, flooding in communities and water accidents
LTP24_388	Aleesha Jefferies	De-funding emergency services will have a huge impact on the safety of our community. Every little bit counts and being so connected as a community in Northland means especially in the Far North being so far away from paid emergency services, this funding help the volunteer services support the community in times of need in a timely manner (which when you are in an accident still feels like too long). Defunding sports facilities decreases the sporting pathways for our children, and community. This means quality of sporting facilities will go down, and in turn affect the health of our communities. It also stumps the growth of our athletes coming out of Northland or drives talent to the cities. Helping our sports facilities grows Northland sport which brings in better coaches/support which in turn grows our sports offering. This helps our rangatahi become more active and have better community support.

LTP24_541	Arna-Lise Harris	Please do not stop funding emergency services. This is an essential service to Northland and is needed by the community on a wide scale. This would be the WORST decision you could make.
LTP24_556	Ruth Francis	Absolutely important, the most important in this isolated part of the country.
LTP24_567	Aimee Ruka	Please, please, please do NOT stop the funding towards emergency services and sporting facilities. Emergency Services saves lives, you should be absolutely embarrassed by yourselves by even having that proposed option on the table. It is a disgrace! He aha te mea nui o te ao (What is the most important thing in the world?) He tangata, he tangata, he tangata (It is the people, it is the people, it is the people) Our people need you to help fund the Emergency Services. Sports in the North are important for our communities. For many communities, the sports facility is the backbone and hub. Sports can keep our tamariki and rangatahi busy, keep them out of trouble and create incredible opportunities.
LTP24_410	Jennifer Smith	If anything an increase for emergency services.
LTP24_573	Mark Jeffery Stout	It's absolutely essential that you continue to rate for your funding contribution of \$2.75 million a year, especially the part that goes to emergency services. Without it the Northland Rescue Helicopters would really struggle financially and would have to run at a deficit. Said helicopters do an important job (just ask anyone who's been rescued or airlifted by one of them) and carry lots of missions out, so how can they be "non-core" business?
LTP24_586	Trailequip Ltd	Delete the parasitic expenses for climate change carbon reduction stuff and Te Tiriti partnership stuff should give you the funding for essential emergency services, such as the rescue helicopter funding.
LTP24_589	Gina Wood	Please continue to fund the emergency services in Northland, our lives depend on it!
LTP24_603	Saskia van Bergenhenegouwen	These services are critical to maintain for northland. Of all the things to cut, this shouldn't even be an option.
LTP24_608	Robyn Bint	You must continue to fund these vital services!!! I am more than happy to contribute to these important and life saving services.
LTP24_623	Sarah Williamson	Emergency services and sporting facilities are key and should be funded by council. This area should be a priority and one of the first places that money is allocated to. These are "must haves" for our community and should take precedence over "nice to haves" like zero carbon policies and changing buses to reduce emissions.
LTP24_602	Edward Raymond Groufsky	A bit of an increase in individual rates is a small price to pay for maintaining such services (especially the Northern Emergency Services Trust - critical service to the region).
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	I cannot believe that NRC is considering stopping funding for Surf Life Saving and the Northland Regional Rescue Helicopter service. It's akin to stopping funding of school kid's lunches. How mean can you get! I have no doubt that every Northlander, if asked, would gladly pay the targetted rate for this. The savings per rated unit are a pittance. This would send services in Northland back to levels in the 1980s, if not worse.
LTP24_470	Ashleigh Ashford	Northland rescue helicopter and Hato Hone St John Ambulance Northland, are vital in providing emergency care to the people of Northland. This includes providing life saving treatment and time saving transport for time critical medical emergencies. Northland is a very remote area and often transport times to hospitals are 60+ minutes. A helicopter significantly reduces transport time, thus improving patient outcomes. Frontline road crews for St John Ambulance are vital in providing life saving care as they are often on scene prior to the arrival

		of a helicopter. I believe that if the funding was removed this would significantly impact patient treatment and outcomes in a negative way.
LTP24_633	Jono Cox	These facilities play a big part in health and wellness for the community and also development for young rangatahi in different sporting and career avenues discontinuing these funds is a major setback for the community. Mental health and depression is prominent in the community when there is no way to keep active and stay healthy, stopping these funds will only push these rates higher.
LTP24_642	Alayne Jones	You cannot cut back on funding emergency services. That is a disgusting prospect. Sporting facilities are also very important for everyone's physical and mental health.
LTP24_643	Lesley Lucas	It is impossible to even contemplate cutting this funding - Emergency services are critical to Northland
LTP24_637	Lynne Clarke	We pay enough rates as it is. Why should we not have the most important part of this survey. Sports are incredibly important to our youth and emergency services in Russell are imperative. They've taken our policemen, without the above what do we do in an emergency-swim??
LTP24_650	Bob Drey Russell Protection Society	Emergency services are critical for isolated communities such as Russell
LTP24_654	Susan Jane Crow	emergency services are vital to the people of the district and to the organisations that provide sporting and recreational activities which contribute to cultural vitality and mental health in the district
LTP24_675	Donald Chandler	Hi I would like to support the option to continue funding contributions to emergency services and sports facilities. I oppose your preferred option to cut both.
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	Support emergency services. Particularly the Westpac helicopter & St John's.
LTP24_694	Matthew Waite	Keep the rates, they're vital for our region!
LTP24_730	Jarrold Goodall	Do not change your funding of these critical services.
LTP24_706	Keeli Mackereth	Sport is an extremely important part of our communities and cutting funding would have negative effects on wider society. As a high school teacher, sport is so important to so many of our rangatahi and keeps them in school/engaged in the community and promotes their physical and mental health, all of which leading to better social outcomes overall.
LTP24_751	Karen Dykzeul Squash Northland	Squash Northland strongly oppose the stopping of any funding for the above. Squash Northland appreciates the financial support the NRC gave to the rebuild of the Kerikeri Squash Club and after being open for 5mths is the largest squash club in Northland (giving mid north and far north ratepayers the chance to play this great sport and hold regional and national events up there) we would like this fund to be available for one of our other clubs that might need it one day (hopefully not like Kerikeri where youth burnt the last club down!)
LTP24_806	Anna Markwick	To stop the facilities rate is very short sighted. Please keep the rate
LTP24_766	Jarred Scott	The new bike park is awesome. Keep funding things like that. Otherwise, the entire community will miss out. Nobody else is in a position to build those sorts of large projects.
LTP24_782	Paula Williams	Funding sport and recreational development is essential. Who ever suggested this be scrapped needs to have a definite re-think of their point of view. That is absolutely ridiculous
LTP24_817	Samantha Page	Supporting emergency services is vital.
LTP24_788	Maggie McGrath	Wtf were you thinking with that proposed option

LTP24_792	Angie Peters	Support of option 3 To whom it may concern, Our school relies heavily on the help and support it receives from Sports Northland. Sport Northland provides facilitators to help with planning sporting events, the Water safety programme, and Tu Manawa grants to name a few. The Sports Northland facilitators also help out at important sporting events throughout the year such as swimming sports, cross country and they run the Te Hiku athletics for all Far North schools. I wholeheartedly support option 3, seeking NRC to continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_803	Tony Morris	Both targeted rates are important to the Northland community and provide huge benefits to the people of Northland. The funding of these services should continue being cover by these targeted rates as they have a greater positive effect on the Northland people than some of the other services provided by NRC. Savings should be made in some of the other areas.
LTP24_830	Victoria Kennedy	Definitely do not take \$ from our emergency services. Most of Northland is remote and a long way from hospitals - this is a vital service that should at least have the same amount of current funding if not more.
LTP24_878	Raewyn Luxton	It's only \$2.7m, this will have little to no impact on rate reductions but not funding emergency services and regional sporting facilities will have a direct and possibly fatal impact on people. Both play a significant part on the health and well being of the people who live in the north
LTP24_856	Tracey-ann Hodgkinson	These are 100% necessary services for our community. Maybe the council should withdraw private Healthcare for its staff to save money instead?
LTP24_865	Michelle Cowie	Emergency Services are most important. They save lives. You don't understand how important they are until you have needed them!
LTP24_872	Belinda Loring	Strongly support maintaining existing funding for sporting facilities and emergency services. As a family we have recently relocated from Auckland, and these are the things that make Whangārei an attractive, safe and long-term home for our family to live, work and invest (financially and non-financially) in. I'm a senior doctor and bring skills that are of value. We have been impressed by the accessibility and uptake of sporting facilities here and in our short few months here so far have rated it as one of the positive aspects of our new life here. In Auckland, it is just rich families who can afford these activities for their kids - you don't want that here, please don't do it.
LTP24_857	Hope Hewitt	Removing funding for our emergency services is absolute [redacted].
LTP24_931	Robyn Anne Shanks	Do not stop the funding for emergency services and sporting facilities. NRC's vision reads "together we thrive". Cancelling funding to the emergency services and sporting facilities in Northland is against this vision. Your website also states, supporting a healthy standard of living in wellbeing in Taitokerau. To cancel any contribution to the emergency services and sporting facilities within our region is contradictory to your own vision and goals. What a joke to even suggest it. Listen to the community whose money you are elected to spend!
LTP24_887	Nigel Gilmour	Sporting and emergency services are core to our regions value of life, and by no means do I believe these should be compromised.
LTP24_910	Paula Douglas	Stop wasting taxpayer money used to fund projects that serve only yourselves and actually do something useful for our community! I have never been more ashamed of our council and our utterly inept mayor! It is not your money you are spending, it is taxpayer money so be responsible with it and use it to better the community. No one wants your walkways- we need parking and infrastructure you morons!
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	How can you say that providing emergency services is not your core business? This is essential to our communities. If you were to cut funding e.g. to northern rescue helicopter - this needs to be done with more warning so that the shortfall can be found somewhere else.

LTP24_960	Marguerite Clarke	I have needed to use this helicopter Kawakawa to Auckland. A lifeline in an emergency. Sports should raise the majority of their own funding.
LTP24_903	Matthew Bowen	Funding for emergency services is essential.
LTP24_939	Shiona Keir	I feel it is very important to all voters that NRC continues to support Northland Emergency Services Trust as Northland is large with limited medical facilities and speedy access to hospitals is essential.
LTP24_938	Hetty Van Hale	Vitally important emergency services are not cut for Russell. Without the Rescue helicopter people could die if they had to drive the unsealed back road to hospital during the night when no ferries are operating. Sports facilities are well used and add a lot to the wellbeing of communities.
LTP24_992	Michael Tully	The emergency services are essential to our communities, and are already underfunded. Things like the emergency medical chopper save lives consistently in our isolated communities and it is something that we rely on. As for sport, it is one of the key aspects of building a fit community, as well as building local spirit. Most countries are pushing more and more funding into sport and view it as a priority. I don't see why we would be any different.
LTP24_940	Stephen Terence Burniston	I strongly object to the plan to stop funding the emergency services especially as we are charged for this fund in our rates anyway everyone, I have spoken to are against the plan to stop funding these services it is disgraceful to even contemplate it people will die while councilors are given pay rises that is deplorable and you should be ashamed to even think about this proposal.
LTP24_993	Nicola Ringer	Stopping funding for emergency services seems absolutely ridiculous. Seems like a pretty essential service
LTP24_965	Nadine Lori Driver	Funding must continue for emergency services. These services are vital to the people of Te Taitokerau, especially those living rurally or in remote areas and those living in areas already struggling to meet the needs of their communities
LTP24_968	Daena Wood	We are grateful for our Emergency Services in Northland, I am in full support in continuing the funding contribution for our Emergency Services here in Northland. Especially the Helicopter, without this service there will be an increase of fatalities, our main Hospitals are to far away and time will be a huge factor in these situations. It will continue to save lives of loved ones.
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	This is a core function of council. This benefits everyone especially across the district. This is a spread out community. Re sports this is essential for kids and adults. It keeps them healthy, active and out of trouble. Target rate areas for this.
LTP24_997	Ian MacPherson Northland Emergency Services Trust	Supporting emergency services is core business for every Council. In fact the Council has said they want to provide better emergency management and improve community resilience. So community funding of emergency services clearly fits within that framework.
LTP24_1001	John William Hare	Why are Emergency Services and Sports Facilities in the same category? Surely Emergency Services in Northland are of considerably greater significance given our remoteness and should be in a category of their own. In Russell, if the rescue helicopter service was not available, people could die waiting to get to hospital care. The Emergency Service budget must be paramount for our region.
LTP24_1011	Kat G.	You should be funding these more, not to abolish. They are doing a fantastic and crucial job!
LTP24_1026	Jade Cocurullo	Our emergency services are so important and provide such an important services in Northland. I am so lucky to live in whangarei where the hospital is only 10 minutes away. I am originally from Dargaville and it's a much different story. Emergency services play such a huge role in keeping the community safe and are already under a lot of pressure! Do not stop your funding to emergency services please!

LTP24_778	Lesley Griffiths	Funding our emergency services are crucial. The air ambulance came out to help at an accident I was involved in. Not a good idea withdrawing financing!
LTP24_1008	Monica Nevill-Jackson	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_793	Andrea Crompton	Must continue to support emergency services
LTP24_813	Kate Liddington	Emergency services need funding. There is zero room for these to be reduced.
LTP24_1032	Viivi Ronkko	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1123	Brittany White	This funding is crucial and something we have always been proud of having as a region. A small rate contribution for a very large impact.
LTP24_1079	Christine King	The Emergency services is extremely important in Northland with our communities spread far & wide. Health services are currently severely underfunded in NZ & to take yet another knife to the pie by forcing the emergency services to have to look elsewhere for this funding is criminal. Not one of us knows if or when we may need this service & it is important that it remains available to us all. 25 cents per week, even for those of us struggling the most in these difficult time, is an insurance worth having. While sport clubs in NZ get a larger share of the pie than any art or cultural activity, sport is an important part of a healthy

		society. Something we should be aspiring to. It is imperative that NRC continue to fund the Emergency services particularly
LTP24_1124	Erica Burrows	This is vital and important for all Northlanders and funding should not stop
LTP24_1087	Megan Collinson	Emergency services desperately need this support and our communities will be at risk without it. Our sporting facilities help to keep sport accessible to our youth and community as well as engaged in productive activity and healthy movement. Limiting. These opportunities by reducing funding will have a negative impact on the opportunities available in our community.
LTP24_1117	Huw John Wainwright	Don't stop the funding contribution the emergency services. How much is a life worth to the NRC? Northland's rescue helicopter service (\$535,000 per year) Surf Life Saving Northern Region (\$224,000 per year) St Johns Northern Region (\$90,000 per year) Coastguard Northern Region (\$84,000 per year) Northland & Far North Search and Rescue (\$30,000 per year) Far North Radio and Sea Rescue (\$9000 per year)
LTP24_1131	Sheryl Day	Long Term Plan consultation comment - emergency helicopter and St John funding I note from the draft Plan that current funding by NRC of the Northland Emergency Services Trust is to be discontinued. I feel this service is essential, particularly in the Far North. I recently had a heart attack - I believe I would not have survived had it not been for the St John Ambulance crew, the paramedics on the helicopter and the quick transfer to Auckland hospital. I understand that emergency services are not considered to be a core business for NRC but stopping the funding in order to use the money on other projects is putting the environment before people. He aha te mea nui o te ao What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata It is the people, it is the people, it is the people Maori proverb As a ratepayer, taxpayer and a survivor, I very strongly oppose cutting this funding and suggest that other services should be cut if necessary in order to allow NRC to continue to fund the helicopter. Please lodge this as a comment on the consultation .
LTP24_1176	Melanie Wilson	Rural areas have enjoyed the ability to tap into funding to support run down sports and rec centers. The rural area is a shrinking habitat with less people living there but they still should have access to facilities. Petrol costs make heading to sports facilities expensive so supporting the small rural facilities creates equity. The rescue fund is very important, it saves lives, and it runs as a not for profit. Shame on the NRC for thinking to cut the funding.
LTP24_1125	Corina Brown	Emergency funding is an absolute must. Sport relies on the smaller sporting facilities. don't cut either.
LTP24_869	Devon Ashcroft	Emergency services and sporting facilities are crucial within our community to both keep our whanau safe and continue growing our relationships. Sporting facilities have a huge impact on the development of our communities and ensure that human health is one of our regions main priorities
LTP24_1204	Janie Ham	Let's keep funding our Emergency Services. It's far too important not to.
LTP24_1199	John Bell	Why would you lump sporting facilities and emergency services together. However both are critical in Northland and should be more highly prioritised.
LTP24_1246	Lindsay Metcalf	I feel strongly that funding for emergency services should be kept, or increased. Most ratepayers would not be drudge the small cost each year
LTP24_1244	Patricia Clarke	please continue to support emergency services (and regional sports) with rates.
LTP24_1260	MARIE GARDYNE CANNON	I support the \$11.00 per household rate/year to continue the support of Northland Rescue Helicopter. Our roading network is vulnerable. We must continue this service by air.

LTP24_1235	Edward Crawford	This includes funding for many of Northlands critical emergency services including the rescue helicopter. Reducing this funding or stopping it as you propose will lead to further inequity of healthcare for the Northland region.
LTP24_1313	John Kramer	These are core aspects of our rohe!
LTP24_1293	Bret Glazer	It is critical in a remote area lacking in core infrastructure to continue supporting our emergency services with funding. We are remote....Northland is a massive area on land and at sea and these areas must be supported for the majority of Northlanders potentially exposed to the dangers of our lands and seas. There are countless examples of the emergency services "saving the day" and what would the councilors vote if it was their whanau needing urgent help??? Dont cut funding!! Regards Bret Glazer
LTP24_1295	Steven Brown	This should be continued, Have none of you at the NRC ever needed the support of the Emergency Service?
LTP24_1309	Rach	Please do not stop funding the emergency services. Northland is such a massive area and without our critically needed helicopters and other services, lives will be put at risk.
LTP24_1314	Stephen Weatherall-Turney	Hi, I'm absolutely disgusted that there is even a possibility that this funding would be cut to NEST and all the other emergency services! We need these organisations to be part of our community as they are such an important and big part of it. There has been so many people saved from the use of these guys. Again I do not support the funding cut at all. Please reconsider Thank you
LTP24_1319	Melissa Ewins	This is critical for the equity of the rural areas of northland. Cutting this funding is not an option.
LTP24_1347	Karen Traill	I am against the proposal to lower the NRC rate if it means funding is cut for the emergency services. They are absolutely essential for Northland. I would rather Councillor remuneration was frozen or lowered rather than stop funding the emergency services.
LTP24_1332	Nigel Cane	It is vital that NRC continue its support emergency helicopter services, this should be non negotiable it is an equity issue
LTP24_1337	Wayne Sydney James Ryder	The north needs the helicopter. One of my neighbours had a really bad stroke if it hadn't been for the helicopter he mightn't be here now. After a year he still cant walk without assistance. I am 76 and have needed St John several times.
LTP24_1378	Pamela Munro	With the growing population at an all time high in northland, it is imperative we have emergency services fully funded to support the community. Main hospitals are an hour away from Kerikeri, Kaikohe and surrounding areas. It is life or death in a lot of situations and depending on how fast a critically ill or injured patient is able to get medical treatment from a hospital is so important. To me it's a no brainer to keep funding our emergency services, which mostly have volunteers running them. Please don't cut this funding!.
LTP24_1346	Charlie Walker	Very important service we have shh hi Pilsner be. Option to even scrap it
LTP24_1398	Mrs Susan Joy Kirton Cranslag Farm	The NRC needs to keep funding the Northland Emergency Services Trust, this a vital service. I was surprised to learn on my Kaipara District Rates form for the 1st installment of August last year that over \$494.41 was paid to NRC. I think the NRC needs to evaluate what is important to the public, as many of the items listed above Targeted Emergency Services Rate on my form seem to get the lions share, maybe the NRC needs to sharpen its pencil and come up with a better plan. Northland is a large under populated place with lots of tourists and people doing leisure activities all year round so it is very important we have a reliable service such as (NEST). A \$1.00 per month is not going to make any difference to households to soften to cost of your rate increases.

LTP24_1407	Kristal Margaret Thomas	Emergency services are critical for us in Northland where we live quite spread out, and in some fairly remote areas with massive coasts. Try to make your cuts somewhere else. This is a service that we need. The sports facilities have been lumped in together with emergency services and I don't know that they should be. Sports centres are also important but not in the same category.
LTP24_1329	Kerry Cane	Please continue to contribute to rescue helicopter funding
LTP24_1364	Beth	Funding to emergency services is one thing that keeps it going. These people save lives and help those around in the time of need and no one would like to think that if it was them or their family in need that the emergency services couldn't get to them because there is no funding. These people put a lot of their own time into doing this and It's the least our local council could do to support them.
LTP24_1402	Jodi Jackson	these are critical to the wellbeing of our community and taking away this funding would have devastating consequences for far too many.
LTP24_1390	Holly Renee Anderson	Kia Ora my name's Holly Anderson. I am 23 years young and I feel very VERY strongly about NOT cutting our emergency services funding - they don't receive enough as it is. Two years ago I went through the most traumatic experience of my life. Everyone who reads this should remember two years ago when the highly-televised charter fishing boat 'Enchanter' sank off north cape (quite literally within our own region). 5 people died and 5 people survived. My now-fiance was the deckhand onboard the vessel and thankfully he survived that horrific ordeal - simply due to the fact that the Northland Rescue Helicopter had the funding and resources to be able to get to him after he was floating in the ocean for 5 hours. The 5 survivors made a documentary with Newshub which aired on TV3 that explained if there was more fuel (more funding that would allow fuel to be more accessible), the helicopter wouldn't have had to be grounded and could've continued searching for the other 5 souls - and that's with the funding we have now!!!! You guys are seriously proposing to cut it even further??? My fiancé quite literally owes his life to the 3 guys, Paul, Ben and Lance from Northland Rescue helicopter who plucked him from the ocean that night. They themselves said it was one of, if not the trickiest rescue they've ever had to do. If this proposed funding cut happened two years ago. My fiancé would not be with me right now, and the thought of that KILLS me, brings tears to my eyes just writing this. We just celebrated our two year engagement anniversary two days ago. The thought that someone else might go through the worst experience of their life horrifies me, but what horrifies me even more if that it could be easily prevented by simply not cutting this funding. Every single person I know, knows someone who has needed to use St John or the Northland Rescue helicopter. This funding cannot be taken away from them and ultimately community who uses them.
LTP24_1418	Hayley Fedarb	Believe emergency services and sporting facilities are crucial to our community and future generations. This needs to still be funded so It's still an option for us
LTP24_1386	Kristy Louise Lawton	I don't understand why the council would take money away from services that the community actually values like emergency services and sporting facilities and put it into bureaucratic administration - health and safety and IT, an emergency centre and decarbonising an under-utilised bus service.
LTP24_1404	Shar-nica du Plessis	This service is so important and unless we do not get more ED or after hour facilities in Kerikeri and smaller towns, people will struggle. Start funding all health services better
LTP24_1449	Mieke Ward	There is a proven link between access to sport and active recreation facilities and physical and mental well being for all ages. These are amenities that bring new people, i.e. new ratepayers, into the district. Most are managed by volunteers, at no extra cost to the ratepayers.

		There is a shortage now, I'm happy to continue to pay the \$12/ year for emergency and sports facilities.
LTP24_1433	Jill Harris	Definitely should not stop funding emergency services. We need them! You may need them yourself one day!
LTP24_1401	Kathleen Barnes Sharples	I think you will find that most of the community are very happy to continue to fund these important initiatives. \$12 per year per household is nothing, It's \$1 per month and we would rather see a strong emergency response
LTP24_1415	Barbara Fabian	Essential services to Northland that we should continue to support through this targeted rate.
LTP24_1411	Talia Comp	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1431	Nicola Margaret Brown	Continuing to support emergency services is vital for Northland.
LTP24_1114	Judith Sunderland	I think the emergency helicopter services are vitally important to the region and feel that the cost of \$12 per person per annum on rates is well worth paying. Either make economies elsewhere or increase rates to cover this
LTP24_1416	Kevin Fabian	Fully support the continuation of this fund for our emergency services in Northland and Sporting Facilities.
LTP24_1495	Crispin Middleton	Sport and emergency services are critical and should come well before other expenditure. Cut other costs.
LTP24_1520	Shane Cleary	Ongoing support for emergency services, particularly those based on volunteers is a critical service to our community. I'm proud that a portion of my NRC rates goes to this.
LTP24_1498	Cathy Zuill	It is unthinkable to stop funding our emergency services, particularly St John and top priority our Northland Helicopter Rescue service. They provide an essential service and without them everyone in Northland is at huge risk with the nearest helicopter based at Ardmore in South Auckland. They too are stretched to the limit. Today 6 people died on Cove Rd in Waipu. State Highway 1. Come on NRC please look after your ratepayers and pay for the vital Emergency Service the Rescue Helicopters provide.

LTP24_1530	Gavin Carroll	Rather see rates revenue put towards these two areas. The rates for these two items are a small portion of overall rates (inc WDC rates) and a small base for increases.
LTP24_1510	Martin Gvardijancic	it is simply inconceivable that the option of defunding emergency services even occurred to anybody. it is the one thing that virtually every person living in northland is guaranteed to require sooner or later.
LTP24_1543	India Williamson	- Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. - Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. - Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. - If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. - The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. - Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. - SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. - SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1445	Gemma Little	This sounds like a very unreasonable position to put these services in. Sports are the heart of our community and I expect there would be huge backlash to suddenly stop funding for these facilities with little time to find sustainable alternatives. Emergency services are also vital to our community. I would rather everyone pays a small amount in their rates for these services so they are not just relying on wealthy donors. It is a service for all and should be paid for all.
LTP24_1553	Cameron Bell Northland Rugby Union	The community benefits of this funding are undeniable, should they be removed, the negative consequences would echo for a generation - once we lose something like this it will never be regained. Northland Rugby have been a benefactor of this funding in the past, and while we will not repeat this, we would love to see another sport benefit from what is such a great, but relatively painless, initiative. This was such a positive initiative we promoted to all other provinces nationally to replicate the concept - it is bizarre that someone has identified it as a cost saving initiative? The fund enabled NRU to complete our project and we are now very proud to be working with Sport NZ, and High Performance Sport NZ to partner with us to utilise our facility for other Northland sports - and having Northland lead again. Changing stereotypes step by step. I am available to discuss further

LTP24_1529	Rochelle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. 2. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. 3. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. 4. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. 5. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. 6. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	This is across all households and has a fairness to it Our communities need access to facilities - Priorities it is a small allocation which people need it when they need it - Our infrastructure and resource capabilities on the ground do not make rescue easy. There is impact on wellbeing in our communities in employee and volunteer rolls - their are inefficiencies in the helicopter. For our communities wellbeing we need sporting facilities managed and maintained - be strategic on new development and look after it release exisiting consider utilisation assessment to assist with assest management going forward.
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	This is essential in our large geographical area - you must continue funding emergency services and our sporting facilities. If option 4 is not achievable then I'd vote for option 2.
LTP24_1572	Janette Marion Tingey	Ratepayers funding contribution is \$12.00 per year. This funding must be continued, to support vital services for the vast northland region. The NRC needs to continue with this option. So many lives have been saved through the rescue helicopter being partially funded. Also, sport is a very valuable activity that needs to be supported. It enhances lives and brings communities together.
LTP24_1550	Gene Gray	Continue funding via rates until alternative funding sources can be found
LTP24_1559	Jan Hewitt	It is appalling that you are even considering cutting this funding. Firstly, if you think Central Government is going to pick up the funding shortfall you are incredibly naive, when they are making cuts in every direction. Secondly, you state the NRC wants to concentrate on delivery of your 'Emergency Management Plan' of which you don't think Northland's emergency services' form part of that plan, naivety at its upmost. In all your comms around the LTP review, there has been no mention of your Civil Defence structure, and who you call during a Civil Defence emergency... it is our emergency services of course. You focus on environmental wellbeing and the outdoors, of which a large proportion of our constituents partake in and enjoy, and our service forms a crucial part of that environmental wellbeing, as we know there are inherent

		dangers with many of those activities. When they do go wrong, our emergency services are there. The NRC staff and elected Counsellors through their work are on the road every day, and at times find themselves in precarious positions. I am sure they would want to know that we have emergency services capability when things go wrong. I would also hope that the NRC Chair, Jeff Crawford would understand the crucial need for the service, given that he is a farmer and would see and hear of many farming accidents whereby our emergency services are called. Ensure the funding remains for all of us!
LTP24_1528	Robert David Meadows	The funding for the rescue helicopter is vital for the region and it should not stop. Funding for sporting facilities is very important for the health and wellbeing of the region. Good facilities help attract people and tourists to the region and support a healthy lifestyle
LTP24_1540	D-J Williams	I would like NRC funding of emergency services particularly to continue. Given the remote and water surrounded aspects of Northland, which is also part of its huge appeal of economy supporting tourist and holidaymakers - as well as those call Northland home - having these services well supported in any and all funding avenues brings greater confidence of safety, fast response in times of emergency, and proximity to core emergency services if and when needed. Please continue to fund.
LTP24_1648	Dean Smith	I believe that both of these activities are important to a large number of our population and should be continued. The emergency services that our NRC rates currently support would be a great loss if the current good work they do were not to continue. I understand and support the idea that central government should do more to support this directly rather than council being the collector, but at the end of the day it is still funds that would come from the same place, the taxpayer or ratepayer. I can't support removing this contribution until the alternative source of funding is put in place, as the disruption would be too great. The sporting facilities funding is much the same, in that it is providing a well appreciated public benefit, along with widespread benefit in our community. Please don't stop funding these activities.
LTP24_1230	Rachael Walkinshaw	Cutting or stopping funding for emergency services is inconceivable. Who ever suggested it or agrees with that, needs to spend some time working/observing/attending alongside our amazing frontline emergency services men and women.... without whom our communities would be in BIG trouble. The mere suggestion is inconceivable. Idiotic.
LTP24_1614	mmatussevich@gmail.com	Please continue the funding to the emergency services this is needed
LTP24_1639	Roma Leiataua	keep the funding our services and facilities need this
LTP24_1649	Ady McKenzie	I support the continuation of the ESF and Emergencies in Northland. And our sporting facilities which promote our rangitahi development and Associated with Positive Youth Development
LTP24_1626	Victoria Phillips	I would happily pay extra to support these 2 things.
LTP24_1631	Diana Glenie	We must support core emergency services for northland
LTP24_1645	Kirsty Pullin	You should be putting more funding into supporting life saving services rather than wasting money on stupid buildings and things for tourism. Look after our locals first!
LTP24_1680	Helen Lagerstedt	These two items are so important to our community. If the funding doesn't come through in our rates then they will have to fund raise, which comes from us any way. Let the emergency services people do their job of saving people not spending time fund raising. If people can not be saved in emergency situations, then the fact is, NRC will have blood on their hands.

LTP24_1603	Jenny Calder Northland Search and Rescue	Search and Rescue provides for the lost, missing and injured and do not charge for these services. Our teams are made up of skilled and competent volunteers who donate their time, skills and efforts to ensure the best possible outcomes for those needing Search and Rescue. These volunteers are supported by whānau and employers (with some being self employed), and many take leave to cover the time they are on search operations. These costs are not reimbursed by anyone, but are worn by our individual team members. Our volunteers train after hours and on weekends to maintain core competencies and skill levels, often spending weekends away on training courses. And on top of this, our volunteers should not have to be running sausage sizzles or raffles to get funding to provide a necessary service for our communities. Without the support from council, this valuable service available to our people, our communities, our visitors, would be in jeopardy. Who then would provide search and rescue services for the missing, injured and lost? For the autistic child, the missing hunter, day walker, cyclist or tramper, the kuia or kaumatua with dementia, the despondent, the boaties who were lost at sea and washed up on shore, the missing school party, the run-away child? The emergency service rate equates to two cups of coffee, and of this only a lollipop worth (I.e. .30c) goes to Search and Rescue. So for less than the price of a lollipop (or piece of rat bait) our community has a vital service - for the lost, missing and injured.
LTP24_1660	Shawn House	You should at least continue the current commitment to this world class NEST emergency rescue helicopter service. I personally had my life saved by this service in 1999 and after recovering went on to have a successful 19 year career in the NZ Police working as a Detective serving our community. I also know of a number of other persons who have suffered serious incidents/accidents that have benefitted from assistance from NEST. I cannot praise them enough for what they do for us and our communities in Northland - many of which are geographically challenged and benefit immensely from the NEST service. I believe a targeted rate of \$12 per ratable household is in this modern age a bargain to fund such a service. Please DO NOT stop funding this necessary service.
LTP24_1691	Leah Michelle Baker	The emergency services in Northland hold a vital role within the Northland community, without such essential services large areas of rural Northland would be inaccessible should members of that community be in need. I believe that the small contribution within Northland rates would be inconsequential if the funding was stopped. It seems absolutely ludicrous to cut funding to these essential services and I believe the community would be greatly disadvantaged if you did so.
LTP24_1618	Lani Leiataua	please do not stop funding, these services and facilities have no money and we use them all the time please keep helping them secure these funds
LTP24_1685	Charlotte Smith	This is like asking if we should cancel the police - the rescue helicopter is an essential emergency service and has become even more so since the 3rd world road that connects us to the rest of the country has deteriorated.
LTP24_1634	Sheryl Ann Metcalfe	Definitely don't stop funding the rescue helicopters
LTP24_1694	Alison Shrigley	As a region that has isolated beaches, farms , towns etc, it is VITAL that we FUND our Emergency Helicopter Service. Imagine an accident occuring and waiting 5 hours (or more) for assistance - THERE WILL BE DEATHS! And regarding Sporting Facilities - keep funding those - our kids get in enough TROUBLE now - at least Sport is an option at the moment.

LTP24_1704	Sheryl Clinch	To remove funding from the emergency services and sporting facilities in Northland is a terrible option. The amount of work the emergency services does in the remote parts of Northland is vital, without these services more lives will be lost, they are essential to the health and wellbeing of the community. Removing funding from Sporting Facilities would be a mistake. It is beneficial to the community to provide decent facilities and encourage youth and adults to partake in sport. Offering facilities benefits the whole community - healthier people will reduce the pressure on other community resources - for example the hospital. Offering youth facilities to keep active helps keep them out of trouble.
LTP24_1317	Sheridan Leigh Walker	The \$12 should be out of the rates to pay for our helicopter and ambulance services. They save lives. You might need them yourselves one day. Think about it
LTP24_1769	Kelly Middleton	We need both of these to continue to have funding from council.
LTP24_1772	Di Miller	Emergency services and sporting facilities are extremely important to the communities of Northland - Northland need both of these services more so than any other region in the country. If including this in the LTP was a strategy to get people to participate in consultation - it worked...I hope this was the reason, as anything else is unthinkable... :(
LTP24_1693	Grant David Hall	This option we need to provide to our community. This is a must have for multiple reasons including health & well being of our children and emergency services support for our community. I would be prepared to pay more in rates if I could be guaranteed the extra money would be ring fenced for this additional funding contribution and not sucked up into council pet projects.
LTP24_1333	Christine Angell	Please ensure the continued full amount of funding of the helicopter services for medical emergencies across the region.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	How dare you even suggest dropping funding to support emergency services. As it is, we have not enough doctors up here in the Far North. Any medical emergency requires emergency services. The rescue helicopter service is absolutely ESSENTIAL. This canNOT be cut at all. You were not brought into office to cut our emergency services. How is it that sporting facilities and emergency services are lumped together anyway? Strange thing to do. Sporting facilities - essential for the wellbeing of the people of the region. I am sure you are aware that research shows that participating in sporting activities is beneficial for all aspects of a people's health. There should be public areas available for our youth too. We have some playgrounds (as dismal as they are) for our young children but there is no outdoor space (eg basketball / volleyball) spaces for our teens to get out and have some fun at shooting hoops and getting together a couple of volleyball teams to have some fun and exercise.
LTP24_1710	Meydi Bell	It is important that funding continues for emergency services and regional sporting facilities. Both emergency services and sporting facilities are such essential parts of our communities. We should invest more on these areas to allow the communities to grow.
LTP24_1783	Suzanne Brocx	In an area as remote (in some places) as Northland, it is essential to have emergency services funded as part of NRC Business as usual.
LTP24_1789	Daimon Mark Neal	With the high rate of obesity and other poor health related to lifestyles in the community, it is necessary that funding be given to sporting facilities to promote better health outcomes and rescue services that are on the receiving end of people require critical care.
LTP24_1798	Derek Hulse	I support the continued funding of emergency services and am happy to pay the increased rates to keep this funding. I also support keeping the regional sporting facilities funding.
LTP24_1807	Marcelle Wilson	Our emergency services is absolutely vital and especially in the era we live in today where there are a lot of health issues around and we are already short in ambulances, so it is so important to keep this funding in place. Cutting this funding is absolutely crazy.

LTP24_1797	Amber	Keep emergency services for Northland!!!
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	We must keep our emergency services alive and going.
LTP24_1812	Tracey McNamara	Both emergency services and sporting facilities are top priority in a region that benefits from high engagement rate in sport and has regional areas so far away from hospitals. The helicopter service saves lives!!
LTP24_1363	Charles W Dundas	Vital services
LTP24_1820	lesley kay roberts	the rescue helicopter is an essential service for northland. that you as nrc would even think of not continuing to fund this service is disgusting. I am happy to pay extra / more than the rated \$12 that i already pay. \$25 is only 50cents a week. I don't think there would be many rate payers, if any, who would be upset with \$25. The rescue helicopter is available to anyone who needs it, you can be one of the poorest people in northland and it is there for you. If you stop this funding i will be disgusted with you as a council.
LTP24_1839	Shaun Kenneth Neville	Keep funding the helicopter emergency fund
LTP24_1833	Kyla Johnson	Removing funding for vital emergency services in Te Tai Tokerau will do nothing but further isolate many rural communities and their people. As a house owner I 100% support my household rates contribution to this cause.
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	Emergency services in. Northland are critical. So much of our region is isolated with very limited health services available outside of Whangārei. The emergency helicopter service especially needs to be retained along with other services preceded by St John's and others. This should NOT be discarded.
LTP24_1836	Melissa Armstrong	This is so important. We absolutely cannot stop funding Emergency Services. We are so isolated up here and these service are an absolute necessity to ensure people can get the help they need in emergency situations as quickly as possible. I am more than happy for my rates to go up to save these services
LTP24_1844	Shari-Lee Purdon	These are essential to Northland! They need all the funding they need. They make us a community!!!! I'm happy to pay the extra rates for this service.
LTP24_1842	Sandy Franks	Rescue helicopter service essential for Far North. Unacceptable to reduce funding.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option to continue to rate NRC's funding contribution of \$2.7M annually to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. It is critical that members of the public using the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail can be assisted by emergency services such as the St John Ambulance and the Rescue Helicopter when injured or suffering a medical event when using the trail. The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail is used for public events and schools and is used by thousands of people annually.
LTP24_1857	Kimberley Nielsen	The rescue helicopter is a vital service in northland. Please do not take away your funding.
LTP24_1862	Philippa Woodward	I strongly believe that the funding contribution to the emergency services must be continued. As a rate payer I have no problem with a portion of my rates going here and I believe in the need for this service in Northland so much that I also support them financially when they have their annual appeal. Sporting facilities are essential to the wellbeing of the Northland community and as such should have support from the NRC in the form of funding. I support the NRC continuing this support.
LTP24_1849	Genna jones	DO NOT STOP FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

LTP24_1870	Patrick Newman	You say this is not core business, but most of us up here and paying your rates would dispute this assertion The contribution we put into both these services\$2.7million, compared to the benefit that we all gain, even if we never use, is minimal. To know we have the emergency helicopter to save our lives, or our whanau's or others is immeasurable compared to not having the service. A paltry \$1.00 per rate payer per month. Really you can not be serious and if you are, you should be disgusted with your self. As far as the recreational sum, well the well being, physical and mental of all of those living here should not be put at risk for again such a paltry sum. You haven't put that I could see how much per ratepayer per month you would hope to save, but long term, many communities up here can not sustain such facilities with input from NRC. I would have thought that Mr Crawford, with his involvement in Hikurangi Rugby and other local groups, should not need reminding of this. Communities stay together, work together, grow together when they have common things to do together, Sports facilities are major conduits for this to happen, but without NRC input, they will eventually wither and die, and so will their adjoining communities
LTP24_1874	Susan Lynette Dee Northland Rescue Services	We need the emergency services, especially the helicopters
LTP24_1949	Jas Futter	Cutting funding to this critical emergency service is not forward thinking - we have a large population covering a very big area in Northland which is serviced but the Northland Rescue Helicopter - to get rid of this service means lives will be lost. You happy with that on your conscience? Could be you or a family member or close friend.
LTP24_1891	Wayne Jones	Please keep our vital emergency services and rescue helicopters. Please help to provide more sporting facilities
LTP24_1813	Gerard McNamara	Continue to fund the helicopter and sports facilities. DO NOT redirect this funding as suggested in the newspaper by some nrc person.
LTP24_1901	Susan Tisdall	Times are hard. Volunteers give time and money to these services, we need the funding we get from the Regional Council to continue to help provide these services. Northland is a huge area. We need these services to continue. I am sure \$12.00 a year from each ratepayer is not a lot to ask when the dedicated emergency teams are there in their hour of need. Please keep funding these services.
LTP24_1898	Adelle Hori Kerikeri Gymnastics Club	Withdrawing funding to emergency services and sporting facilities in a space that is so underfunded is a decision i find difficult to comprehend... so rates don't raise and I might save there only to spend it all on my kids clubs as the fees must go up to survive? And I'm not sure how long small clubs will survive without better resourcing. These clubs service a lot of families and deserve better. Also emergency services are a must in such isolated areas like we live in.
LTP24_1910	Julie Akroyd	Our emergency services are vital to supporting our community. It is unthinkable they the council would propose to no longer fund these services, but pour money into other, non essential areas such as the Hauntervasser and a new \$61m building.
LTP24_1915	Lyndyl Reece	I strongly believe that the funding for emergency services should continue and not reduced at all but increased as this a vital part of our community, as proven this week re the accident at Waipu. The rescue helicopter services saved my son's life and the ambulance service has helped my elderly neighbour many times in her time of need.
LTP24_1916	GLADYS SANDRA ROWSELL	Essential that all sporting and emergency services are supported with continued funding. The North is already penalised by roading and support systems. The sporting facilities are the future of our youth and emergency services are our lifeline. DO NOT STOP EITHER OF THESE PLEASE
LTP24_1834	Julie Gillingham	These are essential services do not stop funding.. Increase rates if needed. But you are putting lives at risk by cutting this funding.

LTP24_1929	Dianne McKenzie	I would firstly like to acknowledge the amazing people who give our community the help that is needed in emergency situations, without our emergency crews people would die its that simple!!! This submission is a request to continue the funding for our emergency services, these people work hard for anyone and everyone no matter what time of the day/night.
LTP24_1926	Vicki Macdonald Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics Incorporated	Sporting facilities in the future to benefit from this contribution greatly adding to the health and wellbeing of Whangarei and Northland. It is vital that this rate continue. With growing population facilities are needed. WAGS plans to extend it's facility to accommodate the changing needs of sport. Our ogranisation would benefit from this funding.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Increase amount for funding to support emergency services to \$1.5M, \$1M to support business and \$1k for sports total funding \$3.5M. About 30% increase to accommodate, re-evalute the increase required for rates. Or \$1.5M emergency services, \$750k for businesses \$750k for sports and then reduce the costs of fees for Small businesses until they meet a cap in profits to reevaluate fees to standard. Ie. Startup business lease/fee plan in a council owned building as a kick starter, after 2 years checkin and increase to standard pricing.
LTP24_1931	Shona Wheaton Kerikeri Gymnastics Club1	We need emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_1939	Charles Anthony Foster	I think that the proposed removal of the funding contribution to emergency services is very short sighted by the NRC as this is an essential service to the whole Northland region . I would like to see the funding continue. Also I think the timeframe for public comment is too short for such important matters.
LTP24_1940	Gareth Wallace NEST	L.T.P. - Rescue Helicopter I strongly support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_1969	Quinn Lowen	Keep rescue chopper and emergency services!!
LTP24_1953	Noel Futter	Please do not cut any of these vital services - Northland will be very poorly served across all areas if the proposed plan goes ahead. This is not a smart move. Put yourself in the position of being a recipient of one of the services - which wont end well if they are cut.
LTP24_1955	Mark Neal ShortStays Northland	The amount that comes out of our rates to fund these essential services is negligible.
LTP24_1905	EMILY JOHNSTONE	The entire north depends on the emergency services. You cannot remove this or people will die as a direct result. In addition to this our sporting facilities and programs provide a vital service. Many in the north depend on sport not only for fitness but for community connection and mental wellbeing. Removing funding could affect whether these programmes can run putting the health of the community and future generations at risk. It must be funded.
LTP24_1505	Steve Karl	\$12 per family per year (\$1 per month) This is an essential emergency service that should continue to be covered. If not, then how would councillors like to pay for their emergency trip in the rescue helicopter. This could be in the thousands\$
LTP24_1522	S C	KEEP FUNDING EMERGENCY SERVICES!!! Our region is too vast, hospitals few & far between geographically - we need these vital services. Everyone knows someone who has used these services. Keep funding them.
LTP24_2108	Paul Voss	I believe this cut was put in to deflect attention away from the building of an unnecessary expensive joint emergency coordination center building. Council can have both funded simply by leasing instead of building.
LTP24_134	Murray Carter	I'm a rate payer I'm I'll be fucken pissed off if you cut the funding for the rescue helicopter. yous should be shot for even thinking about axing the funding for such a critical organization. stop paying for other usless shit

		and support the ones that need it. I'd even be happy if the rate we paid for the rescue services went up because they deserve every cent.
LTP24_1556	Tania Ludlow	Northland emergency services are crucial to our region. They have saved countless lives, an emergency trip to Auckland in an ambulance, is a life lost. A 20 min flight in an equipped helicopter, is a life saved. I absolutely support the continued funding for them.
LTP24_2110	Dr Marysha Gardner	provision of emergency services reaches people who live in Te Tai Tokerau when they need it most. Northland Emergency Services Trust was started by northlanders for northlanders and we should fight to keep it.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	Supporting these facilities goes hand in hand with building community resilience and supporting our isolated rural communities. Supporting these facilities allows for opportunities for all our community irrelevant of where you live.
LTP24_2124	Pani Hauraki	A highly successful innovative scheme that has saved thousands of Northlanders.
LTP24_2143	Bernard Thomas O'Malley	I would like to see a contribution of \$20 per household flat rate for emergency services from 2024 to 2034.
LTP24_2190	Sam Johns	It will be a disaster if there are not lifeguards on northland beach during the summer weekdays. They are dangerous beaches and it will cause major incidents, injury and potentially worse without them. This is a massive mistake
LTP24_2164	Michelle Griffiths	We need the emergency services and you can cut other nice to haves to make sure the people of NRC region can rely on the helicopter and other services turning up in our time of need Central has enough debt to try and get under control since the previous govt took our debt from \$5 billion to \$100 billion You trying to curtail farming is not going to help get this country back on track and letting NZ turn into a nation of pine trees, while you heap huge costs on farmer to keep waterways clean which they already are in the rural district Pine trees harm our native forests, our streams, our natural springs and into our harbours Whole swathes of good FOOD growing land is going into pine trees
LTP24_2183	Davinia Jayne Field	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. - Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. - If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. - The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. - Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. - SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. - SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund. I am also concerned about the impact of this on Emergency Rescue Helicopter. I live rurally and know

		the delays there are with ambulance services. Having the chopper is crucial.
LTP24_2178	Ian Godfrey	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. - Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. - Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. - If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. - The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. - Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. - SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. - SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_2155	Hannah Williams	Whilst I can understand the desire to move away from funding these things, they are both extremely important for the wellbeing of Northlanders. Firstly, stopping funding of emergency services would be devastating for some of the smaller emergency services that struggle to get enough funding to run their services anyway. For example, Surf Life Saving provides a critical service at several Northland beaches each summer, without which it is likely that there would be many more drownings. Additionally, removing the funding for this service is likely to put more pressure on the other services, such as the rescue helicopters and ambulance services, to fill that void, which would require more funding for more staff, better training, more resources etc. I think removing this funding would create more problems than benefits for the people of Northland. Secondly, I think that the more options you provide for people to get outside and get moving and interacting with their community, the healthier the community would be as a whole. It has been proven that being involved in a sporting community reduces the likelihood of an individual turning to less healthy options, including drugs and alcohol. I think that funding sporting facilities in Northland, regardless of how small these projects are, is an incredibly important thing for the council to keep doing.
LTP24_2189	Els Dutton	I agree to continue funding for the helicopter funding it is inappropriate to shift this service to Auckland. Once we lose this we will never get it back. The current rates contributed is the bare minimum i.e. 2 cups of coffee we must afford this
LTP24_2182	Tamara hayward	This is a service we need not your [redacted] parishes. This is the difference with life and death
LTP24_2240	Stacey Maree Beattie	Recommend continuation of this small portion to our current rates that benefits so much more to our emergency services and sporting facilities. Without this funding, our smaller rural communities would be heavily impacted and miss out on these critical services.
LTP24_2224	Kelvin Maxwell	Fully fund both emergency services and sporting facilities.

LTP24_2239	Hazel Petrie	Emergency services in the Hokianga are very strained. The severely reduced hours of Rawene Hospital's operations, the limited access to ambulance and other services cannot be reduced. The emergency helicopter service is vital. We see it picking up people on a regular basis. Please do not reduce funding to emergency services. We pay rates on several properties and are prepared to pay for the services through that means
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	My tamariki benefit from both the services and facilities provided. They are essential for me and my whānau
LTP24_2249	Brent Eastwood	Northland needs both of these options to continue - emergency services and sporting facilities are not fully funded by other options so please keep both of these rates going, as both are critical to the lives of Northlanders across the region.
LTP24_2235	Brian Dodds	Emergency services are a necessary part of life in Northland. Without the support of the helicopter service, the surf lifesavers, St John and the Coastguard critical lifesaving measures will be reduced and the potential for more loss of life increase. For \$12.00 per year, this is a more than worthwhile rate.
LTP24_2161	Joseph Bruce Cann	At present the Northland Regional Council acts as a collection agent for the funding required to continue these services It is my understanding that this allows the people and equipment required to operate these services to be utilized without the distraction of fundraising. Other than collecting and distributing the funds the NRC does nothing.
LTP24_2265	Christine Thirling Ruakaka Recreation Centre	Feedback from the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. We are a committee of 5 individuals ages ranging from mid 60's to 80's. We do this entirely voluntarily and receive no payment. We employ an Office Manager for 30 hours per week to oversee day to day operations and a cleaner part time. All these costs we must self fund. We see several times the statement "Core Business" but no definition of what is included as "Core Business" other than caring for Te Taiao, preparing for natural hazards, long term effects of climate change and controlling pests. Interestingly Googling the meaning of Te Taiao reveals Te Taiao is the natural world that contains and surrounds us - the land, water, climate and living beings. We would suggest that Emergency Services and Sporting facilities would come under the "living beings" part of the description. As such we see our emergency and sporting facilities to be very much part of your core business. If you were to cut Emergency services for example then inevitably it will reduce the service and result in unnecessary deaths, one less rate payer and less income for the council. Self defeating really. Continuing to fund the Emergency services and sporting facilities will cost, according to your figures, \$27.65 per ratepayer per year. Fifty three (53c) cents per week seems to us to be a small cost that we believe most rate payers would see as a good investment in their family's present and future wellbeing. We have asked our facility users and they agreed. Quoting the rates increase in percentage terms makes it appear much more serious, particularly when many rate payers cannot remember what last Year's rates bill was. I.e. 4.98% for the year versus 53 cents per week. Fifty three cents per week would an inconsequential amount for most, if not all, rate payers even considering the present economic climate Central Government and many other entities are stressing the importance of our physical and mental health and caring for it. We as a community group receive \$46,000 in grants for our ongoing costs. But we have to raise \$65,000 for daily operations ourselves. As a sporting facility we provide physical sport facilities including gymnasium, squash courts, petanque and changing facilities for local soccer club. In addition we provide facilities for a wide range of services to our very young and our older citizens. Including fitness classes for young and old, space for a local music club to meet, our lounge as a club room for the local soccer club, meeting room, shower facilities for the public and more. We hold our charges down so the service providers can offer affordable prices to our community. Our present facility costs around \$111,000 per year in

		<p>running costs. We keep our fees down so as to provide a service to the community that most, if not all, can afford. For example our gym fee for casual users is \$2.00 per session. A local gym company charges \$20.00 per casual session. There is no way that our charges come even close to meeting our operating costs. This leaves us in a constant cycle of chasing grants from various charities and trusts. Our Office Manager spends on average 10 hours per week locating likely sources and then preparing the large amount of detailed information they require to accompany each request. In addition some require proof of what the money has been spent on to ensure it is used on what we stated. In addition to the above day to day operations etc. we have planned, designed, raised necessary funds and built a new community facility which is stage 1 of the project to enhance the services and surroundings we provide. This was done after consultation with the community on how they saw the facilities required in the near future to medium term. To this end we had funding in place for approx. \$4.2 million dollars before building commenced and to complete the new centre by end of April 2024. Stage 2 is the large multi-purpose hall with two basketball courts, which NRC has already added to its list because it meets several of its demand and readiness requirements. Without NRC's financial support, we will not be able to raise the balance of funds required to build Stage 2. Sports facilities and emergency services are an essential part of a healthy community and deserve and should receive funding from Northland Regional Council. We ask the Northland regional Council not to stop funding the emergency services and sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	<p>It is vital that the Emergency services in Northland are funded. We are at the top of the country and the roads could be compromised so we need helicopters to assist. The Waipu Surf Club needs funds. Could we look at a donation box at the Cove Cafe too or have an ' Add a Dollar or Two ' on the bills at the Cafe ?</p>
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	<p>What was the rationale used originally that resulted in the NRC taking responsibility for the Emergency Fund (EF)? Why is it no longer considered a core activity? I do NOT agree to the proposal to divert money from the EF into general rates under the guise of lowering rates. The EF should NOT be discontinued. This proposal would deprive the rescue helicopter service of funds it needs to keep operating. Sports facilities are at the heart of small communities dotted around Northland and these need to be kept up to a decent standard. Contributions should continue. The NRC, an important and visible Northland-wide organisation appears to be the logical place to administer the EF and should continue to do so.</p>
LTP24_2280	Eva Williams	<p>Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. This would leave Northland beaches unpatrolled from Monday to Friday during the peak season. The significance of efforts from surf lifesaving clubs in Northland is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved</p>

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LTP24_2292	Sophie Blackwell	I filled this form out just for this , I live rural a yesterday witness a crash where children were airlifted out , emergency services rurally are so needed .And sporting for children is important an sometimes is an escape from an unhappy home or ways for children to be more positively involved.
LTP24_1703	Natalie Moon	We need to keep funding for sports facilities and emergency services! These are incredibly important for health and wellness of our children, adults and seniors! The small amount that comes out of our rates for this is affordable. It's other areas that need to be looked at. With the cost of living how it high it is and wages extremely low, a rate increase of 11% is too high. But stopping rates for Sporting facilities and emergency services is not the way to go!
LTP24_2328	Janine van Beek	Of all the ways money could be saved in administration costs of council, I cannot believe that ceasing support of emergency services is even suggested. This essential service is critical for health of the community. Sporting facilities are essential for the physical and mental wellbeing of communities. These two areas are where I would personally support an increase NOT a decrease in contributions.
LTP24_2352	Stacey Sharp	Whilst I agree that central gvtm should contribute to funding this life-supporting services, NRC should support Emergency Services trust to advocate for alternative funding sources WHILST continuing to support these entities, not in lieu of. Continuation of life-supporting services should trump other funding initiatives - they're literally a matter of life and death, not a nice to have. Regional sporting facilities are critical for Northland's economy and social well-being - the likes of the Womens Rugby/Football World Cup and the people it brought to Whangarei.
LTP24_1717	Maria Pearson	Emergency support services are a vital part of our communities, especially rural communities. Northland Helicopter is a necessity. Even if central govt funding were provided, we must contribute, to continue to have a say in how the service operates. Upkeep and upgrading sporting facilities provides opportunities for local businesses, and give a place for our rangitahi and mokopuna to play sports and develop lifelong skills. Sports & community activities keep them on the right track. Imagine if Te Tai Tokerau were able to host national events like Te Matatini or WNRL games and the impact this could have on the local economy. Remember what WRWC did for Whangarei.
LTP24_2338	Gina Browning	Stopping funding would be madness. We need to support our emergency services which save lives. Please continue to support these essential services!!
LTP24_2308	Shaun Ridling	Don't touch the funding contribution to emergency services.
LTP24_2238	Sharlene Morris-Ross	Both of these are essential in my view, emergency services rely on this fund heavily and sporting facilities play a huge part in mental and physical health for people of all ages and with a growing population smaller rural sporting facilities are becoming more and more needed. Maintain them both!
LTP24_2361	John Bent	I support continuing to rate for funding both emergency services and regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_2248	Jacob Neeley	Emergency services should be a priority. Possibly funding sporting to slightly less would be okay; but facilities for sports are a great benefit to the Northland.

LTP24_2369	William BERRY	We MUST continue to fund the sporting and emergency services. Northland has too many issues with miscreant families and children, surely spending in this area is a priority as it supports and benefits ALL Northland citizens - whether directly or indirectly. I recommend we keep or increase funding out of rates as this spend covers ALL citizens and if necessary reduce the spending in Treaty matters - as Treaty settlements kick in.
LTP24_2407	Katherine McKenzie	Do not stop funding to emergency services and sporting facilities. These are very important to our northland community. Sporting facilities benefit so many families, get our children and youth involved in sport, a positive pathway with heaps of health benefits. Emergency services are an incredibly necessary service for all Northlanders. Don't put extra pressure on these organisations, they do a great job.
LTP24_2380	Annmarie Holst	More funding for emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	This is a conundrum isn't it? It goes against other factors I have mentioned in previous comments in that these are not really core functionalities of the NRC. However, think of these as a social investment as part of your ESG strategy. If you cut these services you will have eroded any goodwill from the community. Not only that, but you essentially remove your community engagement and optics along with your ability to manage the PR fallout. You might (but still unlikely) be able to get away with cutting funding to sporting facilities, but I doubt you would find anyone in Northland that would say 'yeah decrease my rates by \$12 a year, and leave a huge hole in the budget of NEST'. Everyone I've talked to (albeit only a few dozen) has said they would rather keep services at current levels than cut anything from the emergency services budget.
LTP24_2363	Rob Sore	I support the continuation of these funds.
LTP24_2365	Timothy John McQuinn	Rate rises are expected but the cuts to core emergency services should never be even discussed! Find some other area to cut the councils need to tighten budgets of operations and less frivolous spending. Sell off in used assets perhaps . Do not even contemplate cutting emergency services funding ! They are struggling as it is . Dumb idea !!!
LTP24_2444	Margaret Willard	They are two very different services to be lumped into the one quesiton. a) sporting facilities - Hutt City Council built successful sports hubs so smaller clubs could be incorporated into bigger facilities and save costs. b) if not for the helicopter service following a random street attack, my nephew would no longer be with us. As it was his life hung in the balance for over two weeks, after the ambulance took well over an hour to arrive. I am not a Northland resident, but my family are, and I believe they would be comfortable paying \$11 a year to ensure lifesaving help was available when needed. if there is no other funding available it seems reckless to abandon this vital service to local residents. On reflection, the question itself seems reckless, when two very different answers are appropriate.
LTP24_2401	Te Uri Clarke	These are critical services for all Northlanders. I don't mind paying double what gets paid to emergency services now. I am grateful for the services they provide
LTP24_2405	John Fowler	I strongly disagree with the proposal to cut funding from both of these activities. They are a core part of our society and what makes us a community. If these are not important, then why bother at all? I strongly disagree with rate cuts or rate reduction goals. I will be voting next election against Councilors who support (whether directly or indirectly) cutting these activities simply to drive reduction in rates rises.
LTP24_1770	Michael van Beek	I came here for this question. I am explicitly stating that emergency services funding and capabilities should be fully maintained, not reduced. I am emphasizing that public safety is the top priority and should not be jeopardized. lets look after ourselves and the tourists who spend so much in the north

LTP24_2460	Ayla Wilson	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. The significance of surf clubs like is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. I urge the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that surf lifeguards, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. I also urge the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_1781	Andrew Lawrence Wordsworth	While not a "core" council service, I believe these things need some form of community funding, and rates is probably the easiest way to do so - so long as bureaucracy and admin fees dont chew up most of the raised funding. The NRC is better able to work Northland wide then the individual councils so is probably the right vehicle to achieve the goals. In particular I support the NEST helicopter (though overall wonder why this, St. John's and the fire service isn't central govt funded). I am not involved much with surf lifesaving so dont have an informed opinion here, but am less inclined to prioritise funding in that direction personally. Community spaces and sporting facilities are great if they will get used sufficiently and are not just someone's "leave a legacy" dream. This rate is not very expensive and arguably not very noticeable across a year, but does provide a benefit that would not so easily exist otherwise. Even though there is a cost of living crisis, I think that this should remain.
LTP24_2410	Katie haldane	You never know when you might need the emergency services.
LTP24_2485	Sue Curtis	Smaller communities struggle with raising funds for regional sporting facilities if this fund is not available. The ideal of Regional facilities is to have them through the region so that sporting events can ben held at small towns as well as larger urban centres. This not only creates an opportunity for economic growth for the smaller communities but also a sense of pride that they are able to host at home and not have to travel to every regional sporting event. Isolated areas and rural communities are reliant on the emergency services and there would be many more fatalities if this was not funded.
LTP24_1795	Sharmain Parker	Please please do not scrap funding for emergency services it is vitally important we keep this

LTP24_2499	Anthony Blundell	<p>Te Mahere Roa / Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 I write this submission to Northland Regional Council ('NRC') with regards to the proposal by the NRC to stop targeted funding contributions to both emergency services and sporting facilities. I totally reject NRC's "Proposed Option" as outlined in the attached one-pager from the NRC Feedback Form that I have included with this submission. I fully support the option as ticked on the NRC Feedback Form and outlined directly below: "Continue to rate for our funding of \$2.7M a year to fully support emergency services and regional sporting facilities." One of the core functions of the NRC is emergency preparedness and community resilience and is the key reason for Civil Defence sitting under NRC as a core function. Common sense. When there is a crisis in our region, the good folk at Civil Defence need all emergency services with urgency. Many of those services are made up of volunteers and they struggle to find funding to operate at the best of times. With the above being said, what NRC's "Proposed Option" says to Northlanders is that NRC want to move in a different direction to what is clearly one of their mandated core functions. For the life of me and can not understand how NRC cannot see that. I have noticed that NRC have been getting their facts wrong in media in recent months about just how emergency services are funded - let alone the difference between Crown-owned entities such as Police and FENZ and community-owned charities like Northland Emergency Services Trust. Thankfully, the Minister for Emergency Management Hon. Mark Mitchell, has called the NRC out and corrected them on how funding works at a central government versus local government level and just who is responsible for what. Clearly the NRC are out of touch with the Northland community in suggesting the targeted Emergency Services Fund should be cut. Everyone (and I mean everyone) that I have spoken to are more than happy to pay \$1 per month, if not more, to ensure the help with the continuation of emergency services like our Northland community-owned world class Northern Rescue Helicopter service - that has helped to look after us since 1988. In my opinion, it appears NRC clearly underestimate the intelligence, care and business acumen of their ratepayers. Like so many good-hearted Northlanders, I am heavily involved in the community and hear the community voice daily. They all support our emergency services and first responders in our region and want to see it continue. So PLEASE, I urge NRC to scrap their "Proposed Option" without delay. Yours Sincerely, Ant Blundell - a proud Northlander!</p>
LTP24_2483	Brent Fabian	<p>Both of these services are of great value to the community one for ongoing health and social benefits sports provide and the emergency service is vital for the life saving services they provide. There would be many people alive today that wouldn't be if we didn't have our northland emergency service. Without the funding provided by NRC these services would be put in jeopardy.</p>
LTP24_2480	Anna Hewitt	<p>I support the continuation of both emergency services and sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_2359	Elizabeth Lesley Ann WALLACE	<p>The removal of the funded rate would mean a decline in the the services provided by emergency services which is vital for our region which is geographical large with many area only accessible by air. Also, the regional sporting facilities rate is essential for the continued development of top class facilities around Northland. The funds from this rate is vital as seed money in securing additional funding from other organisations so that major scale projects can be completed as well as full funds for smaller projects. The removal of this fund would mean that any future sporting facility projects would become so much harder to push over the line financially and ultimately our tamariki, whanau and communities would suffer for the lack of them.</p>

LTP24_2371	Chook Henare Whangārei Netball Centre	<p>Subject: Submission in Support of Maintaining Funding for Whangarei Netball Centre</p> <p>Dear Northland Regional Council, We are writing to express our support for the continuation of funding towards sporting facilities. As the biggest Netball Centre in Northland, we have witnessed the significant positive impact that accessible sporting facilities have had on our communities, promoting health, well-being, and social cohesion. Firstly, I would like to extend appreciation for the contribution the Northland Regional Council has made to the sport and recreation sector through initiatives like the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate. This funding mechanism has facilitated the development of crucial sporting infrastructure across Northland, ensuring that our community have access to quality facilities for physical activity and recreation. It is disheartening to learn of the proposal to discontinue support for sporting facilities, as outlined in the consultation pack. Contrary to the assertion made by the NRC, there are indeed several ongoing projects of regional significance that warrant continued investment. Notably, the development of a new multi-sport hub in Waipapa, a dedicated regional facility for Volleyball in Ruakaka, and the much-needed indoor facility in Whangarei are pivotal to fostering sporting excellence and community engagement across the region. Furthermore, the redevelopment of aquatic facilities and the delivery of regional plans for aquatics and courts are essential for ensuring comprehensive access to sporting opportunities for all Northlanders. Access to such facilities is not only beneficial for physical health but also promotes social inclusion and community cohesion. We are particularly concerned about the implications of discontinuing funding for these projects. Without the support of the sporting facilities rate, these critical initiatives are at risk of not being realised, depriving our communities of valuable resources for health and recreation. Additionally, we are concerned by the proposal to withdraw funding contributions of \$2.7M (\$27 per household) towards emergency services and sporting facilities. Redirecting this funding into other council business would compromise the safety and well-being of Northlanders, as well as undermine the development of essential community infrastructure. In light of the above, I strongly urge the Northland Regional Council to reconsider its proposal and opt for the third option: to continue funding both emergency services and sporting facilities. This approach aligns with the best interests of our communities and ensures that Northland remains a vibrant and healthy region for all its residents. Thank you for considering our submission. We trust that you will make the decision that serves the long-term interests of Northland and its people.</p>
LTP24_2463	Christine Thirling	<p>Emergency services and sporting facilities are very important. Emergency services and rescue services are organizations that ensure public safety, security, and health by addressing and resolving different emergencies. Sports facilities provide a space for people to engage in physical activities and exercise, which is crucial for maintaining good health and preventing various diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart problems. Building healthier, happier, safer, and strong communities are also essential elements. You can't put a price on a human life. Both services are essential and need to be supported with \$2.7M per year.</p>
LTP24_2490	Judi File	<p>Considering how much Northland relies on our Emergency Services, to remove funding is very shortsighted! \$1 per month per household is a minimal amount and very few would be opposed to affording that.</p>
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	<p>Thank you for collecting funding contributions to support our emergency services and sports facilities. They are vital to our desirable way of life in Northland. Continue to challenge central government on their role in this. We expect rate rises for you to be able to deliver core work.</p>
LTP24_2477	Kathy Tocker	<p>Continue to support the emergency services.</p>

LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	Cutting this is a silly suggestion.
LTP24_2514	Roger McInnes	As central government does not provide enough funding for the rescue helicopters, the targeted rate from NRC is a great way to raise funds to keep the helicopters in the air for the benefit of all northlanders,
LTP24_1840	Adam Mansbridge	To even consider cutting of emergency services funding to soften the impact of any rate rises proposed by council show how truly brain dead and out of touch you all are as an organisation, sell the council building off and go back to a no frills purpose fit building to mask your overspending and incompetence in other areas
LTP24_2524	Dr Carla Gemeinhardt	I am a GP, mother, and community member in Northland. Young people in our communities engage through sports and physical activity and this engagement is absolutely essential to developing a healthy sense of self, pride in themselves and their community, resilient mental wellbeing, and belonging and camaraderie. At a time when our young people are facing a mental health crisis, including increasing suicide rates, we cannot limit their access to sports and real-life community. I understand that funds are limited but this is an investment in the future wellbeing of our communities. Would we rather have fit, healthy, engaged members of our society or overweight, lonely, isolated, and anxious adults who are on social assistance and not able to cope with the challenges of modern day society? Furthermore, I recently attended a cardiac arrest on the way to Ocean Beach. The elderly man had had some sort of event and then fell. As I arrived CPR was in place. An AED was located at a nearby community centre. Since EMS was another 20 minutes away I ran the code with 111 on the line. I knew the intervention was not compatible with life so I ran it as best we could. The man's wife was there with me. Since I was a physician and EMS was so far out I ended the resuscitation given the inevitable outcome. Imagine funding to EMS were cut further and this were a healthy 18 year old and not an 80something year old with many medical conditions? Imagine sitting on the side of the road waiting a full hour with your injured child instead of the 30 minutes it took for an ambulance to arrive that day? In summary, there are certain services that have disproportionately negative impacts if threatened. These vital services are already at the brink of collapse and should not be pushed further. Our youth need real community more than ever. Music programmes have all been cut entirely already. Chronic disease rates are sky-rocketing, especially in our Maoria and Pasifika members, and if we cut this funding we've lost the plot. We need continued funding supports.
LTP24_2513	Rebecca Everest	You must be mad to think that it is a good idea to stop funding to a critical health and life saving device the rescue helicopter and Coast Guard funding. The helicopter saves lives and without this funding they would not have the needed equipment to provide a mobile intensive care unit in the sky. People WILL die if you remove this funding of \$12 from our rates. I would much rather pay an extra \$12 in rates to keep these services up and running.
LTP24_2454	Shane Stevenson	Continue the current support for rescue services in Northland
LTP24_2578	Rudi Hoetjes	We need to rescue helicopter in Northland. Our roads are poor and a road ambulance can take a considerable period of time to get to the scene of an accident or emergency in the rural environment. We don't have enough ambulances or staff to operate the current St Johns ambulances. Northland has numerous remote and isolate communities with difficult road access. An example is if an accident happens at Te Pahi Station, either a tourist or local then to get the patient by road back to Whangarei is a 4 hour drive but with a helicopter it will be less than 1 hour. Councilor Crawford should know this having farmed the Station for a number of years. We also live in a maritime environment which is prone to storms. The helicopter has proven to be vital in off shore sea rescues. Small communities don't have the resources to maintain sports facilities and if we want to encourage youth into team

		sports to keep them fit and agile along with learning to live in communities then sporting facilities need to be looked after by the wider community.
LTP24_1913	Elizabeth Ryan	We do not want our helicopter & sports funding to be cut. Find another way!!!!
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	This money does not belong to the NRC and should not be misappropriated into general rate revenue.
LTP24_2612	Lana Parkinson Surf life saving	These services are incredibly valuable for our tamariki growing up in Northland. Swimming pools are disappearing at primary school and kids need help during the week for SLS! We are surrounded by water. we will have volunteer fatigue if we cut funding.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Continued funding for emergency services and sporting facilities should be paramount
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	NO Emergency Services have a Very challenging role. Do NOT make things harder for them. The more there is space for sports, the less likely there will be troubled people.
LTP24_2630	Gaye Trimble Squash Northland	Squash Northland is very disappointed with NRC's proposal to cease funding of our emergency services and sporting facilities. These new sporting facilities provide much-needed access to sport and recreation for our communities and it would be short-sighted to lose this funding stream.
LTP24_2638	Thomas James Coleman Northern Region Football	Over the years , the targetted rate has made significant contributions to upgrading of facilities around our region. Lindvart Park , Kaikohe . Te Hiku Sportshub , Kaitaia , Sportsville, Dargaville , Tikipunga Sports Park Whangarei to name just a few. Sports interaction amongst our increasing population in Northland and the Far North is absolutely vital not only to the sporting community , but also as a health and wellbeing pathway to assist in the mental health of so many of our whanau. To take this revenue stream away , at a time when sports participation is on an increase and our standard of facilities is seriously lacking will be a travesty , and is extremely short sighted. In the Far North the much needed development of Te Puawaitanga Sportshub in Waipapa will be heavily reliant on assistance to kick start Stage 2 of the project. Alongside this , the impact on our rescue helicopter services will be enormous , in a region of such geographical and locational challenges this decision would impact heavily on our communities. A lot is said about rates and the increases , but the one good thing about the targetted rate contribution from our region is that people and communities can actually see the tangible benefits of their contribution they make via the rates. They can see the outcomes and know they have made a difference . Take it away now and you will never get it back . Do not abolish the targetted rate for Sports facilities and our rescue services.
LTP24_2708	Rebecca Teal-Ireland	I want to see more cohesive development of walking and cycling trails on Northland, in particular I support funding the Northland Regional Trails Coordinator role to drive the whole of Northland's walking and cycling.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We do not believe council has the authority to cut the funding to emergency funding. The area has 4000km of isolated roads and the helicopter is absolutely necessary to get into these places. - Council should be looking to secure these services for the future, particularly for our aging and isolated populations, not cut it. - Funding is being diverted into 'pet' projects rather than back to the people. - If we had to choose one, we would choose to keep emergency services. - There should be no gap between finding funding sources for these services.

		- Can existing sporting facilities become self-sufficient so that some of these funds can be diverted back into emergency services? - Do not want emergency services run out of Auckland - a local share allows local control.
LTP24_2688	Sally Patu	Please do not stop the funding contribution to emergency services and regional sporting facilities. Sport Northland has been an enduring feature in the lives of almost all families in Northland from all demographics across the board in encouraging, providing and supporting sporting activities and sports. \$27 is such a pawltry number in relation to the services that they have provided us as a family and community over the years. The work of Sport Northland will be ongoing as they upgrade and provide new and improved services such as the upgrade of regional aquatic centres, to name one. Everyone in this city deserves the positive benefits and impact that sports and exercises provides and Sport Northland is paramount in this regard.
LTP24_2661	Suzanne Campbell	Why on earth would you stop it or decrease it??
LTP24_2684	Craig McKernan	It is imperative that funding for emergency services is maintained in order to cater for growth and the wellness of people in our community. The rescue helicopter service, surf lifeguards, coastguard and other emergency services are fantastic services that rely heavily on volunteers and paid personnel. If funding of these services is cut the safety of our citizens is compromised and Tai Tokerau would not be as appealing to visitors, tourists or citizens because of our remoteness. It seems ironic that we are considering building a joint emergency services co-ordination centre when consideration of the funding for emergency services is being cut. The funding of sporting facilities is also necessary to support the wellbeing of citizens.
LTP24_1964	Aubrey Gifford	Both the emergency services and regional sporting facilities are whole of region activities and should most definitely be supported through the special rate. Especially the emergency services.
LTP24_2724	Marilyn Ruth cox	In particular, I think it is very important that the NRC continues to fund the Northland Emergency Helicopter. I know of Northlanders whose lives have been saved by this service. We also need to keep paid lifeguards on the beach weekdays in the busy summer period. When I take my grandchildren to the beach in the summer holidays it is very reassuring to see those lifeguards keeping watch.
LTP24_2753	Kerry Friend	Save our Northland Emergency Services
LTP24_2668	Angela Christine Stolwerk	I would like to speak to this option
LTP24_1999	Sandra Blackwood Northland Emergency Services Trust -recur helicopter	I find myself asking the question of how this decision can honestly even be contemplated. to forsake smaller community projects such as small sporting facilities, a crucial factor that is so important for our young people as well as older people for sake of mental well- being as well as physical and then to suggest taking away our emergency services to me is something someone brain dead would have to be considering. I'm sorry but I hope you never have to use this service but for the countless people who wouldn't be here except for them and god forbid those who will be unfortunate enough to need it in the future I beg you to reconsider this course of action. Our rates are going to rise regardless but for the small amount it takes for this services to stay here it far outweighs the decision not to have it. Thank you
LTP24_2720	Robert Dewdney	Emergency services are essential for Northland and must be funded especially relevant for our remote areas

LTP24_2799	Libby Jones	<p>Kia ora, Thanks for the opportunity to submit to the Long Term Plan of Northland Regional Council. My submission is on the Emergency services and Sporting Facilities rate. I support NRC to Continue to rate for our funding contribution of \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. I would like to speak to my submission. My reasons are as follows: The whole Northland community has benefited significantly from the various projects that have had funding assistance through the Northland Regional Facilities Rate. I live in Paparoa in central Kaipara and am very aware of the development of MAZ the Mangawhai Activity park over many years, as well as Sportville in Dargaville. Gaining funding for such massive and ambitious project has been hard work and the Regional Facilities Rate was of enormous benefit for them to get these projects over the line. It also helped them to secure other funding having the commitment of the rate which also showed there was community support for the projects. Having Northland households funding these projects through NRC collecting the rate, gives residents a buy-in to these projects and is a great way for them to be financially supporting them without enormous time being put in by the organisations and committees doing the sporting developments fundraising to seek donations from Northlanders. There are many projects lined up as part of the Northland Facilities plan to be commenced over the next few years which are eagerly awaiting their turn to secure funding from the rate. This helps them have access to other contestable funding through funders such as Lottery Community and Foundation North. Up and coming projects include the volleyball centre in Ruakaka and the Waipapa multi sport hub. Northland is a large region with one city and many smaller towns, many of which sorely lack decent sporting and active recreation facilities. The Northland plan, which has been developed across the sector with communities, has identified projects that are suitable for these towns and will have an impact by providing access to physical activity. Instead of having one of everything everywhere the plan has been carefully put together to create regional hubs for specific sports such as football, rugby, volleyball, skateboarding, basketball and some multi sport hubs in bigger towns. Without the regional sports rate continuing these next projects are in danger of not getting off the ground or taking a very long time to come about. Northland has very poor health and well-being statistics, and we know that physical activity and sports are key in promoting good health and creating connection and developing positive social skills. I hope you will see the benefit of this and continue to collect the Northland Regional Sporting rate from Northland households. I also support and am happy to pay for the Emergency Services Rate. I am co-chair of Sport Northland and Chair of Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association but neither of these organisations benefit directly from the Northland facilities rate. Nga mihi nui, Libby Jones</p>
LTP24_2748	Annet Rook	<p>I am very concerned about a proposal to stop funding emergency services and sporting facilities. These services are critical to keep our community safe and healthy, and the consequences would be severe if funding was lost. Many of these services, such as Surf Life Saving, not only provide emergency services, but also form part of the community and help with preventative actions to keep everyone safe before something bad happens. I urge the council to keep funding these services, happy to pay the rates for this.</p>
LTP24_2843	Dillon Stewart	<p>Do not drop your funding to the emergency services, particularly the northland emergency helicopters. If you do decide to drop the funding, who is going to care for northland? Some places are very isolated, what would happen if someone suffers a medical emergency and the nearest ambulance or medical facility is hours away? The helicopters that Nest use can get to even the most isolated places in Northland in far, far less time. Time that could mean the difference between life, and death.</p>

LTP24_2838	Brian Saward	any one of us could need this help. This amount should increase not be taken away.
LTP24_2842	Karyne Ross Netball Northern Zone	Sports facilities are the social hub of communities providing not just health benefits for keeping everyone active but also the wider societal benefits of involvement in sport and community. Most sports are run by volunteers, hard working Northlanders with a passion for active engagement who value the funding support from Council for the larger projects the regional rate has provided in the past. Losing access to this funding will see many sports venue fall into disrepair or max out on capacity leading to a drop off in participation in sport. This could have significant detrimental impact to the communities and rangatahi in particular of Northland.
LTP24_2864	Kath Manning Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	<p>The sudden loss of funding doesn't give Surf Life Saving a chance to find alternative funding for our weekday paid lifeguard service. It hasn't been put in the District council long term plan, it needs to be supported locally, and we are grateful to the NRC for funding emergency services top up to date. As Club Captain of Waipu Cove it is my volunteer role to make sure we have enough Surf Lifeguards on the beach, and enough rescue ready equipment. Our Volunteers get the opportunity to train with and learn from the experienced Paid guards which develops confidence and capability. Over the peak summer period, northlanders, tourists, kiwi campers, young families, day trippers have all come to rely on the safety of red and yellow flags at the beach. Removing this funding would remove the weekday service, remove Christmas Day, New Years Day and rely on volunteers who are already stretched to pick up the pieces, or recover the bodies. I could not ask our Volunteers to work 7 days a week for 8 weeks over summer. We enjoy covering the weekends and supporting our community safety. Our Volunteer Search and Rescue Squad who are on call 24/7 over the winter simply could not cope with demand. People can drown within one minute, so having lifeguards already at the beach preventing issues, and responding instantly is literally lifesaving, and means everyone can relax and enjoy a kiwi summer at the beach in the school holidays, not just the weekends. I am a parent, and although two of my girls have become lifeguards (15 and 17, and the 13 year old has started her training) I still feel at ease knowing we are all supported at the beach, especially on big surf days when the risk is high. As a Surf Life Saving Volunteer Duty Officer I have also been involved in many rescues / incidents (my role as a DO is to debrief critical incidents) done by the Paid guards on duty. This summer at Waipu Cove they supported a spinal fracture of an elderly swimmer, first aids, searches for missing children and performed hundreds of preventative actions. Most recently a notable rescue where a family of 3 was saved off a cliff edge surrounded by rocks and pounding 2-3 m surf at high tide. The efficient quick response of the guards on duty from Waipu to Langs via inflatable rescue boat using tube rescues to swim the family off the rocks, also supported by our Search and Rescue Squad, the rescue helicopter and Waipu Volunteer Fire brigade saved 3 lives in January. Please continue to support Emergency Services in Northland. As one of the volunteer leaders of our club, Search and Rescue Squad Co-ordinator, and SLS Duty Officer for our Region I am very concerned that this will cause loss of life, volunteer burnout and stress for our communities. We work closely with the other Volunteer agencies such as Coastguard, Hato Hone St John, LAND SAR, and Northland Rescue Helicopter and value their contribution and do not want their response to be diminished. I am also a volunteer Netball Coach, and many of our Surf Life Saving members play or are involved in sport and recreation - the Whangarei Netball courts for example are in major need of an update, the regional sporting facilities are crucial for health and well being of our communities, so we would like to see this funding continued too.</p>

LTP24_2863	Richard Tingey	I feel this service is very important for the Far north and NRC funding must continue. It helps to support a vital service that is for EVERYONE up here in the north. The annual cost per rate payer is minimal , considering the benefit of having the service.
LTP24_2916	Ben Tomason	Both essential human services
LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	To keep our young people actively and healthily engaged and wanting to stay living in Te Taitokerau we need a wide range of facilities locally available for both competitive and non-competitive activities.
LTP24_2915	Helen Ruth Chegwidzen	Do not stop the emergency services funding - the facilities around te tai Tokelau are pretty poor as it is - you have obviously never needed emergency services ! Too many people die up here due to boating, water, road etc accidents and that's using the amazing facilities the helicopter, coastguard etc provide, imagine what will happen is you remove funding. Here's a thought, don't spend so much building council buildings in the future. What a ridiculous budget blowout that was - how much spent on advisers? Cone on council - hopefully people will use their votes wisely next time.
LTP24_2925	Kyle Perkinson	2.7m a year or about \$12/household each year is a ridiculously cheap price to pay for the lives saved by emergency services. Why would this defunding be proposed?!
LTP24_2830	Clyde Alexander Stevens	I oppose the removal of the funding contribution to emergency services. The emergency services supported by this contribution are an essential part of the Northland community and have saved countless lives over the years. I have had personal experience with regard to the Rescue Helicopter which entailed an emergency trip to Auckland Hospital for a life saving procedure.
LTP24_2867	Sheryl Bainbridge	These services are essential. Central Government has given you the responsibility whether you like it or not. If you do not continue to fund emergency services, lives will potentially be lost. With regard to emergency services and sports, you are obliged under the Local Government Act to consider social wellbeing.
LTP24_2985	Pete Bond	I believe it is the fairest way to support these facilities rather than lumping it on a few volunteers or sponsors .
LTP24_3006	Arwen Page	This fund has been fundamental in Northland getting some well needed facilities. Many of these projects require significant investment. The NRC funding contribution provides seed funding opening up options for community groups and trusts driving these initiatives to access additional funding. The emergency services fund is a significant contribution towards the ongoing costs of this essential service. Already heavily reliant on sponsorship and fundraising the NRC funding provides some continuity and sustainability to the services provided.
LTP24_2860	Sheryl Bainbridge Te Hiku Community Board Far North District Council	Under the Local Government Act councils are responsible for promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities. The purpose of regional councils is sustainable regional well-being including regional emergency management. While NRC may not consider that contributing to the funding of emergency services and regional sporting facilities is not part of its core business, reality is that these functions have been devolved to you by central government. Te Hiku Community Board requests that NRC continue to rate for the \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_2990	Jacqui Hart	The emergency services are vital and there for ALL OF US - PLEASE continue to contribute to this vital service. We do not notice the small amount added to our current rates. But we would notice the death of people who would otherwise have been saved with emergency First Aid.

LTP24_3005	Maxine Macdonald	<p>I see the Emergency service contribution as critical to Northland. We live in an area with many rural areas and long distances for many to a hospital. As well as rural communities, the service allows all patients to be transferred quickly to Auckland hospital where they are the only hospital to look after that patient. A road trip in an ambulance could seriously affect a patient's condition and may even compromise them. The current process has all people in Northland contributing and all people able to access urgent medical support in a timely manner. I am more than happy to continue to support this service in it's current form to enable all Northlanders the opportunity to be cared for in the event of an emergency. The regional sports facilities support people's well being and we need people who are healthy and able and have the ability to support the environment. People are critical to all facets of our communities</p>
LTP24_2909	Tim Manning	<p>I am a Volunteer Surf Lifeguard and member of Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Search and Rescue Volunteer Call out Squad. Please continue funding Emergency Services in Northland, our rural communities rely on this top up funding to our rescue agencies. For Surf Lifesaving it will mean the loss of 7 out of 8 weeks of funding for our Paid weekday Surf Lifeguards who are crucial to the safety of the 6 patrolled Northland beaches and surrounding areas we are called to. We appreciate your support in changing your mind to keep funding local, we don't have time to find an alternative source of funding, people don't mind paying an extra \$12 in their rates. I have seen first hand the effectiveness of Surf Lifeguards preventing drownings before they happen, and the proactive approach taken to save lives. On Christmas day a couple of seasons ago paid guards responded to a member of the public in trouble while crab fishing, unfortunately he was deceased, but was able to be recovered by the paid guards and returned to his family. While they responded to this incident, my family also responded as members of the Call out Squad to cover the patrolled area at Waipu Cove between the flags while they were responding at Uretiti. During this time I performed a tube rescue of a swimmer in trouble at Waipu Cove. Please reconsider and continue funding Emergency Services and Regional Sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_2986	Kate McGrath	<p>The Emergency Services are essential to our region. We are isolated, widely dispersed and geographically 'awkward' to travel in time critical situations. Cutting funding would be an outrage. As for sporting facilities, we need to keep our kids active and engaged to reduce the burden on society of 'misspent youth'. Cutting funding would have knock on effects that no-one wants in our community.</p>
LTP24_3013	Scott Linklater Community Leisure Management	<p>In a recent independent assessment on the provision of recreational swimming space in Northland it was found that Northland is under-provisioned per capita when compared to the national average. Additionally, many of our facilities were found to need considerable investment to get them up to standard as they are in a mildly deteriorated state due to their age and lack of investment. We believe reducing funding to regional sporting facilities will contribute in keeping Northland facilities under-provisioned and struggling to meet national standards. We also support funding the emergency services as without their support we would struggle to ensure our customers have the duty of care they require when they find themselves in an emergency situation in our centres.</p>

LTP24_3012	Paul McDonald Bike Northland Incorporated	Please refer the attached document “ Bike Northland Submission to the Northland Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024 -2034” Bike Northland commends Northland Regional Council for attempting to reduce expenses and rate pressure on households in these times. However, our key submission points refer to rates which are small by most financial measures in terms of impact on median households, yet provide benefits which far outweigh the ratepayer investment through leverage and co funding by other parties. Submission Key Topic 1. We have read the NRC LTP consultation document and submit that the Recreation Facilities Rate be retained in the LTP 2024 - 2034. Submission Key Topic 2: Our second key submission is to request that the Emergency Services rate be funded within the LTP 2024 - 2034. Submission Key Topic 3: Bike Northland submit that the Northland - Taitokerau Regional Trails Project be incorporated into the 2024 - 2034 LTP and funding be provided to share the costs of the Project Coordinator initially. Additionally in this project to provide funding in the LTP to support council led and community led projects and support funding applications to Central Government to assist in construction of trails. Submission Key Topic 4: Public access to land for walking and cycling. [Staff summary, please see attached submission for full details].
LTP24_2929	Christina Lange	This is the only good thing about paying rates to NRC. If you do nit pay that \$2.7 m to emergency services and sport, I want my rates, payed to you, back as you are just an extra burden on the rate payers. Either the NRC or the District Councils should declared null and void.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Increase funding to ensure more sporting facilities are available, affordable, and accessible for people with disabilities. Increase funding for emergency helicopter, police and ambulance to keep up with increased need.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	With climate change and the current crime wave this funding is imperative to maintain our current security levels.
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	It is essential for the well being of our community that NRC continues to provide support to both Emergency Services and Regional Sports Facilities. I support these costs being part of the rates I pay
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	As per the Tai Tokerau Regional Accessible Strategy, make sure sporting facilities are accessible and available. i.e. all new facilities, and improve existing facilities to meet these requirements, as they are currently sorely lacking in both accessibility and availability.
LTP24_3106	Tony Baker Mangawhai Heads VLS Inc.	NRC must continue to fund emergency services in the region. The SLS Regional Lifeguard service depends on NRC funding for the delivery of its services across the Northern Region. Without funding this service would be at risk of falling short, and put lives at risk.
LTP24_3082	Amy Simpkin	Its is disappointing to hear that NRC are proposing to cut their funding contribution to emergency services and regional sporting facilities. These are two key things that I feel make being a resident in Northland great 1: being able to feel safe in the knowledge that we should we be in an a emergency there is the support and services to help us 2: being able to use facilities that promote health and well-being I would like to see that NRC continue to contribute fully to these services so we can continue to enjoy these services that contribute to a better way of life for Northlanders
LTP24_3079	Dylan Scott Murphy	Don't lose the chopper. pay for it currently and campaign to get central govt to pay going forward

LTP24_3093	Benjamin Oldfield Surf Lifesaving	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_2993	Azriel Ritchie	Emergency services especially heli saved my grandmother in her time of need. This is a vital resource for all of Northland.
LTP24_3096	Laura Menzies Northern Region Football	Northern Region Football is in strong support of maintaining and increasing the investment into sporting facilities.
LTP24_3031	Zac Franich Surf Life Saving Northern Region	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain It's funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_3148	David Insulate	Use the public transport rate to fund the emergency helicopter. Particularly for rural residents who would benefit from the emergency helicopter, but don't benefit from public transport.
LTP24_3036	MICHELLE PAYNE	Do not stop the ESF funding currently paid.

LTP24_3170	Sherryl Hoggard	I think it is extremely shortsighted to even consider stopping the ESF. Northland needs all of these services to be funded because we have many remote areas which our emergency services need to travel to, and I believe that no rate payer wants to be responsible for the deaths that WILL occur if we stop the funding. All Northlanders need to know they can rely on all emergency services whether it is for accidental or medical events. I will not vote for any councillor who supports stopping the funding because I believe it is the wrong thing to do for all Northlanders.
LTP24_2293	Elanit Valent	Please don't stop funding for these essential services! Our kids need sports!!
LTP24_3161	Phil Currey	Do not stop the emergency services funding. It makes no sense. How many NRC employees have needed to use the emergency services in the past??
LTP24_3150	Christine Dodd	I do not agree with council stopping the funding for our emergency services. Why build a building to put all emergency services in one when they could use the old council building what another waste of our rates money. it has worked in the past with people in different buildings across Whangarei. I would gladly support \$12 added to my rates to support emergency services especially our Helicopter. 5 members of my family are alive today because of this service.
LTP24_3076	Ingrid Ebersohn	Emergency services should continue to be funded. Some years ago the work of St John and the helicopter saved my life when I had a life threatening medical event. Given the distance from Auckland and the current slower travel on our roads it is critical that Emergency services continue to be funded to deliver the high quality of service they provide. Not to mention the lives they save.
LTP24_2310	Helen Teal	This rate would benefit future facilities that in turn benefit the health and well being of Whangarei and Northland. We MUST continue to fund the Rescue Helicopter, this is an essential service.
LTP24_3088	Rochelle Flavell Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service	If we don't have paid lifeguards during the summer season, our Search and Rescue Squads (SARS) will be called out constantly. I think we definitely need our Lifeguards during the week over the summer season.
LTP24_3244	Gabriela King	Stopping the surf life saving support on our beaches would be a huge loss and really affect the safety of our community as well as the safety of our visitors. The cost of this per rated bill is negligible.
LTP24_3091	Jean Semmens	Especially the emergency services need to be funded as this helps to save lives Most important is our Rescue Helicopter as the isolation of alot of people in the Far North in hard to get places need this service
LTP24_2341	David Scott Chapman	This is vital for the community.
LTP24_3203	Janine McVeagh	Emergency services vitally necessary, more than sports facilities if there must be a choice.

LTP24_3113	Jonathan Drucker	Any decision by the Northland Regional Council to stop funding contributions to emergency services in Northland would have dire consequences, potentially resulting in the loss of lives. Annually, Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) receives between \$220,000 and \$230,000 from the Northland Regional Council, which accounts for 90% of its paid surf lifeguard programme's funding. This financial support enables SLSNR to deploy surf lifeguards on weekdays, supplementing volunteer patrols and ensuring patrols even on holidays like Christmas and New Year's Day. Made up of qualified and experienced surf lifeguards, this service not only keeps beachgoers safe but also serves as a platform for development within Surf Life Saving clubs, enhancing community engagement and safety through local knowledge. If SLSNR were to lose this vital funding, operations would be severely impacted. At its worst, only one week of paid lifeguard service would be able to be delivered across the region across six locations. The significance of clubs like ours is evident in the statistics as the number of fatal drownings between July 2022 and June 2023 was below the ten-year average. Already this season, surf lifeguards in the Northland Region have saved 33 people from drowning, and they've carried out 3,934 preventative actions. SLSNR urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its funding for emergency services so that we, alongside NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue can continue to make sure the public enjoy Northland's coastlines and return home safely. SLSNR also collaborates closely with Sport Northland and urges the Northland Regional Council to maintain its Regional Sporting Facilities fund.
LTP24_2354	Hayden Green Bream Bay United AFC	Submission urges Council to maintain its funding contributions for both sporting facilities and emergency services. Sporting Facilities: The submitter acknowledges NRC's fiscal pressures but argues that sporting facilities are "merit goods." These facilities benefit physical fitness, mental health, social skills, and community connections. Cutting funding could lead to adverse consequences, including poorer health outcomes and strained public health systems. The submitter believes long-term costs would outweigh short-term savings. Regional Benefits: The submitter disputes the notion that remaining projects in the Northland Sport Facilities Plan lack regional benefits. They cite substantial development projects, including a multi-sport hub, volleyball facility, and indoor facility, as examples of regional significance. Emergency Services Funding: The submitter opposes NRC's proposal to cease funding for emergency services. The rescue helicopter, funded partially by NRC, played a crucial role in saving lives. The submitter urges NRC to maintain funding for essential services [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3281	Gina Iggo	Please, please, please do not cut funding to these essential services. When you start putting money before people's lives that's when things will go downhill. If our people mean nothing to you then you shouldn't be working for the people of the community. These services save so many lives every year and do such a great and essential job in our community. People are worth more than money.
LTP24_2364	Maurine Sore	I support the continuation of these funds.
LTP24_3278	Zoe	Increase and grow our region. We have so many people that need this support.
LTP24_3264	Caren Davis	Please continue this important funding for community health and safety!!
LTP24_3296	Lasse Dannesoen Pedersen	The Northland Rescue helicopter is a vital service for our geographical remote locations. It's unlikely shortfall funding would be covered from elsewhere if NRC pulls its funding on such a short notice. The same for Lifeguard services. For this long term plan, I suggest NRC continues the commitment and instead use the next couple of years to lobby government for increased funding.

LTP24_3270	Kaylene Thomas	Keep funding at 2.7 million this is badly needed and I'm happy to have this contribution in my rates.
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a concerned member of the public, the decision regarding funding contributions to emergency services and regional sporting facilities carries significant weight for our community's safety and recreational opportunities. The proposed option to redirect the \$2.7 million annual funding away from emergency services and sporting facilities towards reducing rate rises and core work raises valid concerns about the potential impact on essential services and community well-being. Emergency services play a critical role in ensuring public safety and rapid responses during emergencies, while regional sporting facilities contribute to community health and recreation. Cutting funding to these vital services could have far-reaching consequences for public safety and quality of life. It is essential to prioritize sustainable funding to support emergency services and sporting facilities to maintain a safe and healthy community environment. Considering the value that emergency services and sporting facilities provide to the community, it is crucial to support continued funding for these services to ensure the well-being and safety of residents. Balancing financial considerations with the needs of the community is essential to make decisions that best address the interests and welfare of the public.
LTP24_3284	Heidi Perkins	Happy to pay \$12 a year for emergency services
LTP24_3205	Jean B Hansen	Emergency services and regional sporting facilities are a necessity in our region. Sport is an integral part of Northland's DNA. We need to get more people, particularly youngsters into sport & off the street. NRC proposed option is a recipe for disaster. I just hope no council member requires emergency services in the future!!
LTP24_3328	Brent Sheldrake Sport New Zealand	Submitter thanks council for its contribution to play, active recreation and sport through the regional sporting facilities rate, and also thanks council its role in relationships building with Sport Northland. Submitter supports the option to continue to rate for the funding contribution of \$2.7m per year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. Reasons for support included: - Sport New Zealand, Sport Northland, and the Northland Regional Council are committed to promoting community well-being through physical activity; Increasing physical activity levels benefits health and social outcomes for all New Zealanders. - The RSFR enables investment in significant sub-regional and regional sporting infrastructure; funding larger projects is beyond the financial capacity of individual councils; Projects like indoor multi-sport facilities, bike parks, and aquatic centers benefit the community. - The RSFR ensures secure funding across Northland for priority sub-regional and regional sporting projects, and provides surety for other funders to invest. - Play, active recreation, and sport contribute to social networks, economic value, environmental awareness, and cultural ties; investment in these areas yields a positive social return and enhances subjective well-being. The submission notes that Sport New Zealand provides a resource illustrating the value of local government investment in play, active recreation, and sport. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3230	Connor Guest	What a ridiculous notion. Stopping funding to the emergency services. It's like chopping off a limb you'll need ahead of time
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Unless a firm alternative commitment is in place to fund emergency services, it is essential to continue the existing arrangement. I support NRC to continue a funding contribution to help smaller sporting facilities (Third option above.) Sport is important for the health, wellbeing and networking opportunities across all age groups. I am involved with Hokianga Sailing Trust, which aims to provide the opportunity for anybody (but especially youth) to learn to sail without a cost barrier. Other skills such as water safety and teamwork are incidentally accrued. We have a plan to improve our base at Rawene and know of other groups wishing to expand (gymnasium for example)

		and the amount per household is relatively small compared with the benefit flowing from healthy activities.
LTP24_2488	Chris Biddles	I submit on two items in your long-term plan. No 1. The removal of the targeted rate for emergency services. I can understand your reasoning for considering this, particularly that Central Government should take responsibility for it. You may be correct however you know as well as I do that with the current state of the Nations debt it is unlikely to happen. I urge you to continue with the current emergency services support. No 2. The regional recreational facility targeted rate. This has been a very successful partnership between NRC and the whole of Northlands recreation groups. I do not agree with your staff's statement that there are not worthy projects now the first ones have been completed or underway. It is important to understand that for every dollar put into these facilities by Northland funders it is likely that 2 more will come from other funders. I urge you to continue with the current Recreational facility rate. I find your dialogue in the long-term plan misleading and difficult to follow. The below is copied from your plan, we're proposing to stop our funding contributions to emergency services (\$1.11M a year) and sports facilities (\$1.59M a year), and instead redirect this money to help fund growth in our core business. I have difficulty following how you can redirect the above funds to core business when they are both targeted rates. You state in your long term plan that retaining the existing targeted rates will have an overall increase in rates of \$27.65, we are currently paying that so how is it an increase? The info in your long term plan is misleading. I would like to be heard on the above submission.
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Inclusion Unleashed Accessible Recreational Activities for Disabled Children in NZ The Benefits of Inclusive Recreation for Disabled Children As parents of disabled children, we understand the unique challenges and concerns that come with raising a child with a disability. One area that often poses difficulties are finding suitable recreational activities that not only accommodate their needs but also allow them to fully participate and enjoy themselves. See Link The Benefits of Inclusive Recreation for Disabled Children https://designrr.site/?i=uz3q&t=5e1f34
LTP24_2526	Bethnie Frear	Please do not take away this funding. These services save my son's life and so many others. Keeping this service would continue to save lives here in the Far North. Please do not cancel the funding.
LTP24_3329	Roger File	Emergency services and sporting facilities are integral to the life blood of the community. The proposed option would mean that organisations which already struggle for funding and hence for their very existence, would be in even greater danger of disappearing from our communities. Both are essential to supporting a healthy and stable community. I defy any councillor to say that such support is not part of their core business. I fear for the future health and wellbeing of communities if council truly believes that it holds no responsibility for these aspects of funding.
LTP24_2631	Eileen Parsons Athletics Northland and Northland Athletics and Gymnasium Stadium Trust	I believe that because of the wide geographical area that NRC covers both these funds should be maintained. In the case of Emergency services - often the roads are inaccessible and even when they are passable, the time to take someone to hospital in an emergency, by using the helicopter could be a matter of life and or death. Many residents in the NRC area do not have transport which further increases the accessibility problem. As far as the recreational rate is concerned - we live in a society that has become much less active because of technology. An active community is a healthy community. Each of the sporting organisations within the area only use paid personnel in a relative minority of areas. Most of the people to lead, coach and run these sports are volunteers. They do not seek recompense and try to encourage all ages to participate. By keeping this rate, hopefully the situation will encourage more people to participate. We now have an excellent track at Kensington and with the growth in the gymnastics

		side of our organisation, we are looking at expanding the present building.
LTP24_2650	Lloyd Henry Morris and Colleen Daphne Morris	Our emergency services are vital to the community well being. It is necessary for NRC to continue funding these with a relatively small annual charge on ratepayers through our rates bill.
LTP24_2734	Nadene Bucherer	<p>It is imperative Council continue to provide funding to support both emergency services and regional sporting facilities. The long-term plan risks restricting access to quality sporting infrastructure, which may reduce participation in sport throughout Northland with profoundly negative consequences. Any near-term benefits arising from the modest cost savings would almost certainly be dwarfed by the adverse consequences that would result over the longer-term. Sporting facilities are quintessential "merit goods". They are hugely beneficial to individuals and societies as a whole but are often underused in the absence of government intervention, e.g., funding or subsidisation. When people use sporting facilities, there are numerous positive spillovers for society as a whole. For example: - Playing sport can have substantial beneficial effects upon physical fitness and health and can also boost mental health and well-being. - Many of the psychological and social skills that can be learned through playing sport are also important life skills, including resilience and working within a team. - Participating in sport can help create a culture that helps foster a sense of belonging and deepen connections within communities. - Involvement in activities outside of school - including sport - has been demonstrated to have a positive impact upon behaviour within the classroom. If NRC proceeds with its proposal to cease funding sporting facilities and this results in fewer people playing sport (which seems a likely - if not inevitable - consequence) all those broader benefits would be lost. One obvious consequence would be poorer physical and mental health outcomes, which would place even greater strain on a public health system that is already at breaking point. There would also be adverse impacts upon community comity that might manifest in many ways, such as higher crime rates. These impacts may not be directly observable or measurable, but that does not make them any less real or relevant - and they are likely to greatly outweigh any ostensible near-term cost saving. Put simply, every dollar NRC might save in the short-run by ceasing to fund sporting facilities, would result in a far greater sum being spent in the long-run to deal with the adverse effects. Cutting the expenditure would consequently be economically nonsensical from an overall welfare perspective - however well-intentioned. I am also very concerned about the proposed cuts to emergency services funding - including to the Northland rescue helicopter. The potential near-term cost saving seems utterly trivial when set against the value of human lives that could be saved through the delivery of those services over the next decade. Unless the helicopter service was able to find an equivalent sum from other sources, it would be forced to cease operating. The consultation documents provide no insight into whether NRC has considered if alternative financing options exist or if they are feasible. Recent media reports have suggested any termination of funding could be fatal to the ongoing viability of the service. If the loss of NRC's funding culminated in the cessation of this vital service it would represent an enormous blow to the region.</p>

LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	<p>As a ratepayer, it is completely abhorrent that the Northland Regional Council proposes to cut money that WE pay, and in significant numbers WANT TO CONTINUE paying towards these vital services. It is of significant importance and my personal and professional view that this money remains where it is going to. Most importantly towards the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It would be prudent for the NRC to stop this money if in fact our roads were maintained, our public services were adequate and consent time and costs were well below standard in its entirety. However, you propose to cut this funding, when you cannot keep up with basic functions of council relating to resources, environment and services. Cutting this funding provides no reassurance that you will in fact focus this money on "core business", with no assurances that the quality and output of NRC would improve. Therefore, due to NRC lacking to maintain many of it's core business responsibilities with the funding it has now. Cutting this vital funding would not entice NRC to improve, nor provide alleged better focuses on your core business. Ask yourself this question, to either the NRC or the person reading this feedback. How on earth can you propose to cut funding to such a vital service for both immediately life threatening needs, and basic lifeline services when it is our money that we pay for this service?. How in good faith and morality can you propose this? Reflect on yourself as ask do you know someone who has been helped by the rescue helicopter? How valuable is it to still have that person here today? Thanks</p>
LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	<p>As per the Tai Tokerau Accessible Strategy, make sure sporting facilities are accessible and available. i.e. all new facilities, and improve existing facilities to meet these requirements, as they are currently sorely lacking in both accessibility and availability.</p>
LTP24_2835	April Rawiri	<p>Both services are such a need across our region with a need to support sporting facilities for our younger generations to continue to have positive experiences and additionally having emergency services for all is essential.</p>
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	<p>Local Government Act 2002 10 Purpose of local government (1) The purpose of local government is- (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. I do not support no longer funding both the Emergency Services and Regional Sporting facilities As quoted above The Local Government Act 2002 directs councils, amongst other things to promote the social wellbeing of their respective communities. To say that these contributions can not be called part of core services is inaccurate I note that the previous NRC mission Statement mentioned Resilient Communities, which also supports the continuation of the services, it is a shame that Resilience is no longer mentioned in the mission and or desired outcomes of the proposed LTP Cutting off Emergency funding for the organisations other than NEST would potentially see them either ceasing to operate or a large reduction in their work, many are struggling to survive as is. These organisations need a secure funding source The continued support of NEST, while critical to all in Te Taitokerau, is also vital to having presence, recognition, relevance and influence within the new Emergency Helicopter business model. It has been made very clear that Central Government has no intention of supporting any of these services any further Stopping all of the Emergency funding puts all in Te Taitokerau at risk and is also a huge reputational risk for NRC The Regional Sports contribution was extremely popular and well supported when it was initiated. It has hugely benefited all within Te Taitokerau. Take this contribution away and the result with be a revert back to the previous inequity in sporting facilities within the region. I do not doubt that there are more very good facilities that are in the pipeline and could be funded by a continued contribution from NRC ratepayers. A possible compromise would be to decrease the contribution rather than</p>

		<p>discontinue it - surprised this wasn't also given as an option Would also comment that I was disappointed that discontinuation of the contributions of both funds has been presented in the LTP consultation as a decision that has already been made - predetermined. It is also disappointing to see in the media Sport Northland saying that the information NRC has put in their consult document is inaccurate - re the number and significance of projects in the pipeline. Please adhere to your responsibilities under the LG Act and commit to your Regional Leadership past and present statements Also please take on the following whakatauki' s as NRC responsibilities Toi tu te whenua, toi tu te moana, toi tu te tangata He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata</p>
LTP24_3271	Jaclyn Holder	Keep the funding to NEST!!!!!!
LTP24_3325	John Wansbone Sport Northland Board of Trustees	<p>- Sport Northland recognizes the tremendous contribution Northland Regional Council has made to the sport and active recreation sector in Northland. - Sport Northland strongly opposes Northland Regional Council's proposal to stop funding regional sporting facilities through the withdrawal of the regional sporting facilities rate. - Sport Northland supports option #3 - Continue to rate for the \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. -- The regional sporting facilities rate model ensures equitable and secure funding to kick start priority sporting infrastructure. Without the rate key regional projects are at risk of failing to get off the ground. - The rate has proven vital in the recent development of Northland's regional Bike Park on Pohe Island, Te Hiku Sports Hub in Kaitaia, the Kaikohe Multi Sports Complex, the Sportsville Dargaville Complex and upgrades to Semenoff Stadium. These facilities enable our communities to thrive and will have a significant positive impact on the lives of Northlanders for generations to come. - The Council's consultation document is misleading and incorrectly states that 'the projects listed on the Northland Sports Facilities Plan are now much smaller, and not likely to achieve the purpose of the rate of having regional benefit'. Kōkiri ai te Waka Hourua sets out a vision and strategic plan for the play, active recreation and sport sector in Northland and guides the selection of priority projects. Identified projects are prioritized based on the attainment of key criteria including social and economic return on investment along with the maturity of design planning and governance. Several projects are still in the early design stages but are no less significant than those which have been prioritized in the investment schedule. It is therefore incorrect to suggest that all remaining projects are not of a similar scale or no longer regionally significant. - Current unfunded projects include a multi-sport hub development in Waipapa, a dedicated regional indoor facility for Volleyball in Ruakaka and a substantial multi-purpose indoor facility in Whangarei that is expected to become the region's premier indoor facility. Significant redevelopment is also required across the region's aquatic facilities, along with delivery of the regional aquatics plan and regional courts plan. These projects represent large scale infrastructure and are regionally significant. - We recognize the financial challenges facing local government but are disappointed that NRC are proposing to withdraw the rate in its entirety. The proposed change creates significant risk to our communities and will widen the facilities deficiency gap in Northland. - Should option #3 not be achievable we ask that further consideration be given to a fourth option to reduce the rate and /or tighten the eligibility criteria, resulting in reduced cost yet continuing to deliver on the highest priority needs. Given the need for financial restraint across the LTP, Sport Northland would not oppose a decision to reduce the rate to \$10 which would generate savings of \$530,000 for Council to redirect to other services. [Staff note: key message above only, please see attached feedback for full details]</p>

LTP24_3333	David Mullan Northland Sports Coalition	<p>- The Northland Sports Coalition (NSC) recognizes the tremendous contribution Northland Regional Council has made to the sport sector through the regional sporting facilities rate. - The NSC represents 43 sports codes and 70,000 participants whom we speak on behalf of. - The NSC strongly opposes Northland Regional Council's proposal to stop funding regional sporting facilities through the withdrawal of the regional sporting facilities rate. - The Northland Sports Coalition supports option #4 - Continue to rate for the \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. - Having access to a network of quality regional facilities across Northland relates to NRC's Vision & Community Outcomes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reducing the need for travel - Safe and effective transport networks o Improving the wellbeing & connection of communities through participation in physical activities in regional hubs - Resilient, adaptable communities in changing climate o Providing economic opportunities for regional, national and international sports events <p>- A strong and sustainable regional economy</p> <p>- The regional sporting facilities rate model ensures equitable and secure funding to kick start priority sporting infrastructure. Not all sports are equally funded or have the same National Sports Organisation support, so the rate helps all codes realise their aspirations for quality facilities. - The rate has proven vital in the recent development of Northland's regional Bike Park on Pohe Island, Te Hiku Sports Hub in Kaitaia, the Kaikohe Multi Sports Complex, the Sportsville Dargaville Complex. These regional complexes are key in helping NSC codes deliver and enable sport right across Northland. - Current unfunded projects include a multi-sport hub development in Waipapa, a dedicated regional indoor facility for Volleyball in Ruakaka and a substantial multi-purpose indoor facility in Whangarei that is expected to become the region's premier indoor facility. Significant redevelopment is also required across the region's aquatic facilities, along with delivery of the regional aquatics plan and regional courts plan. These projects represent large scale infrastructure and are regionally significant. - We recognize the financial challenges facing local government, but the proposed change creates significant risk to our communities and will widen the facilities deficiency gap in Northland. - Should option #4 not be achievable we support Sport Northland's proposed other option to reduce the rate and /or tighten the eligibility criteria, resulting in reduced cost yet continuing to deliver on the highest priority needs. Given the need for financial restraint across the LTP, the NSC would not oppose a decision to reduce the rate to \$10 which would generate savings of \$530,000 for Council to redirect to other services. [Staff note, key messages only added above. Please see full feedback for further details]</p>
None of the above		
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	Only fund the emergency services.
LTP24_100	Heather Lane	<p>Another option: Continue the funding contribution to support emergency services at current levels of funding (\$1.1m a year) and contribute a smaller amount to helping sporting facilities. Emergency services are essential for Northland. Our medical facilities are substandard as they are and emergency services will not be able to continue without continued support. If we lose emergency services such as the helicopter, people will die or will have worsened long term implications which will in turn cost our hospitals more. People will move away from the area or won't come to the area due to the lack of medical services. You can hardly get in to see a doctor up here at the moment so people wait and suddenly it's an emergency. If NRC cares for the community at all, it will continue to fund these services and reduce spending/expenditure elsewhere where it doesn't affect people's lives. In Northland we have an ever increasing crime rate, gang presence and a severe lack of activities for youth. Sporting activities are proven to help keep kids out of trouble, keep them healthier and help them work out anger etc. Sports facilities are important. Perhaps they</p>

		don't need to be the state-of-the-art facilities and there seems to be a lot of unnecessary over-expense or lack of accountability from the contractors, so surely some dollars can be saved there. I would rather see my rates go towards emergency services than to other things like staff incentives.
LTP24_92	Reuben Clarke Wells	It is more important to me, that human life is paramount in providing support for humans than sporting facilities. My time with Victim support brought me face to face with lasting trauma emergencies created in whanau. Loss of life is traumatic, the grief and loss involved lasts for decades.
LTP24_596	Luc Lawler	Continue to fund the emergency services and sporting facilities and double the spending for emergency services
LTP24_644	Julie Simons	Continue funding for emergency services; my husband would not be alive if we didn't have the emergency helicopter
LTP24_902	Kylie Travers	Fund emergency services NOT sporting facilities. Emergency services are very important and save lives, everyone needs emergency services. Sports is just optional extra, lots of people don't even like sports. Personally I don't think council should fund sports at all.
LTP24_924	anonymous anonymous	fund emergency services but not sports, sports isnt an essential like emergency services is.
LTP24_1002	Lynne Haselden	Just find emergency services
LTP24_1095	Paul Lyndon John Stevenson	go back to core services only, cut all other services only
LTP24_1352	Nicola Walters	Leave it as it is! These services are essential
LTP24_1515	Pietta Anne Harris	Why are emergency services and sporting facilities in the same sentence? Emergency services are a need for everyone, unlike a sporting facility. People do not have a choice when a lifesaving helicopter and crew are needed. People choose to use different sporting facilities as it suits their needs. Also emergency helicopters covers the whole Northland region, the chopper team have no bias when it comes to doing their jobs to the best of their abilities. Keep the emergency services funding level the same or an increase would be more helpful to the Northland Region.
LTP24_1684	Ace Shattock	Why are these two categories merged into one question? Sport and Saving Lives are somewhat separate. Do not cut the funding to the emergency helicopter in favour of having "Maori Rescue" teams. That will lead to loss of life.
LTP24_1867	Wairere	Do not take aways the funding of our emergency services
LTP24_1451	Mark Osborne Te Hiku Sports Hub	Please continue to rate to support the development of sporting facilities across Northland. It is relatively small rate per household, but has an exponential benefit across our communities. We (Te Hiku Sports Hub) were fortunate to be an early recipient of \$1.4m from this fund which we in turn utilized to leverage more funding from a wider range of cornerstone funders and ultimately has enabled the soon to be opened facility to proceed where otherwise it would not have. It will be a game changer for the health and wellbeing of our district, not to mention the economic benefits through construction (\$11.7m) to local businesses and the significantly improved amenity to the community in retaining and attracting residents.
LTP24_2131	Michael Fox	I supporting funding of sporting facilities that directly benefit children getting into and continuing in spirt (e.g. local fields etc) as distinct from large stadiums. Emergency services should not be funded- Te Whatu Ora (central govt) should fund this.
LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	I would like see support for emergency funding to continue ie, the northland rescue helicopter services. This is very critical service. And must be funded. The regional sports facility is not a critical service, so in my opinion doesnt need the funding.

LTP24_2397	Roger John and Beverly Kathleen Alchin	We strongly believe that the contributions to emergency services must not be cut. In fact, if there is any change it must be an increased contribution to NEST, surf clubs, and St John.
LTP24_2435	Rebecca Eastlake	Don't stop funding these critical community services!!
LTP24_2811	Fiona king Elbury Holdings Ltd	Why have you got sports facilities in with emergency services ??? MY option is to support emergency services and stop supporting sporting facilities. Playing sport and going to sporting events are becoming a luxury not a necessity.
LTP24_2910	Sean Cahalane	continue funding Emergency services and increase funding to these services. This funding when set was an extra to the NRC rates for this funding stream and has nothing to do with the core business funding. If you stop this funding then you need to pay out all funds collected under this funding stream and not include in your general rates
LTP24_2921 LTP24_3300	Annette Hall Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Inc	Annette Hall [redacted] Senior Volunteer Radio Operator Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Inc. SUBMISSION TO NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL: FUNDING EMERGENCY SERVICES FNRC Plan 2024-2034 No longer funding emergency services or regional sporting facilities, and instead redirecting that funding back into core council functions like our environmental work. See page 31. We've been supporting emergency services in Te Taitokerau for a number of years through the 'Emergency Services Rate' - the rescue helicopter service, Coastguard, St Johns, Surf Lifesaving, Search and Rescue, and Far North Radio and Sea Rescue. They're unquestionably critical services, but funding them isn't part of our core role as a regional council. Some funding models have changed since we started funding these emergency services - for example, Northland's rescue helicopter service (the biggest recipient of our funding at \$0.535M a year) is now incorporated into Northern Rescue, ACC and the Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health). For some, our funding is a small proportion of their overall budget. For smaller services, it may have a bigger impact. Our proposed Option: Stop funding emergency services and regional sporting facilities from June 2024. Main Sources of Cash and Resources: Hartnell Grond Walker Kaitaia: Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Incorporated CC49018 Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Inc, based in Doubtless Bay in the Far North of New Zealand is a private Volunteer community coast watch station that has been providing a vital VHF and SSB marine radio service since 1947 without any direct government funding. VHF coverage is from the Cavalli Islands on the East Coast and from Whangape north on the West Coast, including the Three Kings Islands. There is no other volunteer organisation providing a VHF Radio Service that covers these areas. SSB coverage is international for the offshore and Commercial operators. Far North Radio and Sea Rescue has been a vital part of the Far North Community since 1947. Started by the Walker family in Awanui to provide communication between the then thriving commercial fishing industry and fishing companies. The organisation has evolved over the years to become an integral part of the Far North Community as well as continuing to serve the commercial fishing industry. It is now involved in all maritime activities including compliance, education, community awareness activities and tourism. There are 7 shore based volunteer operators who provide VHF Radio service including the sole operator who also provides a SSB service to the commercial fleet and off shore yachting community. Local weather and tide information are regularly updated and broadcast at least 4 times a day at specific sked times during the day throughout the day and a more extensive NZ coastal and Pacific forecasts are broadcast vis SSB. As the senior Radio Operator my normal shifts are: 1730- 0830 Monday to Friday. Over the weekends I usually have a four hours break between 0830-1300 and then usually on duty till 0830 Monday morning. If Monday is a Public Holiday another Radio Operator gives me a break between 0830-1300. In addition, I am on shift for the Christian religious holidays of Easter and Christmas and the following New Year's break. This is a volunteer Radio shift in excess

of 80 hours per week. FN Radio reports to RCC, Maritime NZ, MPI, NZ Police, NZ Customs, Regional and Local Councils and DOC as required. The SSB service to the families of the offshore yachting community by providing daily position emails. Sometimes, this is the only link with family members and friends sailing international waters. Despite being a vital volunteer community organisation we do not receive any direct government funding despite providing this unique service. Members subscriptions are the main source of income. Fortunately, local business', service clubs, the public, Commercial fishing sector continue to be supportive. The Regional Council and NZ Customs contribute as funds allow and further fundraising is actively pursued to purchase and maintain equipment. The network of 3 repeaters at Tauroa Point, Te Paki and Mt Camel are maintained at no cost to any authority. Kordia, the government communications system has in fact taken over Te Paki and a fee has been paid to Kordia to allow maintenance to be carried out. Accountants Hartnell Grond Walker Chartered Accountants: Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Incorporated Entity Information As at 30 June 2023 Main Methods Used to Raise Funds: Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services Additional Information Address Postal Address Email Address miss5kitty1@yahoo.co.nz Telephone 027 2067139. For the year ended 30 June 2023,19800 Radio Calls were logged over approximately 10266 volunteer radio watch hours. Far North Radio and Sea Rescue responded to 141 calls for assistance and a further 26 involving NZ police, Maritime NZ, Rescue Control Centre and DOC. We were an integral part of the radio operations for the Enchanter tragedy in March. Local specialist mechanics, engineers are vital to the ongoing maintenance and these trades people regularly supply their goods and services at a minimal charge. When the Government purloined the '80' network of channels in 2018 for whatever reason, we were allocated a new channel -02 and the cost of the upgrade to Tauroa Point repeater was squarely dumped on this organisation. Knowing full well that immediate funding was unattainable, the almost \$15,000 was paid by just 5 of our members and supporters and the upgrade was completed in 2019. Unless agencies that rely on this vita service are forthcoming with financial assistance, this may very well mean the end. Equipment will be removed. A whole new set up was created with the '80' channels, so, setting up a marine radio network should be of little consequence. FNR is the safety coordinator for various fishing competitions that take place in our VHF coverage area including but not limited to DB Sport Fishing Club, Houhora Bjg Game and Sport Fishing Club, Ahipara Game Fish Club and the annual 8 days Nationals competition organised by the NZ Fishing Council The only funding FNR has ever received from the Emergency Services Fund is \$18k allocated for ongoing Repeater maintenance. There are 3 repeaters situated at Mt Camel, Te Paki, Tauroa Point. The average maintenance cost for Mt Camel or Tauroa Point has been \$17k-21K per year. Te Paki's last maintenance bill was \$27k. For over 70 years, maintenance has been paid by commercial and charter boat operators, generous donations from businesses with an interest in recreational fishing. Subscriptions which used to provide most funding have been on the decline as a result of Coastguard members believing that when they by a CG subscription they are also entitled to use our service. CG has vessels but not a dedicated Marine Radio service. I believe CG has use of channel #16, the National Emergency Radio frequency. There is a proposal to have a 'Joint Emergency Coordination Centre'. -Increased emergency management capacity -Better emergency response enabled via a joint coordination centre. Our Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) team's work is about ensuring our region is prepared for, and able to respond and recover from, these emergencies. There is a raft of challenges in the emergency management space, including new requirements following legislative changes, the need to strengthen iwi and hapū relationships

		<p>and collaboration around emergency management. To meet these growing needs, we need to increase the capacity of our CDEM team. Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) : NRC Website The Northland CDEM Group is managed by a Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG). Members of this group comprise: - the chief executive officer of each member organisation or a senior person acting on that person's behalf; - a senior representative of the police assigned for the purpose by the Commissioner of Police; - a senior representative of the fire service assigned for the purpose by the National Commander; - a chief executive of a district health board in the Northland region representing the district health boards in the Northland region, or a person acting on their behalf; - a chief executive of an ambulance service in the Northland region, or a person acting on their behalf; - representatives of Northland iwi as appointed by Te Kahu o Taonui; and - any other person who may be co-opted by the Group. The functions of the CEG include: - providing advice to the Group and any committees or subcommittees of the Group; - implementing, as appropriate, decisions of the Group; and - overseeing the implementation, development, maintenance, monitoring, and evaluation of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan - - 2.2 The Northland Context : Northland CDEM Group Plan 2021-2026 Page: 10/70 - The Region - The area covered by the CDEM Group and this plan is shown on the map in Section 1. It includes the Far North, Whangārei and Kaipara Districts and the coastal marine area to the seaward boundary of 12 nautical miles??? - Mission: Page: Northland CDEM Group Plan 2021-2026 11/70 To strengthen the resilience of Northland by managing risks, being ready to respond to and recover from emergencies, and by enabling, empowering and supporting individuals, organisations and communities to act for themselves and others, for the safety and wellbeing of all Where are the Maritime partners in this document? Perhaps the time has come for Maritime NZ to take on this responsibility: What does Maritime NZ do? 'Preventing harm: is at the heart of what Maritime NZ does. Through engagement, education and enforcement, we seek to avoid maritime incidents, reduce risks, and create a safety culture for all New Zealanders working and playing on our waters.' PROVISION OF MARITIME SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE We maintain New Zealand's coastal navigation aids to shipping (principally coastal lights), the national maritime distress and safety radio service, and an emergency locator beacon detection network for land, sea and air. No mention of repeater maintenance</p>
LTP24_2987	Lynnette Cochrane	You must continue to fund our emergency services and sporting facilities I am happy for more budget to be allocated to this area not less. This is one thing you should be able to do right it is important to all of us.
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	Continue to support the Rescue Helicopter and emergency services. Sporting facilities should be user pays. NRC needs to focus on delivering core services only. Keep rate increases to a bare minimum as ratepayers cannot afford any increases in rates. Everyone is struggling.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	Continue our funding contribution to support emergency services at current levels of funding (\$1.11M a year), plus an inflation adjustment. No extra \$1.1m at all for core business. This is absolutely vital, to save lives and health. Drop the sporting subsidies.
No option selected, but comment made:		
LTP24_369	Carol Lesley Neeley	I do not agree with your option to end the community funding for the emergency services. Currently the \$12.00 per household is a marvelous method for every household to contribute to these services. It is done in a painless manner through the rates. This meagre amount per household will only buy 3 loaves of bread at the supermarket yet in its entirety it's a massive donation to the emergency services who save lives. We need this practice to continue. Thankyou

LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	If other councils don't fund these avenues then can we stop funding them as well? Who will fund them?
LTP24_484	Pat Monro	Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the NRC LTP. I would like to see the continuation of funding for Emergency Services and support for Sports Facilities but in the interest of minimising the rates increase I feel that funding for the Emergency Services is essential and may need increasing while Sports Facilities may need to be dropped for the present. Regards Pat Monro
LTP24_668	Vicky Hughes and Dennis Marks	As rate payers, my husband and I were are deeply concerned at hearing the news that the Northland Regional Council was proposing to cut funding for the Rescue Helicopter and St John Surf Lifesaving Northern. The Rescue Helicopter is an essential lifesaving service for the Far North, especially given the state of the roads and the time involved in transferring people with life threatening conditions to hospital. This service should be fully funded and any cuts to the service would be a tragedy for the Far North. We believe any small savings this would make to the rates is far outweighed by the impact on the community if this service was no longer available. We also believe that any cuts to the Surf Lifesaving service would be a terrible mistake that is likely to cost lives. We ask you to urgently reconsider this decision for the health and wellbeing of our community.
LTP24_664	Jacki Welch	Please do not cut the funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter etc If you need me to do anything else to make my voice count please let me know. JACKI Welch
LTP24_676	Leigh Guddat	Hi there, I am very concerned to hear that funding for emergency services is looking to be cut. As an RN in the Whangarei emergency department I can assure you that without the funding for the emergency helicopter, Northlanders will face further inequities in health care. Already, those who live in northland are limited in care they can receive purely because of location where we live. Some things are time critical and people must be transferred to a specialty centre within a certain amount of time. For example stroke patients or those suffering heart attacks/TBI's etc. without the helicopter many people will become ineligible for further treatment and will have to live with lasting negative outcomes. Considering northland has one of the highest Māori populations in the country who are already at a health disadvantage, pulling emergency funding will further exacerbate this. Also, surf life saving is something that is desperately required in northland. Especially over the summer months. We see already too many drownings and without surf life saving that will increase untold. Please reconsider this budget cut and cut somewhere else. It could be your child or family member who is negatively impacted by this decision. I understand that money is tight across the nation in a recession but emergency services is not something that is 'optional'. People have emergencies no matter what the economy is doing. Other things can be put on hold which will be disappointing but NOT life impacting.
LTP24_673	Lisa Messenger	I have just learned of your intention to cut funding to the vital emergency services in Northland. I am appalled by this decision and urge you to reconsider. My family believe strongly in giving back to the community in which we live and are involved in both surf life saving and the volunteer fire service. Emergency services in Northland are an essential component to the safety and well being of our whanau and visitors to our region. I urge to reverse this decision and further more would ask you to increase funding to these essential services.
LTP24_662	Elizabeth Van Der Kaay	I feel not included funding for emergency service is something you should have in the long term plan. If you see what happens with climate change you need this funding. We are already isolated in the north, and there is a large area that we cover as a regional Council. You should take this into consideration and give the organisations the funding. I also feel that should go up per household to a total of \$15 per year. Thank you Regards Elizabeth van der Kaay

LTP24_669	Hana Dignan	<p>Dear Northland Regional Council Members, I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the recent proposal to halt funding for emergency services within our region. As a resident deeply invested in the welfare and safety of our community, I urge you to reconsider this shortsighted and potentially devastating decision. Emergency services play an indispensable role in ensuring the protection and well-being of our citizens. Whether it's responding to medical emergencies, fire incidents, or natural disasters, these brave individuals are the first line of defense when crisis strikes. By defunding these essential services, we are not only jeopardizing the safety of our community members but also undermining the very fabric of our society. It is crucial to recognize that emergencies do not discriminate based on economic status or political affiliation. They can affect anyone at any time, and having reliable emergency services in place is not a luxury but a necessity. Lives hang in the balance, and every second counts in critical situations. Cutting funding for emergency services would only lead to longer response times, increased casualties, and unnecessary suffering for our fellow residents. Moreover, neglecting to support emergency services sends a distressing message about our priorities as a community. It suggests that we are willing to compromise public safety for short-term financial gain, a notion that is both reprehensible and unacceptable. Our responsibility as elected officials and stewards of this region extends far beyond balancing budgets; it encompasses safeguarding the well-being and security of those we serve. I implore you to reconsider this proposal and instead explore alternative solutions to address any budgetary concerns. Let us work together to find ways to optimize existing resources, enhance efficiency, and ensure that emergency services remain adequately funded. Our community's safety should never be up for debate, and it is our collective duty to uphold and protect it. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make the right decision for the welfare of our community.</p>
LTP24_686	Sue Rutherford	<p>Emergency Services Fund I was very disappointed to see where scrapping of these funds was being considered. Our emergency rescue helicopter relies heavily on subsidies like these to undertake the valuable work and rescue activities that are so appreciated by Northlanders. I would be very opposed, as a ratepayer, to see these funds reduced when there are so many Council funded activities that are nowhere near as important. These people in rescue services put their lives on the line, often in the most atrocious conditions 24/7, to rescue and transport those of urgent care, so please do not trivialise their efforts in favour of things more trivial. I would ask for some more sensible priorities when making funding choices. Thank you,</p>
LTP24_683	Vickie Corbin Mahinepua	<p>northland rescue helicopter You guys have your priorities all wrong Stop wasting money on stupid ideology schemes and get your heads out of the flipping sand Our hospitals have gone and we need a good reliable critical care service as everything has been depleted by incompetent people Instead of fancy maori names and useless wastage of funds on minor things put the money where it is needed Common sense prevails but obviously not in the councils case</p>
LTP24_670	Wayne Grusning	<p>We need to continue to fund the emergency services.</p>
LTP24_677	Sam Corbin	<p>Hi I recently found out that FNDC are looking to reduce funding to critical emergency services in the far north. This is unbelievable that the FNDC are even considering this with the remote and rugged nature of the far north. These key services are the life line to many in the far north be it coast guard, life saving, far north radio or the Helicopter services, they all have there place and requirement in the far north and funding from FNDC should be ensured it stays in place for the people of the far north. The amount of wasted spending in other areas within the FNDC should be reviewed before removing funding of critical services in the far north. I strongly opposed the proposal of removing funding to these services in the far north.</p>

LTP24_696	Deborah Smith	Removal of funding towards the Northland emergency services To whom it may concern I am writing to register my objection to the removal of the emergency services fund in the future plan. I support the continuation of our emergency helicopter services at the current level of \$1 a month on the rates bill.
LTP24_692	Louise Maree Pascoe	Keep the emergencies services fund Hi NRC I'm emailing as a rate payer /concerned northlander that NRC is planning to scrap the emergencies services fund, it is an absolutely vital service that saves so many lives and we absolutely can't be with out this service. Keep the Emergencies Services Fund Please!!
LTP24_687	Graham Kenrick	Northland Rescue Helicopter To NRC You may not consider NRC support for NEST as core business it is however a vital LIFELINE for the whole community of greater Northland and as such clearly a moral responsibility of NRC is to continue funding NEST. I can only deem the proposal to cease funding to be sheer lunacy. Yours truely a disillusioned NRC constituent
LTP24_665	Catherine & William Donaldson	We support at the very least, a continuation of the emergency services we are currently funding per household. The amount per household is completely reasonable given that for most in the far north area a half hour trip minimum to the nearest hospital per event would cost at least that much. Supposing that each household had access to private transportation which we all know is not a given for many of our communities in this region. Funding these services saves lives. Care of our sick, disabled, elderly, children and other vulnerable persons is an absolute right for every New Zealander.
LTP24_667	Nick Smith	As a regional ratepayer, I would like to make a single, simple submission regarding potential changes to Emergency Service Funding - it is my opinion that this item should absolutely continue to be supported in the current manner by the Northland Regional Council.
LTP24_707	Emilie O'Shea	NRC Everyone wants the Emergency Services Fund continued! Northland rescue helicopters would save more lives than anything else in Whangarei. It is important to keep this running despite budget cuts etc!
LTP24_698	Barry Skelton	NRC Emergency Services Fund continued I request that the NRC CONTINUE to fund the Emergency Services Fund
LTP24_703	Carlisa Silby	Emergency services funding Hello, It is very important that the emergency services funding is continued. Alot of people have had their lives saved because of this lifeline. I know of multiple people myself.
LTP24_708	Bernadette Wright	Emergency Helicopter service MUST not be cut.. To whom it may concern The news regarding the Emergency Helicopter service was terrible. I cannot find a simple way to lodge my concerns.
LTP24_691	Freda Faye	Continue emergency services fund
LTP24_713	Shelley Evans	Emergency Services Fund Hi Team, I understand that Northland Regional Council has released a consultation document on the Long Term Plan, proposing that its Emergency Services Fund be scrapped later this year? I am emailing in support of continuing the community funding for our helicopter service, I think you just need to look at the statistics of the usage of this service and in our remote areas where this service is required. How else is this service going to be provided? Our ambulance service you might say - I think we all know this is under enough pressure as well. I appreciate you taking the time to read my email and hopefully more community members inform you of this valued service to our area. Feel free to contact me on 0211705446 if you have any questions. Enjoy your day.
LTP24_685	C V Lange	Emergency Services Fund KEEP FUNDING THE RESCUE HELICOPTER
LTP24_684	Sandra Caley	EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND It's imperative this emergency fund continues to be available to all 3 emergency services and I'm sure all ratepayers will be happy to pay the \$12 per household on their rates. We can't afford to have these essential services go unfunded. It just

		doesn't make sense and it's unthinkable that you should even contemplate it. Please reinstate this fund immediately.
LTP24_729	Jo Marker	Please continue to fund the Northland Rescue Helicopter Kia ora I pledge my support for the NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund, the Northland Rescue Helicopter is a critical service for our community, it saves lives. As I am a rate payer I wish the NRC to continue to support this. Ngā mihi nui
LTP24_702	Mark Kitchen	Northland Rescue Helicopter Funding. I would like NEST Northland Rescue Helicopter to have continued funding by the NRC Northland Regional Council.
LTP24_726	Lesley Chitty	Emergency Service Fund I, Lesley Chitty of 18 Taiko Street, Horahora, Whangarei 0110, New Zealand, submit that the NRC should continue the current method of funding the Emergency Services.
LTP24_693	Susan and Ivan Turner	Emergency helicopter We are very disturbed at the thought that NRC wishes to withdraw funding previously allocated to the emergency helicopter. In our rural areas there is no way to transport those people in need of quick hospitalisation other than by the helicopter. So, we feel the NRC needs to revisit this decision.
LTP24_734	Maria Goodhew	Emergency Services Fund Submission in support of the Emergency Services Fund being retained.
LTP24_712	Julie Hartnell	Funding for emergency services Please keep it. It is a small price to pay for the services they provide to the whole community.
LTP24_705	Carol Jessop	Emergency Services Fund I would like the above funding to be continued. NEST is a vital service for Northland, already struggling to provide a service.
LTP24_709	Alison Lees	Long term plan submission I am very much against cutting or reducing money allocated for emergency services through the Emergency Services Rate. This funding facilitates vital, and most often voluntary, work carried out around the region for the safety of its residents. If it's not part of NRC's core business, it should be. Fat could well be trimmed elsewhere at the NRC which has gained substantially in staff numbers in the past few years.
LTP24_724	Darren O'connor	Funding I am telling NRC that i want the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_717	Nicky Reid	NEST Hi, I was a volunteer for NZFS/FENZ in ruawai area for many years. The NEST chopper saved many lives on my watch and it was always a huge relief to hear it coming. I would not enjoy being a volunteer to be left in that type of situation Without the support of NEST. Please maintain its funding - lives are at stake daily.
LTP24_719	Bradley Mitchell	Long Term Plan Dear councillors This community is a widespread one spreading as it does from Auckland in the south to Cape Reinga in the north. At times of crisis and life threatening incidents, we depend upon the Emergency Services fund to maintain such services as the Northland Rescue helicopter service, and others to help with cleanup and logistical needs.. It seems very short sighted to contemplate scrapping this fund to save a few dollars. Surely human life and dignity mean so much more than a fiscal profit line. The council exists to provide services, not cut them.
LTP24_733	Hamish	Emergency services fund Hi I support the continuation of this service.
LTP24_727	Jess Kean	Emergency Services Fund submission Kia ora I pledge my support for the NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund, the Northland Rescue Helicopter is a critical service for our community, it saves lives. As I am a rate payer I wish the NRC to continue to support this. Ngā mihi nui
LTP24_728	Judy Williamson	Please Keep Emergency services money in Budget.
LTP24_731	Cleve Bloor	Rescue Helicopters To Whom it may concern. I would like to support the idea of the NRC having a dedicated fund for the Rescue Helicopters. Their role is way too important to just leave to fundraising.

LTP24_748	Helme Heine	Emergency Services Fund continued Dear Madam/Sir, we herewith wish the Emergency Services Fund to be continued in the Russell peninsular.
LTP24_735	Bill & Julie Kidman	Emergency Services Fund To whom it may concern, We understand the funding for the Emergency Services Fund is being reviewed. We would like to register our support for the continuation of this fund, supporting this essential community service.
LTP24_737	Ian and Stacey Beattie	Emergency Services Fund I and my family wholeheartedly support the continuation of the NRC Emergency Services Fund. Whilst I am grateful to have not received personal service from the Services this Fund supports, I fully understand that those services are required 24/7 365 days a year. This levy truly does make a difference and contributes to saving the lives of Northlanders and visitors to our region on a daily basis. DO NOT SCRAP THIS FUND!
LTP24_790	Anna Huggett	Emergency Services Fund Dear Submissions team, I wish to request that the emergency services fund be continued. I live in Russell and the emergency helicopter service is particularly important. After ferry service hours we have to wait for the ferry to be put into service for an ambulance and that can take a lot of time. This could be a matter of life and death.
LTP24_791	Ellen Kirton	Rescue helicopter Without the rescue helicopter people will die. You are playing with people's lives here. For serious cases, an ambulance needing a ferry crossing and a long drive to Whangarei over twisting roads will be dangerous and too late. Do not stop funding the helicopter.
LTP24_794	Cristine Aronson	The Future Plan. submission re: Emergency Services Fund To the FNDC: In regard to the proposal to cut funding for Emergency / Rescue Services as a community member I fully support the current system of targeted annual rate of \$12 going to all households in Northland. There is significant need for these services especially in areas distant from hospitals. While not "a core business", the need for the NES is literally a matter of lives and deaths and needs to be sustained. I personally know people who required and were saved as a result of the helicopter service; we are a community dependent on it. Therefore, I repeat my support to continue the community funding of our helicopter service. Thank you
LTP24_797	Duncan Innes	Long Term Plan consultation comment - emergency helicopter funding I note from the draft Plan that current funding by NRC of the Northland Emergency Services Trust is to be discontinued. I feel this service is of particular benefit to rural and remote people and in fact is a lifesaver As a ratepayer and taxpayer I very strongly oppose cutting this funding and suggest that other services should be cut if necessary in order to allow NRC to continue to fund the helicopter. Please lodge this as a comment on the consultation and thank you for your consideration.
LTP24_661	Leesa Andrewes Sport Northland	Please duly note my submission to continue the Northland Sporting Facilities rate.
LTP24_671	Fiona Jenkins	Please lodge my disappointment in the NRC removing the \$12 Levy/annual payment to help fund the Rescue Helicopter & the Surf Lifesaving services. These are absolutely vital services to maintain especially here in Tai Tokerau & as a ratepayer I agree to pay the required per annum sum. I find it quite ironic that we get a new CD & Emergency services building here in Whangarei which we are funding but are expected to be ok with our surf lifesaving & Rescue Helicopter services struggling to survive?
LTP24_862	Karl wilson	All ready talking of rate rise to fund! Stop increasing rates and get the basics right. I pay rates on my property and the area is a shambles yet increasing rates for sporting facilities that i help do fundraiser's to get money for you have dropped the ball!

LTP24_680	Doug and Carol Faithfull	It is with great apprehension that we became aware of the proposal that the ESF be scrapped. The rescue helicopter service is a vital link for northlanders ability to access health services. Northland is a large area with many people living and working in remote locations not easily or quickly accessed by road. The helicopter ensures that in emergencies health needs are met in a timely fashion. Given that the cost to rate payers is only \$12 per household per annum the financial advantage to NEST and other emergency services far out way this burden to rate payers. We vehemently oppose scrapping this targeted rate.
LTP24_690	Bridget Allen	NRC Funding I want NRC to continue funding the Emergency Services Fund
LTP24_710	West Hill	Northland Rescue Helicopter Service NRC. As a rates payer I would like the Emergency Services fund continued.
LTP24_723	Chris Hoult	Rescue helicopter I am disappointed in your decision to scrap the Emergency Services fund, this is one of the rare instances where almost all can agree that the money is well spent and you're scrapping it, I'm sure you can expect a response from the public if not now then at election time. I for one shall be watching how this develops and then voting accordingly.
LTP24_732	Michael Williamson	Please Keep Emergency services money in Budget.
LTP24_1043	Joby	Rescue team it is a very essential service saving life How can the council can cut funding for it
LTP24_1139	Alex Weekes NEST	I am very much against defunding the rescue helicopter. It is a vital service for Northlanders and must be maintained!
LTP24_1150	Tui Allen	People in Russell need the rescue helicopter to continue. I am in favour of it being protected. I live out in Jacks Bay. We are in our seventies. There's nothing but a long and winding road between us and help. Older people like us can't afford to move to live near health care.
LTP24_1141	Natasha Nevill	Many people in Northland are remote from medical services and the rescue helicopter provides a potential lifesaving service to these people. The relatively small amount that council contributes is still very important to the continuation of this service. Most ratepayers wouldn't be adversely affected by the shall increase in rates. The impact of withdrawing this funding would be out of all proportion to the small increase.
LTP24_1158	Peter and Gillian Jones	Continuation of the Emergency Services Fund through rate payer contribution to The Northland Rescue Helicopter service. To whom it concerns as members of the NRC, We wish to register our concern that the contribution from the rate payers of Northland to help fund the rescue helicopter is being eyed as a possible cut in funding. This action , would be extremely shortsighted as so much of the Far North is a long way from specialist immediate care at the base hospitals. We urge the members of NRC to continue to subsidise, via percentage of annual rates, The Northland Rescue Helicopters. This is a service we cannot afford to lose.
LTP24_1151	Sandy Myhre	Emergency helicopter funding Please do NOT stop helping to fund this essential service.
LTP24_1159	Rhys Dempster	Rescue Helicopter Helimed To whom may concern, After working alongside this team for over 18 years, it is an absolute no brainer to keep this service funded and flying the skies across northland. The lives this organisation and machines and staff have saved are and have been life changing for many families and whanaus across Northland. NRC it step up and continue to contribute to what you have started as you know and can see the difference this organisation makes to Northland people
LTP24_1169	Sue Forsyth	NEST Good Morning, As a Northlander I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. The people of Northland need this service of NEST.
LTP24_1147	Teresa	Please continue with the emergency services it is important that they stay funded - happy to pay \$12 towards annual NRC costs

LTP24_1177	P Whyman	NRC Emergency Services Fund To whom it may concern IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS FUND IS CONTINUED to provide services to the NORTH.
LTP24_1146	Barbara Gibson	I, BARBARA GIBSON am voting to keep funding ongoing for our Rescue Helicopter. Having been rescued by it 6 years ago I know the value of this emergency service. PLEASE KEEP THE EMERGENCY COMMUNITY FUNDING GOING FOR OUR RESCUE HELICOPTER
LTP24_1155	Evan Williams	Emergency Services Fund - NEST Tena koe I and my family strongly support the continuation of the funding of the helicopter service. Our reasons are: 1. It saves lives each year 2. It avoids the serious damage to patients caused by not getting to hospital 3. Adequate emergency services are essential to continued development of the Far North and reducing helicopter emergency services will slow development and the economic contributions of development capital. I know this directly from personal and experience over the last 25 years of developing and managing coastal properties in the Bay of Islands. Investors are heavily influenced by the existence of rapid emergency services or the absence of them. I have seen that countless times - especially as the Far North competes Queenstown, Wānaka, the Hawkes Bay for investment capital. Each high end property like Mataka Station, The Landing, Omarino, Kauri Cliffs each contributed significantly more than \$100,000,000 to the construction sector to the Far North as they were built (and are till being built). That expenditure also drive significant ongoing in employment, services and tourism. New versions of this developments will not occur if the Far North are stranded from helicopter emergency services.
LTP24_1184	Vivienne Shaw	Northland requires Emergency Funds to be continued To Whom It May Concern, On the 29th August 2009 at 5.30pm our Son Mitchell (aged 3 years old) was hit by a car on Marsden Road, Paihia. An extremely traumatic time for all involved. St John Ambulance arrived eventually, Mitchell was assessed, and the Paramedics realized he needed to get to Whangarei Hospital asap. Northland Helicopter Emergency were called. Mitchell and I were transported to Whangarei Hospital where they diagnosed a clot on the brain and brain injury. We were then flown by helicopter to Starship Hospital where we stayed for a month while Mitchell was being treated. The rest is history, Mitchell is still with us today, which we are truly grateful and thankful for. BUT if it wasn't for our Northland Helicopter Emergency Service and their response, who knows? Northland, the Far North, have so many remote places where accidents happen, and our Ambulances are not able to reach them. The roads in Northland and the Far North are appalling to travel to get to any major Medical Facility fast. We MUST fund our Helicopter Emergency Service, PERIOD. Many thanks
LTP24_1164	Paula Pepperell	The Helicopter Emergency Service must remain Hi, I would like to add my support to making sure that the Emergency Service - Helicopter Service remains in place for Russell and the surrounding area. Many of our members are retired, currently active in the community and know that in an emergency, help is at hand if required. On a personal note: My husband and I have recently moved to Russell, have bought land which we plan to build on. Our intention is to live the rest of our lives here in Russell and invest in the area. Knowing that the helicopter service is in place was one of many determining factors to decide that this is the right place for us. The extra funds required to keep this crucial service in place is money well spent in my opinion.
LTP24_1148	Anne Mansfield	Hi there As a rate payer (Acct # [redacted]) I am emailing you to object to the Emergency Services Fund being scrapped. I live in Russell and the Nest Rescue Chopper is vital for our community, and the rest of The Far North's remote communities in times of emergencies. I am more than willing to have this vital service funded through my rates. Thank you

LTP24_1144	Penny Gordon	Dear FNDC The Northland Rescue Helicopter provides a vital service to the far north. Removing funding would severely compromise health assistance in Northland's challenging terrain. And not the decision of a council interested in the welfare of it's constituents. Please continue funding the Rescue Helicopter with our rates money. Yours faithfully Penny Gordon
LTP24_1173	Alan Macfarlane	Northern Regional Council - Funding for Emergency Services Kia ora The funding for Emergency Services in Russell and surrounding areas needs to be continued. Emergency Services have proven their worth time and time again in Russell. They do a marvellous job, are very much appreciated by the entire town, and I personally know of one instance that a life of a friend would have been 'lost' without their services! Please give this matter your most urgent attention. Ngā mihi
LTP24_1156	June Leef	Funding Hello, We need the Emergency Services Fund to be continued please. We have seen it save so many lives in our rural isolated community and it takes away so much stress in a very stressful time. Thank you!!
LTP24_1163	Kris Gatehouse	Emergency services Hi We want the emergency services fund to continue. Please dont stop the funding as it as this is a vital service for northland which I see 1st hand the amazing service they provide thro being a volunteer fire fighter for FENZ We pay rates and want some of our money to continue going to NEST.
LTP24_1152	be.pullar@farmside.co.nz	EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND I am appalled at the thought that this fund will not continue. The Nest Helicopter is an essential part of the Northland services. I have first hand dealings with the Northland Health services when my husband was alive. I was told I lived in the Boonies that made it harder to get services and the knowledge that a helicopter could arrive gave me peace of mind. I have known of times when it has done that in local rural areas. North of the Harbour Bridge we are forgotten in so many ways and this service gives everyone peace of mind. It is essential to keep it going. This is proven by the huge number of private donations but this will never be enough it needs the support that you are preparing to remove. This is not the only essential service that will loose funding. All the others are just as worthy. I have contributed to many in my small way and used the ST John many times. We are a costal land which makes Surf Lifesaving and Coast Guard Far North Radio and Sea Rescue an important part of our lifestyles I have a granddaughter in search and rescue and ST John and can undertand how much is involved. I am a 77 year old retired dairy farmer SO IN MY RAMBLINGS I FULLY SUPPORT THIS NRC EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND CONTINUING.
LTP24_1193	Dave Clarke	Funding continuance Hi NRC I support the continuance of the funding for the Northland Regional Services Regards Dave Clarke
LTP24_1181	Ted and Liz Gledhill	funding for emergency services Kia Ora, Although funding for emergency services is technically not part of the Council's core servicing we feel very strongly that it should continue. The cost per household works out at approximately \$12 per annum, the equivalent of two cups of coffee a year or 23 cents per week. The vital work that these services carry out for Northland is invaluable & should funding cease the potential knock on effects could be drastic for the people of Northland requiring urgent assistance. Having recently returned from a trip to Auckland we noted that the Northland Rescue Helicopter made three return journeys to Auckland City Hospital on one day alone. This helps to reinforce the importance of the funding provided by NRC. In conclusion we support the option to continue the funding contribution to emergency services at current levels (\$1.11m a year) & if possible to increase this in line with the cost of living.
LTP24_1165	Ray Van Der Wende	Westpac Rescue helicopter service To the decision makers at the NRC. PLEASE do not discontinue the Emergency Services Fund for the helicopters. They struggle with funding as it is. They are a vital service to our community and they save people's life's. The 500k you are thinking

		of stopping is money the people/rate payers give to you. We want you to continue to support the Westpac Rescue helicopters.
LTP24_1172	Don Jansen	Nest Good morning, I have received an e-mail from the Helicopter service advising the the Northland Regional Council is considering cancelling the funding to the service. I would urge you to please continue this funding for an excellent and very necessary service. I am 93 and my wife live at the Jane Mander Retirement Village and I doubt that I or my wife will personally need this service but we hear the helicopter on its way to and from the hospital, helping to save hopefully, someone's life. And it is often that we hear it, daytime and very often during the night. I will not be speaking publicly towards this as I have a serious problem with public speaking but please take this as a vote to keep the funding to the Helicopter Service.
LTP24_1160	Vanessa Bennett	Rescue Helicopter Dear Sir/Madam We understand Northland Regional Council wants to zero out funding contribution to our rescue helicopter, We strongly feel this will be a mistake We want NRC to continue funding the rescue helicopter at the current level
LTP24_1205	Debbie Harrod	ERC submission vote Hi I wish to vote that there should be funding for Emergency Services with collection of the ERC (emergency rate collection).
LTP24_1189	Veronica Gell	Emergency Services Funding I fully support the continuation of the Northland Regional Council collecting funds within rates to support Emergency Services.
LTP24_1149	Frank Edwards	Dear Folks Russell/ Kororareka being one hour at least from a fully equipped hospital depends entirely in emergency medical situations on the rescue helicopter from Whangarei. It seems that once a month it swoops down and picks up someone to save their lives! Without this service many lives annually will be lost! Regards
LTP24_1174	Karen Exley	Emergency Services Email to say that I would like the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_1170	Kim Pascoe	We need your help I am emailing as We need your help. As a member of the community of Northland we need your support in continuing the community funding for our helicopter service. I don't think that your rationale that rescue services are not core business is fair. As a wise rescue person said "evolution of almost all rescue services has started in small communities, and is driven by our inherent desire as people to help one another. That's what communities are all about". There will come a day where you or someone in your families will require this service so please continue with the funding so when that time comes they will be there to help.
LTP24_1180	Allan Corder	Emergency Services funding Please maintain emergency services funding in the long term plan at current levels plus cpi each year. I would accept a rate increase by that amount if you show that is dedicated to emergency services in my rate notice. Thanks
LTP24_1215	Sarah Wynyard	NRC long term plan I do not agree with no longer supporting our local emergency services. I am happy for a portion of my rates to go towards supporting our emergency services. They provide a vital service to northland, whether it is open sea rescues or interhospital transfers. Contributing towards this service locally, allows some local control of the service. Turning the funding over to central government means we lose control over important decision making processes. I do not agree with this change or diverting this funding back into "core" council functions.
LTP24_1214	Darrell Going	Northland Emergency Services (NES) Good morning council members - I have just finished watching TV1 news covering the story that the NRC is considering pulling the NES (Westpac chopper) this valuable life saving service, that is costing rate payers \$11 per annum (the cost of 2 coffees). With all the increasing admin fees we rate payers have been hit with over the years, at least with the Westpac Chopper we can see

		directly where our money goes to. I would be happy to pay more as this service has saved many family Whanau lives over the years. Please - may common sense prevail!
LTP24_1157	David Keys	Emergency Services Fund Hi There As a former trustee of Northland Emergency Services Trust I am shocked at the proposed cancellation of the emergency services fund. NEST provides vital services for Northland and has done for decades. Please at least keep funding for NEST.
LTP24_1182	Suzanne Jones	Emergency services fund Hi there I would like to submit to the NRC Future plan that the current Emergency Services funding by the community be continued.
LTP24_1178	Miles Valentine	Long term plan While emergency services may not be "core" NRC business, cutting NRC's contribution to Coastguard, surf Life saving and Far North radio would be a huge mistake. The \$12 per household over the course of a year is immaterial. Any "saving" to households will be more than offset my the loss of services many northlanders use, enjoy and need. Get your priorities right!
LTP24_1188	dsquire00@gmail.com	Rescue Helicopter funding. I would like to advise my objection to proposed withdrawal of funding of Rescue Services, helicopter, surf life savers etc
LTP24_1190	Lauren Mills	continue emergency services funding through rates continue rates funding - emergency services. seriously \$11 per year. rather cut your grant funding for Arts, like that hunderwaster eyesore - how many people have been injured with that uneven path, I'm a pretty fit 56 yr old and I have tripped up on that pathway, it sucks. Also, you fund a lot of other not for profit entities that are not managed well nor are they providing the public with decent services.
LTP24_1186	Barefoot Sailing	Emergency services fund We must continue to fund the emergency services rescue helicopter.
LTP24_1201	Maioha Whanau	Northland Emergency Services I support retaining current funding arrangements for Northland Emergency Services.
LTP24_1237	Helen Revill	Rescue helicopter funding support Continued funding of \$11.00 per household through household rates. Morena, We as householders of Kakariki Rd Ngunguru support the continued contribution of \$11.00 per household included in council rates. We feel it represents incredible value for an amazing service. Nga Mihi,
LTP24_1236	Kārena Stephens-Wilson	Northland Rescue Services My family support the retention of the rescue services fund in Northland. People matter! Lives matter! People will die without this service! Please keep these services and continue your funding!
LTP24_1175	Natasha Wright	Northland helicopter Please don't cut fund to this valuable service! I cannot believe its even being brought up. You can give out tax payers money to save the stupid huterwasser building, yet cannot continue to fund a service which helps so many.. do better!! Thanks
LTP24_1220	W G Walker	Help for Emergency services Good morning, We support the continuation of Funding for Emergency Services. Also consider lifting it up to \$15.00 per year. (3 Cups of Coffee)
LTP24_1209	Vicki and warren Biddle	Emergency Services As a family paying rates for a property we live in at Whangarei Heads we were alarmed to hear of proposed changes to funding our emergency services via levy on rates. We are more than happy with the status quote and feel every ratepayer should contribute to this service. If the funding is removed too many people may not organise themselves to donate independently. Crucial part of functioning of our society. Thank you

LTP24_1183	Nancy and Robin Greenfield	Rescue Helicopter submission, I hope that the Northland Regional Council continue with the Household rate levey especially to support N.E.S.T. Helicopter Service. As this service covers Northland from North Cape to the Kaipara District in the South, on isolated sites, on Land, coast and sea. The portion of the Emergency Services Fund of approximately \$6 per household is essential towards keeping this service flying. Transporting the seriously Ill and Injured folk for Emergency Care is a vital service to all who live in the North. This service provides 24 hour care every day of the year and is essential to all of our communities. Travel by road from remote areas would not be a good option for the seriously sick or injured. I sincerely encourage NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund from our rates, especially to support N.E.S.T.
LTP24_1207	Deborah Clarke	Funding continuance Hi NRC I support the continuance of the funding for the Northland Regional Emergency Services Regards
LTP24_1233	Lois Thorley	Emergency services To whom it may concern I support continuing to support northlands helicopter rescue service though the rates. I am 62 and have lived in Northland all my life, almost lost one of my children in 1978 due to no helicopter service Kind regards
LTP24_1219	Delwyn Wellington	ESF I support the ESF in Northland. When my brother had an accident in Tūtūkākā, he was flown to Whangārei hospital and later to Auckland. I believe the service is absolutely necessary for the wider Northland area.
LTP24_1257	Andrew Lyon	Draft plan Good day, I would like to state that I strongly disagree with NRC plans to scrap the rateing scheme that funds our emergency services. We are very remote in the North with a lot of coast line and as such we need to support our Em Services not take money from them. Best regards
LTP24_1222	J Grindle	Support We support the continuation of funding ESF for our emergency services
LTP24_1216	Wilhelmus van Oosterbosch	Contribution of rates to emergency services Kia ora, I am in favour of keeping the extra rates to fund emergency services in Northland.
LTP24_1191	Debra Penn	Emergency Services for Northland I support retaining emergency services in Northland. Trust the Council will keep the \$12 annual levy to emergency services. Great service.
LTP24_1241	Jack Price	Emergency Services Fund Levy To Whom it may concern, I oppose the removal of the Emergency Services Fund Levy from ours Rates.
LTP24_1255	Megan Crean	Northland Rescue Helicopter Please do NOT cut the Emergency Services Fund. This is a fundamental, vital and integral service for Te Tai Tokerau. Ngā mihi
LTP24_1266	Glenys Arkininstall	Please please please we need emergency services in Northland. They've saved my life before. WE NEED THEM. Me and my husband are old. But anybody can need them.
LTP24_1234	Hokianga community	Emergency Services Northland Tēna koutou. Dear Members of the Northland Regional Council, I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Northland to keep an initiative that would allocate a portion of our monthly rates towards supporting emergency services in our region. As members of rural communities in Northland, we recognize the critical importance of having strong emergency services that can respond promptly and effectively to incidents. Unfortunately, due to the vast geographic spread of our region and the challenges of accessing remote areas, our emergency services often face significant obstacles in providing timely assistance to those in need. We believe that by keeping a portion of our monthly rates to support emergency services, we can help ensure that vital resources and personnel are available to respond to emergencies across Northland. This investment would not only benefit residents in rural communities but also contribute to the overall safety and well-being of our region as a whole. We urge the Northland Regional Council to consider our proposal and to work towards implementing this important initiative. By coming

		together as a community to support our emergency services, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of all Northland residents and to those who visit. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your support in this crucial endeavor. Sincerely,
LTP24_1251	Nicola Mirtle	Emergency Services Fund Kia ora I am emailing after hearing about the proposal for the emergency services funding to be cut. I am in full support of the Emergency Services Fund being continued.
LTP24_1264	Lois Gilmore	Proposed funding cut to Northland emergency services Dear Sir I wish to protest the proposed funding cut to any of the emergency services in any area in Northland. These rescue services require this funding and could probably do with double the amount to share around. We live in Whangarei, not far from the Rescue Helicopter base and that service alone must be utilized two to three times a day. In particular they are up and about when the rest of us are sleeping. Thank you Lois Gilmore Resident and Ratepayer
LTP24_1277	Tahiroa Bishop	Emergency Services Fund Kia ora, I would like NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund. This is namely due to the services that Northland's Rescue Helicopters provide to our rohe. Myself, kids and extended whanau live in a small rural town in the Kaipara with a lot of us on the volunteer fire fighter and emergency team and without the rescue helicopters and the services they provide with emergency medicals we would struggle to provide our own services. Nga mihi thank you.
LTP24_1240	Colin and Beryl Robinson	Emergency Services Funding Submission We oppose the removal of the existing levy/inclusion charged of households through rates that is currently collected to support the services provided by Northland Rescue Helicopter, Coastguard, Surf Life Savings and St John Ambulance. In reality \$11 (or \$12) is a very very small annual contribution by households given the size of rates anyway and the benefits available from the availability of the emergency services should they be required. At a time that recent events have highlighted the importance of effective emergency services, let alone their availability for day to day (routine) emergencies, the removal of the levy seems contrary to the need of the residents and visitors in/to Northland. In particular Northland has vulnerable communities that would be impacted by the reduction in funding that would result . communities that are already under strain. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_1242	Jacqui Morrirt	Feedback I would like the Emergency Services Helcopeter to be funded from NRC. Thanks
LTP24_1261	Graham Gilmore	Northland Rescue helicopter services grant Dear Sir I wish the Northland Regional Council to continue to support the Northland Rescue helicopter grant to enable them to continue to their services. Thank you Graham Gilmore, Whangarei resident and ratepayer.
LTP24_1275	Dr Andrew Miller	Helicopter ESF submission. I want NRC to keep the Emergency Services Fund which is critical for the health and well-being of Northlanders
LTP24_1212	Debbie Harrod	Funding for Emergency Services I wish to vote that there should be funding for Emergency Services with collection of the ERC (emergency rate collection). This is vital and should continue.
LTP24_1250	Maree Noel	please retain the \$11 per household for emergency services like air resuce helicopter, search and rescue etc
LTP24_1252	Sioux	I am happy to continue paying toward emergency services in Northland through my rates. Thanx

LTP24_1271	Marc Wendelborn	<p>Response to 2024 - 2034 NRC plan Kia ora Submission to NRC: Your draft plan proposes cutting funding to emergency services including the rescue helicopter, fire, ambulance, among others, to save the council \$1.1M dollars and save rate-payers \$23p/a Charge me double for emergency services. Two people I know personally have had their lives saved by that helicopter in the last two years. One had three separate brain bleeds, the other simultaneously bleeding ulcers in their bowel and aesophaegus. They both know what it is to die because both of them did. briefly. Their lives were saved by that helicopter. Today, one runs a cafe in Paihia, and the other, who worked most of their life in this region as a marine engineer, now works for free (effectively at personal loss) on an unfunded community project benefitting the whole region. And they are just two among many who have been saved by that chopper. Who is responsible for what? If NRC is not responsible for these emergency services, then who is? By all means, please discuss this with the Minister of Health, Minister of Local Government, Minister of Social Investment, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sectors, Minister of Regional Development, Minister of ACC, every ministry, Chris, David, and Winston, the New Zealand Parliament, and once you've all agreed, please tell me who is paying for that helicopter? And the ambulances? And the fire brigades? Surf-lifesaving, SAR, etc? Until then, I am content to pay the emergency services levy in my NRC rates. Make savings elsewhere by firing a consultant or two, not increasing Te Tiriti consultation, Iwi and hapu spats, conventions on bicultural verbiage. Because we are all vulnerable people and it doesn't matter what language we speak, what ethnicity, what ideologies we have, etc, when our loved ones or ourselves are dying, our home is about to burn, or some other emergency has befallen us. Please make it hasty, this sorting out of who is responsible for what and who is paying for what. Cos people up and down this country are getting real tired of pet projects suffering budget blowouts and being prioritised ahead of essential services.</p>
LTP24_1247	Jacqui Watson	I wish to support the Northland Rescue Services with a donation from my Rates, as discussed on Breakfast TV this morning.
LTP24_1284	Kylee Power	DONT CUT EMERGENCY SERVICES I definitely do not support the Emergency Services cut one little bit In fact it makes me mad to think that FNDC even considered it. Yet they gave money to stupid projects like the \$86,000 for the suppose to be artwork in Kaitia, ridiculous! Emergency services will help anyone regardless of Race or gender They need more funding if anything Shame on council if they cut that! Thanks
LTP24_1225	Lynette Elaine McQuinn	The rating of funds towards the St John , Air Ambulance etc being cut . What are you even thinking, this doesn't even make sense with the funding more important now than ever for these services in our communities! Totally irresponsible even suggesting this . Keep this funding as is and look at other ways to save on the total rates These emergency services are struggling now to raise funds . Shame on you all!
LTP24_1262	Alison Uludole	As a long time resident of Northland, I wish to say that I am happy to continue supporting Emergency Services in Northland by contributing through my rates.Yours sincerely,
LTP24_1281	Lynda and Robert Alison	Support funding for NEST We urge NRC to keep the funding going to our Much needed Northland Rescue helicopter service. As a family we personally donate to NEST annually. And we are very happy to contribute through our rates as well. Thank you. Regards
LTP24_1258	Sarah Garner	Long term plan Kia ora Councillors, My request is simple please keep the contribution to our community emergency services my household is happy for \$11 of the rates to go towards supporting these important services. Regards
LTP24_1270	Natalie Collinson	Emergency services To whom it may concern, I support part of our rates going towards rescue services in Northland. Regards,

LTP24_1267	Sheree & David Corston	Emergency services fund Hi I would like to say that I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. It is a small amount to pay per year in our rates for a very important service. Thank you.
LTP24_1280	Joyce and Robin Adams	Rescue services Whangarei. I oppose the threat of Whangārei Regional Council with drawing funding from our annual rates take and placing our rescue helicopter service at risk of being lost just for the sake of environmental work that has a shortage of funds, in this instance I would pretty much be prepared to say that almost all rate payers if a phone survey was done would be prepared to pay a few more dollars per household if offered the choice, otherwise lay off the extra staff that were hired recently and put that money towards our undervalued rescue services. Not happy camper.
LTP24_1278	Maire Surowiez	Support Emergency Service Funding Morena, I am a Rate Payer, I support the continuation of the Emergency Service Funding in NORTHLAND.
LTP24_1243	John Gallie	LT Plan. Emergency services Hello. I want to make a submission concerning the proposal to reduce funding for the emergency helicopter. I live in a retirement village at Kerikeri. I am 85. My wife is 76. We are therefore both in age groups where heart problems may arise which would need urgent expert medical attention. This attention is probably going to have to be at Whangarei hospital. There is no suitable medical facility in Kerikeri and the necessary expertise is in Whangarei and not Kawakawa hospital. Thus getting a patient to Whangarei hospital urgently for such treatment is often a matter of life and death. I know that several of my colleague residents at the retirement village are only alive today because the emergency helicopter was available for them. So I am very concerned at the proposal to reduce funding for this emergency service. My plea is that at least the funding is retained and/or that active discussions are instituted with other possible funders. Thank you. I do not wish to attend any hearing.
LTP24_1254	Rob Golder	I support continuing \$11.00 per year on my rates please, in fact I would be prepared to pay double to continue its services
LTP24_1263	Richard Myer	Emergency Services Funding should not be cut. Best
LTP24_1274	Joshua Peacey	Emergency Services Fund Hi there, I believe this targeted rate should be supported and continued. I believe it goes some way to providing for the resilience of Northland during emergencies / natural disasters and remains part of the NRC's core remit. Thanks
LTP24_1351	Meagan Morris	Cutting of emergency services funding I am totally opposed to the cutting of funding for emergency services. These valuable institutions are already severely underfunded as it is. Cutting funding will result in their inability to cope with demands of services that are already stretch and will result in deaths.
LTP24_1350	R and J Tahana	Feedback for Long Term Plan To whom it concerns: We are standing to support the continuation of ESF and Emergency Services in Northland. Kind Regards:
LTP24_1360	Kathryn Martin	Emergency services , yes we should continue to help pay I am fully agreeable that we MUST continue to fund our emergency services! I cannot fathom that this was even a consideration by our council! The good they do for our community, as it is they have to fund raise for the short fall, why aren't we helping more! They save lives! And yet the council is happy to be considering spending \$1.74million on Te tiriti partnership strengthening, \$12.8million on strengthening our council etc let alone a \$7.2million emergency centre when we could refurbish an empty building in Whangarei or use the newly built council centre surely!!!! I really think the priorities of our council need to be rethought - cutting emergency services funding! Really! ...
LTP24_1359	Glenis Pavich	Long term plan I am writing to support the call to continue to fund Emergency services. The Northland rescue helicopter comes out a lot to Opononi and we really rely on it. I am happy to keep paying for this contribution in my rates. Regards

LTP24_1356	Ryan Bricknell	Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST) Hello We would ask that the funding for our helicopter service, the Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST) be continued, as they provide a great service in time of need. Kind Regards,
LTP24_1344	Jet	Jet Feedback for Long Term Plan I support the continuation of Emergency Services in Northland.
LTP24_1365	Odette Sotheran	Feedback Hi team, My feedback, do not cut funding/remove the emergency services fund, I don't care about reducing our rates. The emergency services are important, and I'd be very disappointed if we reduced/removed funding. Thanks,
LTP24_1357	David Watson	Emergency Services funding Please continue the funding for the Emergency Services as this is an extremely important. Perhaps you could use funds changing street names to the maori language which seems like complete waste of money. kind regards
LTP24_1355	Mataroria Tearani	Feedback for Long Term Plan TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN We are supporting the continuation of EDF and Emergency Services in Northland. KIND REGARDS
LTP24_1349	Tahana Joseph	Feedback for Long Term Plan To whom it may concern: We support the continuation of Emergency Services in Northland with utmost concern. Kind Regards.
LTP24_1358	Christine Lambert	Emergency Services and sporting facilities Do NOT cease funding for any of the named emergency services in your document. The emergency helicopter already struggles to meet the needs of the community without having further cuts. This helicopter saved my life. The sporting facilities encourage much needed sports and recreational activities within the schools and community which is a huge boost to the health of our community and ultimately is a health cost saving. The surf lifesaving is crucial to saving lives at sea and promoting water safety for such a small cost. The other named services St Johns and Far north radio and sea rescue are all crucial community services. I can't believe you are even contemplating this action. You would be the first to complain if there was no helicopter to save you or your relative in an emergency! All of these services should be mandatory and not at the whim of an accountants pen! The audacity of this regional council led by a non elected coup d'état is a disgrace especially considering a 17% rate rise which no doubt is planned to fund stupid things like funding hotels and buying buildings to sell back to private business for a peppercorn. Really! When did you really think the Hundertwasser was going to be a money making venture? Seriously never! Now we the ratepayers have to bail that out. We'll certainly not at the expense of emergency services and sporting facilities. That is soooo short sighted!
LTP24_1463	Abby Meagher	Submission Good evening We support keeping the Emergency Services Fund in our annual rates. Kind regards
LTP24_1475	Yvonne Corder	Emergency services funding long term plan I think the NRC should continue to provide funds to the Emergency Services Fund to maintain the Northland Rescue Helicopter service. This service is essential considering the limitations of health services and roads in Te Tai Tokerau.
LTP24_1483	Chris Crean	Emergency services funding Today there is a report of a 2 car crash with 7 injured people, 2 airlifted out on 325 Cove Rd Waipu. If the funding is cut, who the hell is going to attend these types of events. As a ratepayer I am more than happy with the \$11 included in our rates bill, a very sensible and easy way to pay
LTP24_1467	Timothy Pickering	Northland helicopters. Please keep the funding for the helicopter. It's such a great valuable resource for the wider community!
LTP24_1491	Ian	Retain the ESF Hi, I'm appalled at the Council's proposal to remove the ESF. Please don't proceed with this.

LTP24_1472	Jenny Swney	emergency services fund for Far north NEST God morning. I am a resident of Kaitaia and part of the local medical team. I feel it is vital for the support for the rescue helicopters to continue as many of the people who live in this area are isolated and many of the roads are impassable. The helicopter is able to transfer people from Kaitaia hospital to Whangarei who would potentially not be able to make the journey by road.
LTP24_1479	E and K Morrison	ERS contributions Our household supports the continuation of NRC collecting contributions towards the ERS Service Sincerely
LTP24_1460	Todd Hawkins	Northland emergency services fund To whom it may concern I think it is crazy for you to be pulling funding from what is such an important part of northlands emergency services. Please reconsider this decision. Kind Regards
LTP24_1145	Andy Tuke	Hi I would like to see funding for the rescue helicopter and Sports Facilities continue
LTP24_1482	Lenise Ludlow	Re funding of emergency services 2024 My son and so many others would not be with us today without the rescue helicopter team. All emergency services are crucial to Northland. Cutting funding is not acceptable.
LTP24_1487	Maxeen Adams	Rescue Helicopter Funding I would like to advise my objection to proposed withdrawal of funding of Rescue Services, helicopter, surf life savers etc.
LTP24_1464	Shelley Goldie	Emergency Funding To Whom It May Concern I am a Northland resident and wish to voice my extreme concern regarding the withdrawal of funding to Emergency services. If the council receives funds via rates for this funding then that's where that money should go. We need all these extremely valuable services to continue. DONT WITHDRAW FUNDING.
LTP24_1468	Philippa Muller	Emergency rescue service support HI I'm from Mangawhai and am happy to keep the \$11 annual amount in the rates to support the Rescue Chopper, Surf lifesaving and St John.
LTP24_1490	Sharon Hoyland	ESF I wholeheartedly support the continuation of the ESF and emergency services in Northland. The emergency helicopter helped save my son-in-laws life! As all our emergency services save lives. I'm sure most people are glad to be able to contribute the small yearly amount in our rates to these services.
LTP24_1480	Lance Donnelly	Rescue helicopter funding Please continue to fund and support the rescue helicopter service in northland.
LTP24_1466	Eleanore Jill Nicholls	Funding for Emergency services, long term plan Good Morning, I wish to register my support for the continuation of funding from rates for the Northland emergency Serviced as outlined in the NRC Long Term Plan. Please note, I attempted to lodge my support via the website form but it did not accept any typed text.
LTP24_1484	Marylyn Metcalfe	emergency services To whom it may concern I am happy to pay my emergency service donation to the emergency fund. It is a necessary community fund.
LTP24_1153	Sam Coles	Emergency services fund To NRC I would like to say, we really need you keep funding the emergency services, if anything funding needs to be increased, I've had family and friends that have used these emergency services to save their lives!
LTP24_1488	Patricia Gibson	Emergency Services Fund to Continue. I would like the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_1478	Janet and Cameron Wilson	Emergency Funding Funding of the emergency helicopter in Northland is vital. We strongly object to the cutting of funding.
LTP24_1492	Margie H	Rescue services I am happy to pay money as part of my rates to support this services.
LTP24_1161	Colin Bamforth	NEST Helicopter Hi, Please reconsider the plans for the rescue helicopter. It has a valuable place in Northland whether transferring patients to specialist hospitals through to winching sick or injured

		patients from ships at sea. Funding streams should be considered for it's permanent place supporting the community.
LTP24_1486	Keith Hartle	NRC Long Term Plan Dear Councillors, There is much to commend in the long term plan but one area of real concern to me is the non provision of funding for emergency services. I can understand the statements which say they are not part of the NRC core business, but then also this is about serving the community as best the NRC can. Northland is a large area, most of which is rural - farming and forestry and with a roading system that hardly can be described as suitable for rapid transit. Its coastline is long and has many favoured beaches by visitors and locals alike. We need these emergency services to cover Northland, and as it is at the moment they are run on a shoe-string. Cutting back on what money they receive from the NRC will only make matters worse and the population of Northland will be worse off for it. Communities in Northland need the rapid response ambulance and helicopter service and they need it to be funded properly. The only way an incident in any part of rural Northland can be adequately covered rapidly is by helicopter, and given the distances that have to be covered to reach any Emergency Department this service is a necessity. Cutbacks such as this can only hurt the community by which the council is elected to serve, and the contribution the Council provides on the part of ratepayers is one they should be proud of, not seen as something to be dispensed with and especially with termination of funding at such short notice. If NRC really wants to move ahead on this funding issue, then I suggest the council seek to link with all the local district councils and find a funding solution that offers some sense of permanence to the Emergency Services. If NRC has a commitment to Public Transport in Whangarei and the general public of Whangarei, then surely they should have the same sense of commitment to the general public of Northland with regard to the Emergency Services. Thank you,
LTP24_1494	Beth Dawson	Long term plan 2024-2034 Kia Ora Please do not stop funding for emergency services. This is vital funding and must not be stopped.
LTP24_1461	Tina Darkins	Rescue helicopter We do not agree that \$12 should be cut off the rates. We want it to continue to help with the costs of the rescue helicopter and other emergency services. We must help these essential Northland services.
LTP24_1469	Paul Turner	Emergency Services Fund Hi Please keep the Emergency Services Fund going without funding cutbacks. If you reduce funding for those services without guaranteed replacement funding being in place, you put vulnerable people's lives at obvious risk. We are already too vulnerable and isolated in the north - please don't increase that risk, for a small saving that could be made elsewhere in the "nice to have" or "aspirational" type things the council wants to do. These emergency services are literally critical to maintain.
LTP24_1179	Ryan Oxborrow	Feedback Hi, Writing to express my objection for the removal of the tiny portion of rates- \$12 per household that helps fund the rescue helicopter, sport Northland etc. It is an insignificant amount to the majority of ratepayers and provides significant benefits.
LTP24_1481	Peter Olsen	Future Plan Hi, I am writing to express my opposition to the scrapping of the targeted rate for Emergency Services fund. I am very happy to pay the \$12 yearly amount and in particular the funding of the Rescue Helicopters. This service plays an important role our area where there are many isolated communities which are far from hospital services. This funding cut will certainly lead to more avoidable deaths in our area. regards
LTP24_1577	Linda Barrie	Emergency services I'm writing in support of retaining funding for emergency services. If it had not been for the ambulance and the helicopter to Auckland this weekend I would have lost my hand. Our community needs this service to stay and I am happy to pay for this in my rates.

LTP24_1489	Peter and Sheryn Comrie	NEST Funding We support the current \$12 annual rate per rateable property towards the Emergency Services fund.
LTP24_1587	Juanita McGoldrick	Emergency Services Fund Hi there I am writing to advise that I would like to see the Emergency Services Fund continued to be supported by the NRC. I feel the cost of this per rate payer over the course of a year is nothing compared to the service these organisations provide to the whole community. Kind Regards
LTP24_1555	Benjamin Nagel	Emergency Services Fund Please continue with the Emergency services fund, particularly for the Northland rescue helicopter, they provide an essential service to Northland. Please reconsider your choice and think what if maybe you, or someone in your family needs the helicopter, you would be pretty grateful. Please continue with the fund!!
LTP24_1596	Sue Morgan	Rescue helicopter I wish to support a continuation of what we're currently giving (or increase by a dollar or two) to help fund this important service.
LTP24_1582	Fiona Lees	Continuation of Emergency Services Fund I am a resident of a rural far north community a minimum of 2 hours drive from a major hospital. Whilst I am fortunate to have not required the services of the Northland Rescue Helicopter, I am thankful to know they will be here if the worst happens, and give me or my loved ones the best shot at survival. They offer vital life saving services to remote Northland communities and I would like my submission logged that I want the Emergency Services Fund continued. Kind regards
LTP24_1609	Carol and Dave Neilson	Rescue Helicopter Support Both my husband and I support the continuing of community funding for our Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. Yours sincerely
LTP24_1592	Hannah Davies	Support for Northland rescue helicopter Hello Please accept this email as our submission to continue to have a contribution go towards this wonderful service out of our rates. We live at [redacted]. Many thanks
LTP24_1576	Christine Finlay	Funding for Northland Rescue Helicopter service To whom it may concern, Please do not cut any funding for the emergency service. This is a vital service for the growing population.
LTP24_1578	Nicola Hawkes	Northland Rescue Helicopter To the Northland Regional Council, please accept this as my submission that I am in full support of the rescue helicopter. It needs to continue to be funded because without it lives will be lost. Without the helicopter we wouldn't have our daughter today!! Please don't stop funding the chopper it is vital especially for us rural people.
LTP24_1601	Shane Heswall	Heswall S Feedback Long Term Plan 20240404 Mōrena I disagree with the proposal to stop funding the Emergency Services Funding from my rates of \$12. I'm more than happy to pay an increase which doesn't affect these services, especially the Helicopter rescue. Ngā mihi
LTP24_1585	Bunji Myhee	(no subject) Morena, Just want to put it out there that I support the continuation of the ESF and Emergencies in Northland. They are there for us and I want to show my support.
LTP24_1589	Irene Hawkes	(no subject) Please keep this helicopter in the air, living in the country we need help now and then. The helicopter saved my granddaughter, the ambulance took 1.30 and immediately a helicopter was called They saved my granddaughter Please keep it available
LTP24_1208	Leanne Campbell	Please retain emergency services fund Please keep the funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service.
LTP24_1595	Graeme Hunt	Northland Rescue Helicopter I would like to submit that the NRC continue to deduct contributions for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. I don't mind at all that I pay towards this resource. It isn't really necessary to spell out the many benefits of this service and I urge Northland Regional Council to continue support. The rescue helicopter has just flown over my house as I'm sending this email. No doubt there will be a very grateful whanau in Kerikeri today.
LTP24_1583	Julie Williams	Emergency Services I DO NOT support the removal of funding to our emergency services, they cover a vast area and are a life line to many. I

		live near the helicopter hanger and there is not a day that they sit idle. Regards
LTP24_1597	Bronwyn Henderson	Funding for emergency services To whom it may concern, I believe the NRC should continue to provide funding to the emergency services in Northland. Regards
LTP24_1581	Yvonne O'Donnell	Rates \$11 emergency fund Hi I agree that we need to keep paying this \$11 in our rates to keep the fund for emergency services. I'm willing to pay this \$11 in my rates. I live in Mangawhai Village. Regards
LTP24_1593	Bev Ennis	Emergency Funding Good morning I am one of those people that have had cause to use the Northland Helicopters. I had an accident at Te Paki stream, northland. If it wasn't for them I would be dead. They flew me to Whangarei hospital then again to Auckland city hospital The emergency helicopters "save" lives and need all the funding they can get. They go into places ambulances can't get, to reduce their funding would loose lives. Please reconsider your decision when finalising funding options. Yours faithfully
LTP24_1591	Des McLean	Emergency services and sporting facilities Hello Team Re Emergency services and sporting facilities - they're not regional council responsibilities, so should we stop funding? Appreciate all NRC do in being a conduit for collecting these funds from the ratepayers. I strongly disagree that NRC should stop doing this unless there is an equivalent or better Government support. Happy to help out in any way via a discussion group or view any research you have done so I can comment further Kind Regards
LTP24_1602	Jenny Walter	Withdrawal of subsidy Please don't take away any of the funding you a proposing to. All is very important to Northland, especially those that live further away from Whangarei. We are already at a great disadvantage in so many ways. I would rather pay an additional fee. Cheers
LTP24_1657	Gemma Bradley	We want our Emergency Services Fund continued Northland councillors, \$11 per household, per year seems like a no brainer to help cover the costs of keeping our critical emergency services running like our rescue helicopter. Keep this going, it's essential.
LTP24_1622	Carolyn Phillips	Continue with funding for emergency helicopter this is a must in our remote area, for a minimal amount. Cut back on unnecessary spending in your budget. Most of the far north communities live hand to mouth weekly. This service must stay.
LTP24_1600	Susan Davy	Proposed NRC plan I strongly oppose the Northland Regional Council plan to scrap the \$11 per household rating scheme which helps fund life saving resources. The community needs these services, and we absolutely cannot rely on central government to fund them.
LTP24_1666	Alicia Reynolds	Cutting funding I totally disagree with cutting the emergency funding... what happens one day if it was one of your family members that needed these services ... NO!! TO CUTTING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING
LTP24_1675	Kim Metcalf	Keep the funding for emergency services To Whom It May Concern, I am absolutely backing to keep the funding going. I myself have had the amazing support of the rescue helicopter come to my add after 2 traumatic motor vehicle accident, along with Saint Johns ambulance. If you cut this crucial funding then what's the point of us paying our rates? As a rural land owner we do not get half of the things we are charged for on our rates and these services are essential for us!!! Kind regards

LTP24_1575	Sandra Leonard	Emergency Services Funding WE URGE THIS FUNDING TO CONTINUE. The emergency services in Northland are a MUST HAVE for our community. We have an amazing coast line and rural environment utilised by Northlanders daily and many of these areas are difficult to access. You only need to read the volume of rescues carried out daily, weekly, monthly and yearly to realise how many peoples lives have been saved or taken to hospital due to the availability of these people, their skills and services utilised. If this funding is withdrawn how many lives are going to be lost or affected. We are happy to have an extra fee on our rates demand to contribute to the cost of running these services. THIS FUNDING MUST NOT BE WITHDRAWN Yours sincerely
LTP24_1584	Grant Lambert	Emergency Fund Morning District council, Please, do not scrap the emergency fund. Thank you.
LTP24_1661	Gina Whangapirita	Essential emergency services fund Kia ora I have a few friends whom are alive today because of the service provided by the Northland Rescue Helicopter. Please retain the essential emergency services fund. Nga mihi
LTP24_1656	Tania Westren	Emergency services fund continued Kia Ora, I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the Emergency Services Funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter service. This initiative has proven to be an invaluable asset to our community, playing a crucial role in ensuring public safety and wellbeing. The Emergency Services Fund has been instrumental in saving countless lives by providing timely and efficient responses to live threatening situations. I can't support this service enough as they saved my father's life. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I trust that you will consider the profound impact on the community if we have a restrictive service. Kind regards
LTP24_1671	Neve Murray	Northland Rescue Helicopter To whom it may concern, I'm writing this email to urge you to retain the essential emergency services fund. The rescue helicopters are essential for those of us who are not close enough to main hospitals to get to in critical situations. The rescue helicopters have saved my brother's life on multiple occasions. Without them our Whanau would be mourning the loss of a valued member. Not only have they've done outstanding service for my Whanau but many, many more within the northland region. They are crucial for our more outlying communities to ensure that our injured/sick people can be safely and efficiently transported to the right places that can cater to their needs. Regards,
LTP24_1594	Hayden Zuill	Emergency Services Fund Hi I want NRC to continue the Emergency Services Fund. Kind regard
LTP24_1667	Nicky Rogers-Pirini	Retain the Emergency Services Fund PLEASE retain the essential Emergency Services Fund!!!!!! This service saved my 9year old daughter's life and many, many more Northlanders. We need this fund to remain. Nāku noa
LTP24_1654	Annameike Berkhout	Submission to continue EMS Funding Hi, I am writing to say I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. If it wasn't for the rescue helicopter in particular my young niece would not be with us today. The search and rescue team were involved in searching for my missing dad. Such valuable resources in our community. There would be such great losses if the funding is cut! Many thanks
LTP24_1652	Norma Zeitler	Retain Emergency Services Fund HI there Having this money coming out of the rates means that, those who need the service can get it whether they have money or not. Those who own property pay!!!! and they too, probably could afford an ambulance. Who are we trying to protect? hurt? We already have too many broken bodies, we don't need any more, so delaying health care would not be a good idea. They already cost the community a lot of money. Please retain the Services. Sincerely
LTP24_1259	Rita Gibson	Oppose I oppose the plan to scrap a rating scheme that funds Life Saving Resources.

LTP24_1676	Robyn Paulin	Northland Rescue Helicopter Service I write in support of the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. It is essential they retain the Emergency Services Fund, without it would be devastating and put undue pressure on the organisation and possibly the services they provide. When the community needs them, they are there for people 24/7. Imagine if it was your loved one needing their service and there were limited funds available and you were still arguing over who should fund them. That's why we need people to email submsions@nrc.govt.nz and urge the Northland Regional Council to retain the essential Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_1674	Mark Wilson	Emergency Services Fund continued Please keep this fund going We would rather the rates increase to cover the work these guys do in our community Thanks kindly
LTP24_1269	Jono	Northland emergency Services fund Wo whom it may concern. I have bee made aware that the council plans on cutting the Northland Emergency services Fund. Although I understand the cost savings of 12 dollars per household per year (not much!!), I don't understand why this is being done considering how many natural disasters have occurred over the last 10 years. It just seems a bit silly. Pls reconsider your stance on this subject.
LTP24_1728	Amy Waipouri	Retain the essential emergency services fund Kia Ora, This email is a submission to retain the essential services fund in northland. As a community member and health care professional I understand the immense pressure we are under in our communities that are geographically isolated from main centres. We need the emergency services fund, as it is an essential life line for many to access further care in critical life threatening situations. My whanau have needed the rescue helicopter in their time of need and this service has saved countless lives. Please consider these submissions with understanding and compassion for your community. After all in your time of need, will you count on these services too? Ngā mihi,
LTP24_1736	Mike and Sandra Clement	ESF Hi We would like the Emergency Services Fund to be continued. It is a vital part of our rural community. Regards
LTP24_1672	Brooke Denison	Emergency services fund continued support Kia Ora, I would like the Emergency services fund continue Nga Mihi
LTP24_1669	Liz Wood	Emergency services fund To whom it may concern I would like to put forward my submission that the Northern Regional Council retain the essential Emergency Services Fund. I have never had to use the service but I sure hope that if I ever did need it that they would be available to me. I am a rate payer and I am more than happy for an increase in rates to support this essential services. Kind regards
LTP24_1747	Raewin Woodhouse	Re Northland Rescue Helicopter I live in a rural part of Northland. Over the years I have witnessed many visits to our area by the Northland Rescue Helicopter most saving lives of people who would die if they had to wait for an ambulance or drive the 45 minute drive (without traffic hold ups) to Whangarei Hospital. I believe funding is going to be cut for this service. I feel it would be a big mistake and many lives would be lost. Loss of lives can not depend on \$. Thank you.
LTP24_1678	Brynn Pitman	Retain essential emergency service fund Please retain the essential emergency service funds. The rescue helicopters in our region are critical services to our community, they are often first on the scene and able to transport patients quicker (and safer than the roads in this region) Please do not cut any further funding to the rescue helicopters! I hear them out sooo many times in a day we need to retain their services for the whole region Nga mihi
LTP24_1279	Laura Wiessing	I support the continuation of the ESF I support the continuation of the ESF and the emergency services of northland. \$11 or \$12 a year seems a pretty small amount for rate payers to pay once a year for it. We all need emergency services! and it sounds like northland services would like to keep some control of it.

LTP24_1756	Robyn and Derek Tutill	Submission re Emergency Services Fund We request please that the Northland Regional Council retains the essential Emergency Services Fund. Locally, NEST provides a wonderful service in the North, as do our local Ambulance Services, and the volunteer Fire Brigades. These organisations cannot be funded by donations alone, especially with the skyrocketing costs of living that limit the available donation abilities of most of us. Further, the time that these lifesaving organisations need to spend fundraising, merely to exist, further impacts their time, energy and stress levels. These are vital services that should, in fact, be fully funded.
LTP24_1690	Annette Fasher-Dow and David Dow	Feedback For Long Term Plan 20240405 Dear NRC decision-makers The recent, horrific road accident in the Waipu area on Wednesday 3 April 2024 highlighted the immense value that rescue helicopters play in both contributing to first emergency response (with trained medics on board), and also the transportation of injured people to the appropriate, but usually, distant hospitals they need to be at for the life-saving care they require. And all in as short time as possible. The rural and coastal nature of Northland as well as its roads are all factors in why summoning the rescue helicopter service is the most appropriate response in many life-threatening situations. Whether it be emergency boating incidents at sea, medical events in remote areas or a multiple (or single) vehicle crash scene, knowing that a rapid, efficient, fit-for-purpose response by helicopter is on hand and available is incalculable in terms of saving lives. Please, please continue to fund this essential service. even if rates need to be increased to support the service. We cannot do without it.
LTP24_1692	Sharron	Feedback for Long Term Plan 20240405 Why is it that the NRC is stopping funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter .. this is a much needed service as we cover the whole of Northland and even far out to sea ... Also if these people being rescued don't pay, then they need to pay, something they are using the service also and foreign boats, ships etc need to pay Hope we get to keep it it's an essential rescue service
LTP24_1729	Margaret Wooster	Emergency Services Fund - Helicopters Hello. Please note that I would like the Emergency Fund Contributions to continue. I would be saddened to see this payment cease or the funds relocated to a different charity. This is a very necessary and important service to all Northlanders.
LTP24_1732	Martin Kimber	Objection to long term plan proposal to scape Emergency Services Fund On your website you note your "mission is to work with our people and partners to create a healthy environment, strong economy and resilient communities. "Scrapping the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) goes against this mission statement For Northland to have "resilient communities" we need the Northland Emergency helicopter, surf life saving and other volunteer organisations working for us which are largely, or in part, funded by the ESF. NRC are unequally positioned in all of Northland to assist our citizens to achieve this resilience for our community. Cutting funding to these organisations does not help us. It creates fear amongst our community that people are going to die because of your actions As a rate payer I strongly object to this proposal
LTP24_1655	Kevin Salmon	Emergency Services Fund To Whom It May Concern I do not support the fund, the council should focus on it's core business I also object that an organization collects money on my behalf and hands out to charities (albeit worthy) and "claims" the glory. I will decide where my charitable dollar goes to. Thank you

LTP24_1737	David and Marian Campbell	Northland Emergency Services Trust Dear Sir/Madam, It has come to my attention that the Northland Regional Council has proposed that its emergency services fund be scrapped. This will leave our emergency helicopter service seriously out of pocket to the tune of more than half a million dollars per year. This is a serious blow to Northlands rural population which rely on the rescue helicopters and as Northland is surrounded by sea there are often accidents on beaches and at sea with commercial and recreational boats. I believe this is a very short sighted proposal, the Northland Regional Council has a duty of care to the people of Northland to make sure those in need are looked after and get medical care as soon as possible. I am appalled that this was even part of the council's thinking, Please reconsider, Your sincerely,
LTP24_1740	Andrew Eason	NRC to continue to support the Emergency Services fund As a rate payer I Andrew Grant Eason phone 027 216 0941, of 18A Taipa View Road wish to ask the NRC to continue to support the Emergency Services fund for the next long term plan. Thankyou,
LTP24_1727	Doug & Linda Wheeler	Support provided to the Northland Rescue Helicopters In respect to the proposal that the Emergency Services Fund be scrapped, while we fully understand the sentiment that it should be fully funded by Central Government, now is not the time to make yet another hole in the Government finances. The Country's finances have been decimated by the folly of the past number of years and the Emergency Services should not be a casualty of that financial vandalism. Consequently, we submit that the situation must not be exacerbated by removal of the targetted rate that provides the support needed by the Northland Rescue Helicopters. We am perfectly happy to pay this portion of our rates for the Emergency Services. NB. This is not the case for other stupid stuff like DEI and the like but that is another matter. The key issue here is that the Emergency Services should not be penalised in an attempt to blackmail a Government s into paying the whole bill when it has been left a fiscal morass. Kind Regards
LTP24_1731	Jocelyn Galbraith	Rescue I know that it is of the utmost importance that the funds for emergency rescue remain in place.
LTP24_1748	Marie Kaire	Helicopter funding To whom it may concern, The proposal to cut the \$12 per household is a very shortsighted decision by the Northland Regional Council and will make very minimal difference to a rates bill. Emergency services need mandatory funding and each district has to provide this. Make some cuts to management roles but continue to fund essential services. The Regional Council has in the past put funding into 'nice to have' projects such as Hundertwasser which is a private business that was out voted by referendum and one which many Northlanders will never experience. Central Government cannot fund every regional project however essential and rate payer should forego their daily coffee, cigarettes, beer, etc to pay a little towards these essential services. I also agree that community centres and marae also deserve some funding as in an emergency they are the first point of call for victims. NZ is extremely fortunate in that most emergency services are manned by volunteers who give of their time and experience for free but the Regional Council should play their part and always provide some funding so that volunteers are not constantly fundraising. I object to the cuts in funding by the Regional Council for essential emergency services.
LTP24_1664	Toni Rouse	(no subject) The Emergency Services Fund needs to be continued and I hope you can get some funding

LTP24_1733	Mike Verkuylen	<p>NEST funding Hello NRC, I'm writing to express my deep concern, and disbelief, that the NRC is considering discontinuing or reducing funding to the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. Given Northland's remoteness potentially having to rely on a support or even a full service from Auckland's rescue service resulting in unconscionable delays. Just consider the Waipu and Kauri road accidents two days ago. I previously owned a local business, Wynn Fraser Paints, our main annual sponsorship of c\$5k to NEST was carefully considered to provide Northlanders and our many domestic and international visitors who require urgent support on land or at sea. I was aware of their funding requirements, they are an efficient and well-run entity, even a winner of the Northland Business of the year. Can you please reconsider and reduction or removal of NDC support to NEST given these inflationary times an increase would be realistic. Regards</p>
LTP24_1751	Rachel	<p>Concerns Regarding Proposed Funding Cut to Emergency Services Fund Dear NRC Decision Makers, I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed plan to cut funding to the Emergency Services Fund as part of the Long Term Plan. As a born and bred member of the Northland community, I strongly believe that such a decision would have grave consequences for the well-being and safety of our residents. Of particular concern is the impact this funding cut would have on the operations of the NEST Rescue Helicopter, which plays a vital role in transporting individuals in their most desperate times of need. The NEST Rescue Helicopter is a lifeline for our community, providing critical medical assistance and rapid transport to hospitals for those facing life-threatening emergencies. The loss of funding would undoubtedly hamper the ability of the NEST Rescue Helicopter to continue its essential services. Without adequate financial support, there would likely be delays in response times, reduced availability of medical personnel and equipment onboard, and ultimately, lives put at risk due to prolonged wait times for emergency medical transportation. Moreover, the shortfall of \$535,000 per year raises serious questions about how the necessary funds to maintain these life-saving services will be covered. While I understand the need for prudent financial management, cutting funding to emergency services is simply not a viable solution, especially considering the critical role they play in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members. I urge the NRC to reconsider its decision to cut funding to the Emergency Services Fund and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the safety and health of Northland residents. It is imperative that essential services like the NEST Rescue Helicopter continue to receive the support they need to operate effectively and efficiently. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I trust that you will give careful thought to the implications of this proposed funding cut and take action to ensure that our community's emergency services remain adequately funded and accessible to all who need them. Sincerely,</p>
LTP24_1739	Kurt Coetzee	<p>Emergency Services Fund Hi there, This e-mail is in support of continuing funding for our Northland Emergency Service, these services are vital for our community to have a feeling of safety, security, and well-being. It is embarrassing that the idea of funding cuts has even been raised. Regards,</p>
LTP24_1735	Jennifer Lucas	<p>Submission re continuation of Emergency Services Fund The Hokianga is extremely isolated with an ageing population, and only has access to medical services during business hours. Therefore it is absolutely vital for continued provision of emergency services by way of the Northland Rescue Helicopter. Please ensure the Emergency Services fund continues to provide it.</p>
LTP24_1757	Jan Ahlers	<p>L.T.P. - Rescue Helicopter I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund.</p>

LTP24_1742	Jenny Read	Submission I wish to register my support for continued support of Emergency funding. Perhaps looking at all the organizations and decide that some are well supported by other funding. NEST needs this funding and would struggle to give such a massive service that we have now. Sports funding for smaller events in my view have avenues to gain grants from many organizations so I do not support their funding from NCR.
LTP24_1673	Natasha Ujdur	Emergency service funding Hi there, Hopefully this is the right place to send my thoughts. I am all for paying money in my annual rates to continue funding emergency services. We live in Mangawhai, small communities need to rely on them and they are so very worth the annual \$11 or so dollars! Thanks,
LTP24_1750	Robert Leader	Emergency service funding Good afternoon, As Northland continues to develop, my wife, Margaret and I believe that it is essential to keep the existing emergency service running. We ask that our vote to maintain the funding of this service be registered. Thank you,
LTP24_1746	Yvonne Eason	NRC to continue to support the Emergency Services fund As a rate payer I [redacted] wish to ask the NRC to continue to support the Emergency Services fund for the next long term plan. Kind Regards,
LTP24_1752	Deborah Santa Clara	Pulling emergency service funding Hello, You want to pull funding from emergency services, that serve the people of Northland. Without alternative sources of funding, these services could be unable to provide life-saving care to the Northland community. It seems foolish to pull their funding, without finding them an alternative source. Lives could be lost. Thanks
LTP24_1755	Guy Riegels	Emergency Services Fund I am a northland rate payer and I am emailing to formally record I want the emergency services fund continued. It is an essential service for Northland and should never be scrapped. It should if anything be increased.
LTP24_1345	Tahana Ritz	Feedback for Long Term Plan We are submitting our support for the continuation of ESF and Emergency Services in Northland. Kind regards.
LTP24_1726	Helen Chegwidan	Continue Emergency Services Fund Please continue the Emergency Services Fund. In fact I can't understand why the health and medical care to Northlanders would be jeopardised in this way. Obviously whoever can up with this plan has never used these amazing services in a life or death situation.
LTP24_1353	Ritihia Tahana	Feedback for Long Term Plan TO WHOM IT CONCERNS We are supporting the continuation of ESF and the Emergency Services in Northland. KIND REGARDS
LTP24_1734	Brian Boys	Removal of Emergency Services Funding I believe the NRC should continue to assist by topping-up funds to Emergency Services. \$1.1m is probably less than what it costs the NRC to write your Civil Defence Plan. To say that it would free up \$1.1 million is peanuts to the NRC. I am a member of the Lions Club of Whangarei and Lions have just committed to donating \$20,000 towards Surf Life Saving Northland so they can purchase safety equipment to be used in the event of a natural disaster such as flooding. As a ratepayer I want to see my funds going towards assisting Emergency Services. Regards
LTP24_1799	Andrew Mumford	Emergency Services Fund Sir / Madam, I am absolutely against the proposal, outlined in your long term plan consultation document, to discontinue the Emergency Services Fund for Northland. Please let me know how to formally register my opposition to this senseless proposal.

LTP24_1744	Josh Avery	Retaining NEST. Kia Ora, I'm writing to you today, to help urge you to retain the NEST. The Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST) plays a critical role in providing emergency medical services (EMS) to the Northland region of New Zealand. Retaining NEST is essential for several reasons. Firstly, NEST provides rapid and lifesaving care to residents and visitors in Northland, particularly in remote or rural areas where access to emergency medical services may be limited. The trust's helicopter rescue service, in particular, is vital for reaching patients in difficult-to-access locations quickly, improving outcomes in medical emergencies. Secondly, NEST contributes significantly to the overall health and well-being of the Northland community. By providing timely and effective emergency medical care, NEST helps to save lives and reduce the impact of injuries and illnesses on individuals and families. This, in turn, helps to support the health system by reducing the burden on hospitals and other healthcare providers. Thirdly, NEST plays a crucial role in supporting community resilience and safety. The trust's services are often called upon in times of natural disasters, such as floods or storms, where access to medical care may be disrupted. By providing a reliable and responsive emergency medical service, NEST helps to ensure that the community can recover quickly from such events. In conclusion, retaining NEST is essential for ensuring access to emergency medical services in Northland, improving health outcomes, and supporting community resilience. The trust's services are vital for saving lives and reducing the impact of injuries and illnesses, making it a crucial part of the region's health system. Looking forward to not hearing back,
LTP24_1753	Riegels	Emergency Services Fund I am a rate payer in Northland and I am emailing to record my opposition to any proposal to scrap the Emergency Services Fund. The services concerned are essential for northland residents and support for them should in fact be increased, NOT scrapped.
LTP24_1822	Jennifer Strauss	Please keep funding our emergency services helicopters in Northland
LTP24_1932	Colleen Cooper	Feedback for the Long Term Plan 20240406 Please keep the Northland Rescue Helicopter Funding going.
LTP24_1973	Polly Barach	Emergency Services Good Morning NRC, It would be ridiculous if you stopped this amazing service. If you can't afford it how about dropping the rates so you can put money towards this! Stop spending money on pointless things and help the Emergency service and Northland in general. Thanks
LTP24_1924	Colin Edwards	Funding for helicopter etc. Just to let you know that like most people I hate paying rates but know I have to. However I am really happy to support paying the \$12 for the rescue helicopter, lifesavers etc. I fact I would be happy to pay double that in next Year's NRC rates. I have to tell you that when I and our friends were told about possibly stopping it we were really upset. Every one of my friends feels the same way and would all happily pay more. My wife was rescued by the helicopter years ago. It is the best and we love to support it through our rates.
LTP24_1981	M Pullman	Emergency Services Fund I oppose NRC removing the Emergency Services Fund I would be willing to up the amount from \$1 per month to \$1 per week

LTP24_1921	Whangarei Arthritis Support Group	As a collective group, us the Whangarei Arthritis Support Group, we want to strongly oppose your proposal to use the Emergency Funding for other purposes. Please see names, addresses and signatures attached. This is absolutely nonsense to do this and then expect Central Government, who have no money, to be expected to fund this. The NRC will have blood on their hands because we all know the "Golden Hour" is critical and NRC need to keep our services, as is. For the sake of approximately \$12 per year, per rate payer, to be used in another area, then we suggest you rethink it. Might we suggest the NRC looks at its own spending, e.g. morning and afternoon tea, even lunch, after your meetings, this is totally unnecessary, this and other areas would help towards the Emergency Funding. You were elected to take care of the rate payers and their whanau in the North, instead you are playing politics. We suggest that you put this matter on the table as an election issue for the next General Election in 2026. Each party can then state their case and the public of New Zealand can vote on that basis. This matter can then be reviewed by NRC after the next General Election. In the meantime, we suggest the status quo! [STAFF NOTE: This feedback includes signatures from 19 supporters, attached]
LTP24_1989	Krista Franklin	Emergency Services Fund NEED TO BE CONTINUED! To whom it may concern, I am emailing to tell the NRC that I want to see the Emergency Services Fund continued, their services are fundamental to supporting our rural local communities being so far away from Whangarei Hospital - WITHOUT THIS life's would be at risk & endangered even more than they already are! Thanks,
LTP24_1997	David Lester and Cynthia Baur	Rescue helicopter My wife and I fervently support continued service provided by the Rescue Helicopter in Northland . In these days of diminishing medical facilities the helicopter service gives reassurance of urgent care and emergency help . We strongly encourage Northland Regional Council to financially back this essential community service With thanks
LTP24_1465	R Pascoe	LTP feedback Please don't stop the funding for the rescue chopper. No one else will pick up the gap other than the public via more fundraising - it's underfunded already. I'd much prefer my rates be spent on that than half the other stuff on the bill!
LTP24_1948	Robyn Nieuwelaar	Future plan Hi I would like the Emergency Services Fund continued. This service needs our support into the future.
LTP24_2005	Raewyn Tipene	Northland rescue helicopter As a rate payer I support the retention of funding support to the Northland rescue helicopter service.
LTP24_1974	Sharleen Scott	Retain emergency services fund Kia Ora I am writing to request NRC retain emergency services fund for northland and far north. It is such a sad reality should this be no longer funded. How are whanau living in these areas expected to get the much needed emergency support for urgent health or medical needs. We were so lucky in Far North for the chopper who saved our mums life getting her as far as Whangarei in a storm. Unfortunately she then had to travel to Auckland via ambulance, today we thank he chopper, God and her strength for hanging in there. Without the chopper we may have her with us still today. Please rethink the decision to remove funding as it is critical to our north and far north community to access the urgent fast medical attention required. Nga mihi
LTP24_2013	Sydney Rawiri	Re Emergency Helicopter Fund Hi, Northland Regional Council, I would like the Emergency Services Fund to continue. Regards
LTP24_1477	Matt Joblin	Emergency funding cuts Dear sir madam Don't cut funding to the VITAL emergency services. You waste money all over the show on other unnecessary rubbish. This is something we need, it's not a nice to have. If you go ahead sure it will only be a matter of time before you or your family need these services and a delay due lack of funding could make the difference Sincerely

LTP24_1982	Kerry Bryham	Submission Re Emergency Services Funding I wish to submit that the NRC funding of the Emergency Services is continued. Although it may not be considered core council business this funding is critical to these services and could cause them to fold with catastrophic results to human life. There is no alternative funding, the public already help them with donations as much as they are able so the council funding is crucial. I understand savings are trying to be made in general but I am sure the stated \$12 per ratepayer would be acceptable to most people for what could quite possibly save their life.
LTP24_1978	Kate Graham	Rescue helicopter service Hi Want to keep paying for rescue helicopter from my rates, and am happy to have a rates increase to cover keeping this service for Northland. I would also to be happy for the NRC to increase its contribution to this service so that less fundraising is required annually. NRC contributes funds to so many things outside its 'scope', why is this being targeted? I would rather being paying for it from my rates than expecting central government to fund it out of my taxes, as then the control of operation remains in Northland, rather than the quality of service provided being at the whim of central government. It shows a serious level of naivety by the current NRC councillors to be even raising cutting funding of this service as a potential rate saving.
LTP24_1972	J Parrish	Emergency Services Fund Hi there I would like this fund for rescue helicopter continued
LTP24_2021	Diane Watson	RESCUE HELICOPTER I would like the Emergency Services Fund continued please. Such a small price to pay for saving lives. Many thanks
LTP24_1485	Vanessa Gray	Submission - Emergency Services Funding Kia Ora I would like to submit my support for the continuation of the Emergency Services Funding support through Northland Regional Council. Please acknowledge receipt of this email. Nga Mihi
LTP24_1990	Gary Jackson	Northland Emergency Services Fund Good morning, I am concerned about the NRC plan to scrap the Emergency Services Fund and its effect on our emergency services, a few years ago my wife suffered a stroke which she luckily survived partly due to been able to be flown from Whangarei Hospital to Auckland Hospital, I was warned by the surgeon at Whangarei that she may die unless she was flown to Auckland, if you scrap the emergency services fund the outcomes from incidences like hers could be very different. As it is at present the emergency services are already struggling due to underfunding, just recently a friend of ours who is 78 years old had a fall in which she broke her arm quite badly. She had to lie on the road for two hours in a state of shock before an ambulance could get to her which is unacceptable. Please reconsider this proposal and think the next victim of your decision may just be someone close to you. I am happy for my Rates to stay as they are and include the emergency services fund quotient. Regards
LTP24_1986	Dawn Owens	Emergency services funding for Northland I am happy to keep paying \$12 annually on my rates to help support emergency services in Northland.
LTP24_1980	Nola McCullough	re Emergency Services Fund I want the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_2030	Deborah Bradley	Emergency Services Fund NEST Please, please, please this essential fund must be continued. The number of Northland (and others) lives this service saves are countless, priceless and could be one of mine or your family members. I have lived, worked and now retired in Northland over the last 24 years and know lots of people whose lives have been saved from this service. Please continue to fund. So much is being lost, this life saving service should not be one of them.
LTP24_1493	H Mitchell	I want the emergency services fund continued

LTP24_1998	Natt Berkhout	Rescue Helicopter funding To whomever it concerns, I am emailing to express my feelings on funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. This is such a vital emergency service that deserves appropriate funding. A few years ago it saved my niece's life after a quad bike accident at my sister's property near Matakoho. Funding needs to continue.
LTP24_1994	Judith Grant	Emergency Services Fund Good morning I wish to submit my submission in opposing the NRC removing the Emergency Servies Fund from the targeted annual rate. While I understand that rescue services are not your core business, by collecting a targeted annual rate from all householders helps keep the community of Northland safe in being able to provide these very important rescue services. Please, for the safety of the community keep providing the funding for all Emergency Services within Northland.
LTP24_1976	Ellenice Reihana Ruka	Emergency Services Fund I'm writing to urge the Northland Regional Council to retain the essential Emergency Services Fund. As I live in the Hokianga this service is essential for our Tai Tokerau rohe as the first responders save lives in our rural areas. Please NRC the harm to our rohe, Iwi, whanau whanui will be devastating if the Fund is no longer available. Nga mihi
LTP24_1988	Wendy Boyd	RESCUE HELICOPTER NORTHLAND This submission is to protest against the decision to cut the \$12 from all contributing households over the community This should be maintained as the distances that can be covered from Cape Reinga to the south of the Byrnderwyns, by emergency helicopter is huge. Lives will be lost. A prime example was the big motor vehicle crash involving seven people, four helicopters and many more emergency staff from ambulances to fire and police just south of Waipu last week and it was thanks to the early arrival of the helicopters that there were no deaths. I feel that this is a bad decision to try and cut costs in the emergency areas. Farmers need confidence that by calling 111 a helicopter will reach them. Maybe less spending on walkways/cycleways. Less staff? No special lunches etc. There are other ways to cut costs but not our helicopters. Thank you. I would like this submission to be read out please.
LTP24_2039	Roddy Pihema	Northland Regional Council to retain the essential Emergency Services Fund. Tena koutou te whanau kaunihera I'm writing to you today on behalf of the Moerewa kawakawa subdivision. As directed to by many of the residents that live within our humble communities. Many if not all of our communities have had the support of the Northland Rescue helicopter service. I to have had the experience of being escorted to mechanics Bay when there were complications with my son Tamati where Ielo Wilson Pihema birth thankfully for the service of these wonderful Guardians my wife was rushed to North shore hospital and later moved to Auckland I my self was in an accident that was life threatening Three fractures to the spine 23 fractures to the skull a broken sternum a smashed rotator cup and four broken ribs with bruising to the left lobe of the brain . 2014 that was and even though I have not fully recovered my wife and I have had 3 other children there is no doubt that the mercy flight that rushed me to the hospital is what saved my life just as the helicopter and its crew have been responsible for saving 100s of other lives if not thousands including many of the residents within the moerewa kawakawa subdivision Which consists of Moerewa Kawakawa Waiomio Motatau kaikou opahi matawaia Pokapu Otiria Ngapipito kawati Tuhipa I cannot express the importance of the service that has been provided to our subdivision and I cannot express what it would mean to lose the service that is provided by the rescue helicopter and its amazing crew . I am.also a member of the moerewa community civil defence and the chairman of the Taumatamakuku Community residents Representatives committee So I urge you to make the right decision and maintain your financial support for the emergency services as it is a service that the north can not do without with the huge lack of General practitioners in our areas Again on behalf

		of our communities I cannot stress the importance of the emergency services in our region Nga mihi
LTP24_1977	Charlotte Scott	Funding I hope this is the right platform? I'm more than happy to have the \$11 on my rates for the rescue services. Thank you
LTP24_1984	Paul	Northland Rescue Helicopter (Cuts) Dear Sir/Madam, Paul here, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concern regarding the decision to cut funds for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It has come to my attention that this change is being implemented without any clear justification. Considering the critical role played by the Northland Rescue Helicopter in saving lives, I believe this decision is highly unnecessary. The suddenness of this change only adds to the gravity of the situation. I kindly request you to provide me with an explanation for the reasoning behind this decision. It is my sincere belief that the continuation of funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter is of utmost importance, given the vital services it provides to our community. Kindest regards,
LTP24_1996	Rachel Davies	Rescue helicopter Northland Why would you get rid of the funding for our helicopters, they are there to help people in serious need. Speaking from experience my husband had a brain bleed in 2020 while in lockdown 4. If the helicopter had not been here to take him to Auckland hospital for treatment then he would not have been here. If the helicopters are forced to leave our region then we have to rely on the Auckland helicopters. And for them being so far away from the people in northland, I'd expect to see a lot more harm and death to the people because they can't arrive in time. So please keep the funding for them, I'm happy to pay the \$12 dollars on my rates, to keep them in the air. Thank you
LTP24_2048	Neil Kenny	Northland Rescue helicopter. I would like to register my disapproval of the NRC reducing or removing funding for the Northland rescue helicopter. As elderly pensioners, we live in Tinopai in the Kaipara district. Tinopai is very rural with a large number of elderly residents. It is an almost 2 hour journey by road to the Whangarei hospital and the rescue helicopter is essential for our wellbeing. Hence I state that we disapprove of any reduction in funding by NRC to the Northland rescue helicopter. Thank you,
LTP24_1985	Sue Hicks	Submissions Hi, I wish to say I don't agree with no longer funding emergency services. Thanks
LTP24_2014	Leeanne Gear	Keep our helicopter service Please keep our helicopter service. I live an hour and 20 min from Rawene hospital. Its only operational from Monday to Friday. In an emergency I and my family would need the helicopter- or I fear there would be deaths.
LTP24_1992	Danielle Collings	Emergency Services Fund To whom it may concern, This is my submission stating I wish to see the Emergency Services Fund continued. I have personally needed to call on the emergency chopping when I was in preterm labour - this potentially saved my son (now almost 3) Loukas' life, and mine too. Without this service available our story could very well have had a devastating outcome. With kindness,
LTP24_2004	Andrew Berry	Northland Helicopter Rescue Dear Council, I do not profess to have great knowledge of the inner workings of your council, however, I believe your desire to cut funding for the Rescue Helicopter and other related public safety services is fundamentally wrong.
LTP24_2056	Barry and Joan Young	Emergency Services Fund We wish to see the Emergency Services Fund Continued.
LTP24_1993	Janette Gross	Funding of the rescue helicopter I saw your plan to cut emergency funding of the rescue helicopter in the local paper. I am a Northland resident and a specialist anaesthetist at the hospital, where we see the impact of prolonged road transport for patients needing lifesaving emergency surgery. I am writing to request funding for the rescue helicopter be maintained until such time as a sustainable embedded alternative is delivered. Our roads and the hospital infrastructure need

		addressing but this will take time. Our patients need the helicopter today. Thank you for reconsidering your plans Sincerely
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Stop funding regional sports facilities. Focus on emergency services
LTP24_2010	Amanda & Wade Miller	Northland Rescue Helicopter To whom it may concern, we urge the Northland Regional Council to retain the essential Emergency Services Fund - We cannot be without this service- people will die without It! Kind regards
LTP24_2022	Roddy Finlayson	Submission to NRC re funding of Emergency Services Fund. To whom it may Concern. I strongly oppose the removing of critical lifesaving Emergency Services Fund, which was created to protect everyone in our community. We must also retain our Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate. We have some of the best leading Facilities in NZ. The amount that is charged to our rates is negotiable. Signed by. A Rate payer for 58 years.
LTP24_2000	Tracy Barker	Northland Rescue Helicopter Submissions I support the continuation of funding by the NRC for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It is such a vital life support service for us in Northland. Northland covers such a vast area, with many isolated clusters of small communities. Northland was previously recorded as the fastest growing region in New Zealand. To stop funding for an essential life saving service would devastate not only Northland locals and ratepayers, but also potentially harm tourism and Northland businesses and long term growth, with concerns over distances to hospitals without the helicopter service for emergencies. This is something many people do consider when considering relocating or making plans to travel, depending on age and health related issues. Farming, forestry, construction, adventure tourism, fishing, hiking etc. all involve risks, many of which are in remote locations or difficult to access without the helicopter. The distance in travel times and available support can be life threatening. I believe with St Johns, the Rescue Helicopter in Northland is one of our greatest assets. I would be happy to continue paying on my rateable properties to support the Northland Rescue Helicopter service.
LTP24_2012	Denise Bunting	Northland helicopter services Please retain the essential Emergency Services Fund!!!! Northland needs the rescue helicopter!!!! I find it hard to believe that cutting this service could even be considered.
LTP24_2001	Blake Murray	Emergency Services fund To whom it may concern, I am appalled that NRC is considering scrapping funding to our local emergency services in Northland at a time where these services are busier than ever. It shows a very poor lack of consideration for the community you are collecting money from. I would like to submit that the emergency fund should not be cut. Sincerely,
LTP24_2018	Julie Williams	Emergency services fund Hello, I want the emergency services fund to be continued. Losing such a large amount of funding reduces my and my family's chances of being transported for urgent treatment if it was required.
LTP24_2032	Jenny Collison	Feedback on Northland Regional Plan 2024-34 I have just been reading through the proposals. I strongly object to the proposal that the Regional Council stop funding the Emergency Services and Regional Sporting Facilities. An extra \$27.65 a year works out at \$2.31 extra per month, or 52 pence a week. This is a miniscule amount for the benefit received. Your proposals talk of Community Resilience. By continuing to contribute to the Emergency Services we (via the Council) are supporting the health of the Community, and by helping fund the Regional Sporting Facilities we (via the Council) are contributing to the physical, mental and social health of the Community. Both of these are important for Community Resilience. I am sure that savings can be found elsewhere if you are of the opinion that this would make rates unaffordable. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2008	Katherine Belz	Emergency Services Fund I submit that the Emergency Services Fund is retained to maintain the services of our emergency helicopters and other services necessary.

LTP24_2020	Margie Woolley	Emergency Services Fund Dear Sir/Madam Please - we needed the Emergency Services Fund continued. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2009	Annameike Berkhout	Submission for EMS funding to continue Hi, I am writing to say I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. Such valuable resources in our community. There would be such great losses if the funding is cut! Many thanks
LTP24_2016	Sally & Erc Angelo	Emergency Services Fund To whom it may concern. We are very very sad that NRC is considering stopping your ESF which will seriously affect the Northland Emergency Services Trust. We ask that you just take another look at your public responsibilities and in doing so, reach the obvious decision to continue with the amazing support NRC provides to our very much needed ESF services. Yours Faithfully
LTP24_2026	Taryn Marris	Rescue Helicopter Kia ora Koutou, This email is in SUPPORT of continuing funding for our ESSENTIAL service of Northland Rescue Helicopter. It is absolutely vital that you DO NOT cut funding to this service. The lives of our people across the whole rohe of Tai Tokerau depend on this.... and ironically that also includes every single employee of RDC and all of their whānau!!! As a rate payer myself I fully support my money towards this being spent on this service. Especially when you compare it to a heap of other non-essential services and activities our money is spent on this is an absolute NO BRAINER!! Ngā mihi
LTP24_2040	Detlev Rempe	rescue helicopter I would like that the funding for the Emergency helicopter is continued kind regards
LTP24_2072	Jacob Holmes	Emergency services fund Hi, I think it is most important that the emergency services fund Is continued, it is such a great need for keeping all northlanders and visitors safe by helping fund these great services. Cheers
LTP24_2029	Robyn Scott	(no subject) My family and I are very happy to have \$12 added to our rates to keep the emergency services fund going.
LTP24_2024	Laura Knox-Whyte	Northland Rescue Helicopter Submission I support the continuation of funding by the NRC for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It is such a vital life support service for us in Northland. Northland covers such a vast area, with many isolated clusters of small communities. Northland was previously recorded as the fastest growing region in New Zealand. To stop funding for an essential life saving service would devastate not only Northland locals and ratepayers, but also potentially harm tourism and Northland businesses and long term growth, with concerns over distances to hospitals without the helicopter service for emergencies. This is something many people do consider when considering relocating or making plans to travel, depending on age and health related issues. Farming, forestry, construction, adventure tourism, fishing, hiking etc. all involve risks, many of which are in remote locations or difficult to access without the helicopter. The distance in travel times and available support can be life threatening. I believe with St Johns, the Rescue Helicopter in Northland is one of our greatest assets. I would be happy to continue paying on my rateable properties to support the Northland Rescue Helicopter service.
LTP24_2017	Lyn Macmillan	emergency services fund What were you thinking! Do NOT scrap the emergency services fund. We live in an isolated area - Russell peninsula - (most of Northland is isolated!) and as a ratepayer I'm willing to pay my \$12 to keep this vital service funded. Regards
LTP24_2080	Julian and Lydia Whitehouse	Submission - re Emergency Services Fund Hello FORMAL SUBMISSION As Northland ratepayers we are aghast and dismayed to learn that the Northland Regional Council are, without our being consulted prior, planning to scrap the long standing Council contribution to the Northland Emergency Services Trust. This is completely unacceptable.. and as our elected representatives you must not allow this travesty to proceed We urge you to reconsider and to safeguard the vital funding for this vital and critical emergency service which we as residents of Northland rely on. Yours faithfully

LTP24_2049	W Aspden	N.E.S.T. Please in the interest of all northlanders do not "scrap" your funding for the rescue helicopter. Your contribution is after all, public money. This is a valuable service saving the lives of many. regards
LTP24_1971	Mere Morunga	Emergency services funding - Reduced My husband and I live in Opononi, Hokianga. There is NO doctor available in Hauora Hokianga (Rawene Hospital) from 5pm to 8am Monday to Friday and NO doctors available on the weekends. We rely on St John ambulance services who will transfer patients to Kawakawa hospital which is 1½ hour drive. Often our Rawene ambulance is unavailable, and an ambulance from either Kaikohe, Kawakawa or Kerikeri has to attend the 111 call which incurs a longer wait time. For extreme emergency calls we need the Rescue helicopter NEST. This is now our life-line for the Hokianga area. Please reconsider the funding cuts for NEST.
LTP24_2034	Sheryl Bradley	Rescue chopper Just read in Whangarei Leader that you are planning on scrapping the Emergency Services Fund. Northland definitely needs the rescue chopper, impossible to believe you would put this service at risk!!!!
LTP24_2025	Brendon and Sheena Antonio	Northland Rescue Helicopter Ending Northland Rescue Helicopter Funding. We do not want the funding to this fabulous organization to be scrapped. Why on earth this would be even on the table is beyond us. We are happy to continue to pay as rate payers towards this very worthy and much needed cause.
LTP24_2045	Julie Fife	Emergency services fund Please ensure this fund continues. An increase to \$30 per year would be great thanks
LTP24_2057	Michael McGivern	Northland rescue helicopter Dear Sir/Madame I am writing to encourage the council to continue to support the annual emergency services fund which is absolutely essential and in my opinion cannot be stopped. \$1 a month for households is virtually nothing and I am sure that the majority of people do not mind paying this. I would politely ask that the council vote to continue this emergency services fund for the good of Northland. Kindest regards
LTP24_1979	Ray Paterson	Council funding should stay in place for helicopter rescue and other subsidiary causes. [redacted] Thanks,
LTP24_2043	Nadie Tillman	Rescue helicopter/St John etc funding I think it is imperative to continue funding for our emergency services. \$12 per person per annum to help save lives? Be ridiculous to scrap it, and dangerous - funding is already an issue with these essential services!! Regards
LTP24_2035	Julie Harris	Funding Please retain the essential Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_2053	Mandy McDowell	Northland rescue helicopter Kia ora, As a rate payer of this community, I would like to continue supporting the Northland Rescue Helicopter through my rates as I believe this service is critical to residents and visitors to the north. Thank you
LTP24_2047	Deborah Hopkins	Northland Rescue Helicopter To Whom it may Concern I am appalled that NRC want to withdraw contribution to this vital service we have. We need This incredible service which has saved hundreds if not thousands of lives over The years. I can personally say I was flown out from Kaitaia Hospital to Whangarei in a real bad way and Transferred into ICU, I possibly would not have made the trip by road. Please use our rates to help pay for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. One day it might be you Or your whanau that need their help. Regards
LTP24_2065	Pam Walker	I want the emergency services fund continued.
LTP24_1987	Effie and Murray Lints	Emergency Services Funding As elderly, non-urban ratepayers we wish wo record our strongly felt opposition to any curtailment of funding to support emergency services, We suggest, rather, that the current \$1.11M be increased to cover current inflation rates.
LTP24_2051	Lillian Simpkin	Rescue services Northland Hello there, Please continue the Emergency Services Fund as part of my rates payment. I view this service as essential to our community and expect to contribute through my rates payment. Kind regards,

LTP24_2044	Norma Lyon and Marcel Pouly	Rescue Helicopter As Hokianga Ratepayers, we demand that part of our contribution to NRC is used to support the Emergency Services Fund. It is a vital service for rural Hokianga and Northland residents, even more important now that Hokianga Hospital has reduced its services. Do not be short sighted, continue your contribution to this valuable life saving helicopter and the highly trained staff who work for the organisation.
LTP24_2061	Ruby Lyons	Rescue Helicopter Hello, I am 19 and writing this email as many others have, to urge you not to cut the rescue helicopter funding! My mum is a volunteer in the Kohukohu fire brigade, which is a small area. Yet she has witnessed first hand, so so many incidents where the rescue helicopter has been required. This is an ESSENTIAL service here in the north! Like all of New Zealand, there are ALOT of areas where ambulances/anything on wheels can't go. In these situations, people have to rely on the helicopter. If you cut funding, many many lives will be at risk. What if I went on a walk in to the bush and seriously injured myself? I'd feel a lot better knowing a helicopter is coming rather than waiting for medics on wheels to find me on foot. What if I fell down a cliff? Who will winch me up? The ambo can't drive down the cliff. Think about it!!! This is an essential service!! I myself have worked at council so I KNOW how hard it is to budget the money you receive. But who in their right mind would cut this essential funding?!! Please, you're making the wrong choice! Regards ,
LTP24_2055	Diana Elisara	Feedback: Northland Regional Council Hi Team, Just putting in some feedback regarding your movement of potentially cancelling the funding for the life saving services in Northland. I believe it is an essential need for the entire northland community to have this service available to them in the circumstances of a potential health crisis. Please consider continuing to fund this service. As a northlander I understand every rate payer pays at least \$1 a month which is \$12 p.a to have these services funded. I believe it is super important to have this continued - I have had a close family friend use the Northland Rescue Helicopter when he was in a life or death situation and to this day he is here with us due to this service! Please listen to the people. Thank you,
LTP24_2100	Dick Fisher	Emergency Services Fund Good morning I am writing today imploring NRC to continue funding ESF through the \$12 per household rates portion. Of all the services NRC provide funding for, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter has to be one of the most important lifesaving services available to each and every ratepayer. My wife and I wholeheartedly support Northland Rescue Helicopters. In my view, NRC should seriously consider looking for savings in other areas. NRC must continue funding the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2059	Brian and Linda Denison	Emergency Helicopter Continuation This is to confirm that my wife and I support the helicopter. Thanks
LTP24_1995	Margaret Doel	Emergency Services Fund The Emergency Services Fund annual rate of \$12 should be continued, not scrapped as proposed by NRC.
LTP24_2052	Dianne Wright	(no subject) Our family of 3 totally support the continuation of the support for Emergency Services in Northland. We are so isolated there's services are needed.
LTP24_2073	Leonie & Nick Henderson	Funding / Future Planning Submission re Emergency Services Fund We request please that the Northland Regional Council retains the essential Emergency Services Fund On your website you currently state that you are proud supporters of six life saving organisations in the North. Well obviously not proud enough. We just cannot understand your logic in pulling such vital funding from these services. If anything you should be increasing it. If you stand behind your community as you say you do then take the right action and continue your support. Do you not realise how essential these services are? It is just mind blowing to think you would put even more pressure on them by having to campaign even harder to find funding to replace what you are taking away. We urge you to reconsider your action.

LTP24_2063	The Carr Family	Save our rescue helicopter To whom this may concern, When the community needs us, we and all Northland emergency services and first responders are there for people 24/7. Please help our community do what is best, and not cut the councils funding for this immense community support. Our thoughts go out to all those involved to save this and we thank our crews and all of the other emergency services for once again working together and helping our community. Regards
LTP24_2069	Jacque Johnson	Funding for Rescue Helicopter As a multiple rate payer in Northland I SUPPORT the continuation of the annual \$12 in our rates going to this critical resource for our community.
LTP24_2060	Tom Walker	Rescue helicopter As a Rate payer I would like it noted that I want the emergency rescue services fund continued.
LTP24_2081	Robert Wilson	keep our choppers!!! Please keep our choppers, they are much needed, they save lives every day. One day it could be your life they save.
LTP24_2071	Lannes Johnson	Please continue the Emergency Fund Absolutely essential Cheers
LTP24_2077	P Davies	Emergency Services Fund Good morning, I would like to voice my opinion and add my support for the Emergency Services Trust. Unlike "Noddyland" at the town basin that we, the rate payers, will have to continue to subsidise for the years to come, the helicopter service is ESSENTIAL to everybody. The council is tasked to manage the rates it collects from the rate payers so to stand by and even suggest that we should use the funding elsewhere shows the complete disregard it has for us all. This subject should not even be under consideration, it should be a given that this funding will continue or be increased to keep this essential service operational. Regards,
LTP24_2089	Jane Papesch	Northland Emergency Services Trust. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal that the Northland Emergency Services Trust funding be scrapped. I support the targeted annual rate of \$12.00 per household. This most efficient service saves many lives every year. Many lives will be lost if this targeted funding is discontinued.
LTP24_2079	Shayna Tukiri	Emergency Services Fund PLEASE LEAVE OUR EMERGENCY SERVICE FUNDS ALONE. YOU DONT fix our roads. YOU DONT clean the rubbish from our roadsides. YOU DONT keep our towns clean. YOU DONT keep the community gardens clean. YOU DONT DO ANYTHING IN FAR NORTH SO YOU SHOULD HAVE MONEY TO LEAVE THESE FUNDS ALONE. We need them, you may need them, your whanau may need them. Your next day is a mystery and you never know what will happen. For example: The crash in Waipu with 7 injured. Three of those being children who were flown by helicopter to starship and Whangarei. What was used to saved these 7 lives: 2 Northland rescue helicopters 2 Auckland Westpac helicopters 5 ambulances LEAVE OUR EMERGENCY SERVICE FUNDS ALONE. Go and find funds else where, because really you should have millions that are sitting around.
LTP24_2068	Wendy Reid	Emergency Services submissions Kia ora Please keep the annual submissions for our Emergency Services. Thank you Nga mihi
LTP24_2085	Ronald McIntyre	n.e.s.t Hi guys, I would like to support the rescue helicopter and request that the emergency fund continues. If we can't do this then we will be very disappointed if council supplies emergency funding for hunderwaser
LTP24_2075	Anita Sumich	Emergency Services Fund Please do not discontinue funding for the Emergency Services Fund - this is a critical service for Northland and we are happy for a portion of our rates to fund this Thank you
LTP24_2003	Walter Hayman	Submission - Emergency Services Fund Good morning, I am emailing in relation to the Emergency Services Fund proposal in the NRC council plan proposal. I do not support the proposal and wish to advise the NRC to maintain or increase the funding to the Emergency Services Fund. This is a critical piece of infrastructure to supporting mankind in Northland in times of need with the helicopter. Kind Regards,

LTP24_2101	Colleen Fisher	Emergency Services Fund Good morning The Rescue Helicopter has to be one of the most important lifesaving services available to each and every ratepayer. I wholeheartedly support Northland Rescue Helicopters and, in my view, NRC should seriously consider looking for savings in other areas. I am writing today imploring NRC to continue funding ESF through the \$12 per household rates portion. NRC must continue funding the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2087	Brian Papesch	Northland Emergency Services As a Northland ratepayer, I am opposed to the proposal to remove the Emergency Services Fund. I support the current system of a targeted annual rate of \$12.00 per household. The trust saved my life 2 years ago by helicoptering me to Whangarei Hospital quickly after a major incident in which I suffered catastrophic blood loss.
LTP24_2076	Danica Radich	Northland rescue helicopter I would like the Northland rescue helicopter services funded continued. They do an awesome service to the Community and save lives- it will be a devastating lost without it. Much appreciated
LTP24_2130	Sue Daumiller	Emergency Funding continued Hi, I'd like to ask you to continue finding the Northland Emergency Services trust. I believe it's not only a core service but a necessary one that we need to support. With our region having so many remote areas, I believe this service is absolutely essential. I asl that you support that service, please, Kind regards,
LTP24_2097	Mitchell Whitehouse	Continued Funding of NEST for Helicopters Hello NRC Team. The NEST Helicopters in Northland in my experience has been up there among one of the most visible, most regularly used, and routinely lifesaving services that the NRC contributes funding towards. I cannot express in words how strongly I feel about the need for NRC funding, as part of rates, to continue. The helicopters lifesaving service has deeply affected a large number of close friends and even closer family. I have a 1st cousin in his teens who is very afflicted and at times suffers from life threatening seizures that cannot be stopped with medicines available to be held by his parents, and the helicopter has many times, been what saved his life, by flying to where he was at the time, and quickly transporting him to Whangarei base hospital, or at times direct to Auckland. Recently, a friend of mine, who with his wife, has lost two children in infancy due to severe health complications, was with his beloved nephews fishing on the coast near Whangarei. He was swept off the rocks by a freak wave in sight of his wife, who thought for certain that her rock through the suffering they'd been through with their children, had himself gone. He was rescued shortly thereafter by the helicopter crew. An elderly man who lived near us and attended the same church, and extended kindly pastoral care to me over many years, had a horrific double accident after a cow ran out into the road, which he hit, and then bounced into the path of an oncoming dairy tanker. Every safety feature in his 5star safety rated vehicle deployed when he hit the cow, and on the second collision his face, body, and that of wife and his elderly mother in the vehicle also, were battered against the doors, seats, and dashboard of the car as they were hit by a tanker at approx. 70kmh, spun back across the road, and thrown into a ditch. I came upon that accident as about the 5th car, and being trained in first aid I assisted in checking vitals, turning off the vehicle which was still running and leaking fuel at the same time, and comforting the occupants, close friends, who were trapped in the mangled vehicle. The emergency services and helicopter were critical in getting them out and to the very best possible care in the shorted possible timeframe, and im certain are a massive part of why those three occupants are still alive and well today. These are but a few of the utterly lifechanging and lifesaving events that I have personally experienced at close quarters where the helicopter has made THE vital difference. Please, do NOT let this funding stop. Its must be continued, or we risk lives that could otherwise be saved, being lost. With sincere regards

LTP24_2083	George and Lyn Gray	Rescue helicopter support Both my husband and I support the continuing funding of our Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2011	Angela Alldred	Save our rescue helicopter Kia ora Please save our northland rescue helicopter, I am a nurse at Te Tai Tokerau and I see first hand the provision of care and lifesaving service provided by our paramedic team at St. John's , Whangarei hospital and Westpac helicopter. I would be more than happy to pay an extra \$12.00 annually in my rates to help fund this service. Ngā mihi
LTP24_2099	Ashley Sorenson and Family	Emergency Services Fund Submission To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of Northlands Emergency Services Funding ongoing. Like many people will tell you, these essential services are critical for the safety and survival of many of our community members. My 9 year old son was fortunate enough to access the Northland Rescue Helicopter when he was in a serious head on car accident 4 years ago. He was transported via ambulance to Whangārei Base Hospital where his injuries were so severe they suggested transporting him to Starship Hospital as it was likely he would require a short stay in Specialised Paediatric ICU. Seeing the lights of the helicopter on top of the hospital was a glimpse of hope that soon our baby boy would be in the best specialist care. The team were nothing but professional, reassuring, kind, and efficient. Every time we drive past the base we point to the Helicopters and count our blessings. So please find a way to continue support for these life saving services. Kindest regards
LTP24_2084	Donna Gibbons	Feedback Long term plan Good Morning I would like to submit my feedback relating to cutting the funding for Emergency services as per the Long term plan . I did not support the halting of this funding at all and believe it would be a mistake. The current cost of \$11.00 per household, less than \$1.00 per month should remain in place. These services have to fundraise independently and putting more pressure on the fundraising targets is not right.
LTP24_2105	Juanita Cranston	Emergency services and sporting facilities funding To Whom it may concern I am submitting as a private citizen, living in One Tree Point and request that the NRC reconsider the proposal to withdraw funding contributions of \$27 per household towards the emergency services and sporting facilities. Sporting Facilities I am grateful for the way the NRC have enabled the development of wonderful sporting facilities in our region and I have seen this funding initiative benefit the community immensely. An example is this weekend - my son plays football for Bream Bay United - his team invited a team from Auckland (Green Bay) to play at Ruakaka for a pre-season game. These lads drove to Ruakaka, and had a wonderful game and spent a good few dollars in the hospitality sector of Ruakaka over the course of the weekend. This benefited the community both from a financial and well being perspective. A large group of people were entertained and were very happy that Bream Bay won - thanks largely to the wonderful facilities that our teams practice and play in. Another son is a volunteer surf lifesaver and his daughters (my granddaughters) are Surf Lifesaver Nippers, we have many visitors over the summer who cannot believe the wonder of Bream Bay - it would be great if a summer activity - like Beach Volley Ball could be featured as a sport activity in our area, further showcasing beautiful Northland and bringing more visitors. My grandchildren also swim at the Bream Bay Swimming club, there are so many children getting into this now. We are fortunate to have these facilities and with the growth in our area and other areas in Northland I really think the funding should continue as we don't want our young ones to disappear to other parts of New Zealand for opportunities and it would also be great if our region can host National Events. Emergency Services We have a lot of older people in our area (including me). In the past 6 months I have had direct involvement with emergency services (being a first responder to medical incidents), and am aware of 2 other medical events among my friends requiring emergency services. It is

		<p>real there is a lot of pressure on the emergency services in Northland, now is not the time to channel funding for this service elsewhere. I feel so much for the benefits of retaining the funding for Sport and Emergency services, and I accept there may be an inevitable rate rise. Thank you for listening. Kind regards</p>
LTP24_2091	Barry Rowe	<p>L.T.P - rescue Helicopter I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund.</p>
LTP24_2019	David Wase	<p>Northland Rescue Helicopter Hello It is somewhat concerning to hear that the current funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter is going to be discontinued. It is a very worthwhile and necessary service for our community. Although I personally have not needed to use it, a friend of mine was in a 3-vehicle crash a few weeks ago. He was taken to Whangarei hospital in an ambulance, however the driver of the vehicle that was shunted into him by a third party, causing a head on collision, had to be airlifted to hospital and was placed into intensive care. I shudder to think what might have happened to her if she had to be taken in an ambulance. The helicopter saved her life. Keep the funding! Regards</p>
LTP24_2107	Kirwin Hampshire	<p>Emergency Services Fund Hello Councillors, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed reduction of funding for emergency services (including funding for Northland Rescue Helicopters). It is imperative that these services are fully funded, for reasons that I would have thought obvious. I'd like to call attention to a quote from Tui Shortland from this article: https://www.1news.co.nz/2024/04/04/northland-emergency-services-should-be-govt-funded-says-council/"For us, the real question is why things like critical health services are having to be topped up by council rates? Why aren't these critical lifesaving services being funded properly by the government in the first place?" This is a good point, and I agree with it. However, the fact that the current administration is a pack of looters unwilling to fund essential services does not entail that the regional council follows suit. In lieu of their assistance, the responsibility falls to you to fund this service. Do not use your rightful critique of the central government to obfuscate the real issue, which is that you'd like to avoid rates increases. To that point, I'll say this: Any unpopularity you incur by increasing rates will be outweighed by the infamy you will incur by slashing funding for emergency services. Furthermore, there is strong precedent for rates increases as per this article: https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/350210571/winners-and-losers-rates-rises-sweep-country It might not be good, but it is not without precedent. I could write at length about the potential harm this proposed reduction could inact on the community. However, since you all have functioning brains, I trust you're well aware of this. Keeping emergency services fully funded is vital. Make the right decision. Thanks for your time, and all the best,</p>
LTP24_2114	Faye Peacock	<p>Rescue helicopter This is just a vital service and the minimal \$12 per annum That's comes out of our rates should definitely go to this service</p>
LTP24_2116	Beth Kelly	<p>Emergency services funding I have major concerns about the NRC proposal to stop funding Northland emergency services, including the rescue helicopter. I am a retired nurse and midwife and worked for many years in rural health in the north. The emergency services, particularly the helicopter service were, and still remain, crucial to the health and wellbeing of these communities. Many people would have died without them I worked in Kaeo. Being a small rural community more than 2 hours by road from Whangarei, our relative isolation proved challenging when dealing with myriad types of medical emergency. To have that helicopter and it's skilled and dedicated team readily available was vital in successfully managing those situations. Please seriously reconsider stopping the current funding, I strongly believe that the \$12 annually contributed by ratepayers is a small amount to pay. I am more than happy to continue paying it. Regards</p>

LTP24_2103	Nicola Cuttle	Emergency Services Fund Good afternoon I am writing today to express my dismay at the NRC proposal to drop this funding from our rates. Please, can NRC continue the current funding of our Northland Emergency Services. This is such an important and necessary public service to all Northlanders. Regards
LTP24_2028	Delwyn Pilbrow	Funding for sports and emergency services Please do not cut back on funding for these crucial services. I do not believe rates need to go up, there are enough new builds to cover increases. I do not believe rates need to go up there is a lot of un-utilized council land that rates pay to maintain unnecessarily, as some land could be sold to save maintenance costs. A prime example would be a coastal section of land, down a private driveway between 2 houses that public don't know council own. There are many of these properties wasting ratepayers money on maintenance.
LTP24_2104	Celina Yardley	Submission Re: Emergency Services Fund To whom it may concern, I am emailing to put forward a submission relating to the Emergency Services Fund. I do not think this should be scrapped or reduced and think the fund should be continued. This service is absolutely crucial for Northland with our very limited health care and isolation. I was transferred from Kaitaia to Whangarei via rescue helicopter in 2018 and without this service my son would have died at birth. Thank you. Kind regards,
LTP24_1580	Krystle Richards	(no subject) What an ABSURD idea, even THOUGHT of taking 500k away from a service that saves lives, ALOT of lives 24/7 365 days a year when the DUMB UGLY hundertwasssier building (THAT MAJORITY VOTED AGAINST) gets 657k of funding a year!? Don't be so STUPID. If this goes ahead I pray YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS never find yourselves in need if this very crucial, important service to Northland
LTP24_2129	Royce Kokich	Targeted Rate NEST Hello, I wish to make a submission re the proposal to axe the targeted rate for NEST. We support the current targeted rate towards the Emergency Services Fund which contributes over \$500,000 towards NEST per year. I our opinion this TARGETED rate should be ring fenced and continue to support this very important service. Regards,
LTP24_2037	Mandy van Harmelen	Continue emergency services fund To whom it may concern I would like the emergency services fund to continue. It is crazy to think that it's even an option to not have it. Yes, we must all pay for it. Thank you Kind regards
LTP24_2113	Tim Robinson	Submission on LTP Kia Ora, I wish to submit my opposition to the removal of financial support for emergency services, including surf lifesaving, from the LTP. I wish to formally request the continuation of the funding as it stands now. I would like to speak to my submission if possible. Thanks & Regards
LTP24_1590	John Haora	Emergency Services Fund - Continuation Good morning, I would like to make a submission IN FAVOUR of retaining the Emergency Services FUND by means of the current levy on Northland rates. Our household contributes to NDC rates and believe that the Northland Rescue Helicopter service is an extremely valuable asset for the district and communities that it serves. Any reduction in the Northland Rescue Helicopter service capabilities would have a negative impact on the community in the long term in my opinion. Appreciate the councillor's consideration Regards
LTP24_2137	Greg Alexander and Linda Ross	Emergency Services Fund...please continue. To whom it may concern, We would like to see the contribution from the NRC rates continue to support the Emergency Services Fund. Both NEST and Northern Surf life Saving carry out essential and critical services in our region, we need to help them in any way to provide the very best service for all Northlanders. We fully support the small contribution from our rates to support these services ongoing. Regards
LTP24_2046	Peter Evans	Emergency services fund. Please continue funding the Emergency Services.

LTP24_1598	Lynda Julian	Emergency services funding cuts I strongly support the ongoing payment via NRC to keep our emergency services viable. I think paying \$11 per household per annum is well worth continuing. Also, rather than removing this payment it could be increased to \$20 per household pa. If your family member urgently needs help, I doubt anyone would begrudge paying a small amount per annum to ensure someone comes to help. Northland is geographically a large spread out area, with lots of bush and beaches, so rescue by helicopter is sometimes the difference in getting to someone quickly to help. Same with the coastguard service. My vote strongly supports keeping the status quo. Regards
LTP24_2148	Carol McEwen	NEST RESCUE SERVICES Cutting of NEST services funding is counter productive, greedy, taking away lifesaving services. It is abhorrent. Reasons for this service to be continued are many, including: 1. Distances to travel especially from the West Coast ie Cape Reinga to Kaipara to critical medical serves - ie Pouto to Dargaville road transport at least 2 - 2 1/2 hours with heavy transport continuous on this road: where emergency treatment is taken and patients transferred often by NEST to Whangarei or Auckland. By road a further following 3/4 to 1 hour journey to Whangarei if emergency services are cut or Auckland 2 - 3 hours. 2. Instead of NEST try reducing other NRC charges a little and putting those towards NEST. 3. Council rates are going up in all areas take .50 cents from both council and NRC charges per month \$6.00 per annum on each set of rating charges to cover the costs. If looked at it equates to \$1.00 per month for 12 months surely this amount can be found. Don't destroy a service that saves lives.
LTP24_2054	Bryn Hughes	Proposed scrapping of sports funding This proposal is abhorrent. Sports and recreation are vital to our community. The benefits to health and wellbeing are massive and far outweigh all of the other supposed core functions that the council claim are important (flood management, biosecurity, climate resilience, water and catchment management) The council should be looking at cutting its costs if it wants to save money via looking at its staffing numbers and other costs if it wants to limit rate rises. If all this is done and they still need a rate rise then have the guts to do it. People are happy to pay for good services. Issue appears more that no one can see what the council has delivered. Another option would be to scrap the funding for the white elephant that is the hunterwsssr and use this funding to provide sports services for the majority. There are also other obvious ways to save money. Why for example do we need the NRC, the WDC, the KDC and the FNDC?? Millions could be saved merging these. Regards
LTP24_2150	Ian and Elaine Wright	Northlands emergency services Could you please continue these services.
LTP24_2153	Billie and Ron Worth	Re: WDC Rates submission We strongly oppose the rates changes to remove my \$12.00 rates contribution to emergency services such as the Rescue Helicopter, St John's and Surf Lifesaving. This is one area where all lives matter, and which literally saves lives. We have put up with the noise of the rescue helicopter flying overhead for over 20 years and we are happy to continue to do so in the future so that lives can be saved. This proposal is disgraceful. Please continue the Emergency Services Fund! Thank you
LTP24_2062	Hazel Foote	Submission re Emergency Services Fund I want the Emergency Services Fund continued and OPPOSE scrapping it.
LTP24_2173	Michelle Williams	Submission : Emergency Service Funding Kia ora, I am fully supportive of maintaining funding for Emergency Services in Northland. Removing this funding would be a backward step. Our rescue services consistently do an outstanding job, and it's crucial that they receive the recognition they deserve. Ngā mihi,

LTP24_2147	Fransje van Hoppe	<p>Emergency Services Fund for Northland Rescue Helicopters To whom it may concern, I am writing in regard to the proposed cutting of funding to the Northland Rescue Helicopter. As a ratepayer the one portion of my rates that I have little issue with goes to the rescue helicopter. It is an almost negligible amount and makes a tangible difference to a vital service, not only to Whangārei, but to the whole of Northland. To give full disclosure, I have been a pilot at NEST for around 3 years so I can only ask that you consider this as a non biased view. However, working there on a day to day basis gives me an accurate sense of the extent of the service. While the numbers of people that have needed the service are easy to throw around, I have their faces and stories in my memory which means more to me. Having been touched with peoples stories I cannot imagine that this is a decision that accurately accounts for the service it provides. Beyond the personal stories, the service itself was established by visionary people. The acquisition of the Sikorsky helicopters for their size and speed, and implementation of Multi Crew and Instrument Flying capability was a move that was well ahead of its time. The organisation was the first rescue helicopter organisation in the world to design instrument approaches into remote areas. All that means is we are not as constrained by weather, can travel fast and access remote regions in inclement weather with a much higher degree of safety than traditional operating practices. This model has since been copied by other rescue helicopter organisations both in NZ and around the world. It is something to be proud of, and while that vision rests on the people within the organisation beforehand, its legacy has left us with a world class service. In the first instance, that was always only possible with support. If I can put my ratepayers hat back on, I am opposed to the cut, the rescue helicopter saves countless lives, and for each life it saves it helps scores more that are in need, and as I said earlier, it is a negligible cost to me. I actually find it somewhat mind boggling that it has been considered as a cost to cut. Regards</p>
LTP24_1611	Yuan Zhang	<p>Emergency Services Fund Please continue the Emergency Services Fund as this is very important for assisting people who may need critical medical attention. Nothing is more important than saving lives!! Best regards,</p>
LTP24_2070	Vink Family	<p>Emergency Services Fund (Submission) I am strongly apposed to NRC scrapping the funding of the emergency services fund. It is our money that goes towards it also and we voted you in. Please continue with this essential funding. Regards</p>
LTP24_2205	Paula Wilson	<p>Emergency Services Fund - please keep this Kia ora Northland Regional Council Please keep this Emergency Services Fund for our rescue helicopter service. With Tai Tokerau's many isolated rural and coastal communities, and terrible roads, the rescue helicopter service is invaluable and we literally cannot live without it. Ngā mihi</p>
LTP24_2078	Jan O'Boyle	<p>Rescue helicopter defunding I am against nrc ending funding for the emergency rescue service. Northland needs this service as we have many inaccessible places, very poor road maintenance and long distances between hospitals. Many lives have been saved over the years by this service. How many lives will be lost if this service ends. I am also objecting to NRC doing this with no public consultation and very little notice.</p>

LTP24_2213	Jerry & Kirsty	<p>Rescue helicopter Kia Ora, I am writing this as someone who can tell you the rescue helicopter changed my families life. In October 2018 my family were in devastating car crash in Moerewa. Helicopters were absolutely required for two of them. Their injuries were horrific. One being a 4 year old with massive brain injuries. I can still see him, tiny in a hospital bed with half his head crushed. The other with her body more broken than not. The emergency surgeons who dealt with them said they are walking miracles. Their recovery is still ongoing and was initially gruelling. But they are here, and live happy fulfilling lives. One is back nearly full time at work, and the 4 year old is now nearly 10 and active, plays sport and loves school. We know this wouldn't be possible without those helicopters. They are the only reason they are here. Because they got to those surgeons when every second counted. You never think it will be you or your family needing them. But they are needed so often by the Northland community. I was recently in Whangarei hospital with my son while he has in a ward and listening to the helicopters land. When ever I see or hear them it is wonderful, because I know they are probably doing their best to change another families lives for the better, when it's at time when if they weren't there, it would likely be the worst. My husband is frontline Police Officer and has also witnessed more times than he would wish to recount, that the those helicopters were needed. My mother in law has also needed it when she had a massive stroke. Again she now lives with the aftermath of this but it less severe because of the helicopters. At the moment my work colleague is still in ICU in Auckland Hospital, we was the most critical in the crash in Waipu earlier this month. He went by helicopter. I am hoping with all my might that in 5-6 years time he will be like my family, living his life, happy again. Because of what my family went through and I know the difference our outcome had, because of those helicopters, I have hope for my work colleague. Funding for this service.... Is essential. Life changing. I would hope that with any decisions around this, that there is a knowledge of the real value of the service and what it really means for Northland and the people live and visit here. The funding is worth every cent. Nga mihi</p>
LTP24_2172	Gayle Perry	<p>Keep the lifeguards We need to keep the lifeguards on at Waipu!! Dropping the funding and reducing this is a crime. So many people will be negatively affected if this happens. We pay our rates and what to see this stay!!</p>
LTP24_2086	Stephen Peapell	<p>Northland rescue helicopters Why has the funding shortage not been meet by the Government funding under the health budgets? We can't do without the rescue helicopters how many life's will be put at risk if the helicopters get cuts. Just like ST. JOHN AMBULANCE they need more funds to keep them going as well. After all its an emergency service.</p>
LTP24_2171	Marnie Reid	<p>Re: Emergency Services Fund This email is a submission to keep the Emergency Services Fund for the Northland Rescue Helicopter; Surf Lifesaving; Hato Hone St John; Sea Rescue; Coastguard and SAR. This proposal is abhorrent. These groups rely on this funding to supply an essential service to the Northland public. I absolutely wish to continue the Emergency Services Fund! As the saying goes "There goes I but for the grace of God". Any one of us could one day need to utilise these much needed services. I am thankful that I haven't had too. Please keep the Emergency Services Fund! Regards</p>
LTP24_2098	Steve Mace	<p>Submission not in favour of funding cuts of emergency services listed in the email below Hello, Funding to the Northland Rescue Helicopter, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, Hato Hone St John, Coastguard Northern Region, Northland and Far North Search and Rescue, and Far North Radio and Sea Rescue should not be cut. Specifically funding should also be increased annually based on accepted incremental norms To remove this is shortsighted and I would have thought well out of sync with peoples wishes along with a shortage of just plain commonsense Please confirm to me that you have received this email and that it forms part of the counted submissions to council on this matter, Kind regards</p>

LTP24_2203	Christine Anderson & Sally Haigh	Rates Please don't put our whanau at risk by stopping funding of our rescue services. Such small increase in our rates that would make such a HUGE difference to the safety of our community
LTP24_2210	Kate Adolph	Funding for Emergency Services Hi there, I am writing to express my utter disappointment to see that the Northland Council is reducing their funding for Emergency Services. I am a lifeguard myself and over the last few summers have spent my weeks patrolling on beaches such as Waipu and Whangarei heads. During these weeks I have done countless life saving rescues and first aids and know first hand the ramifications of pulling this funding. In many instances if we weren't there many people would not be alive today. These beaches are popular destinations for MANY weeks not just 1. I believe that this is extremely poor and shows that the council clearly are not caring and looking after their community. Without the adequate funding they will not be able to keep our community safe. I hope that you take into consideration the lives that will be lost if the required funding is not provided. Regards,
LTP24_2206	Oliver Ashby	Re: Funding for lifeguards in Bream Bay Team, I have heard about proposed cutting of funding for lifeguards in the Bream Bay region. As a keen surfer, surfing whenever the conditions are right, and a local to Waipu cove, I am horrified to hear about potential funding cuts to our lifeguard service. I write the below email in solidarity for the lifeguard service and sincerely hope the feedback below is at least helpful when these budget reviews take place. Furthermore, this is not meant towards any individual but rather towards a flawed and dogmatic system. I have witnessed first-hand, on many occasions in the last summer alone, many rescues and activities which have stopped the public from injury; or worse death. Being a tourist hotspot, as we all know, the population vastly increases up here over summer and people who are ignorant to the oceans power will always continue to be getting in trouble. This will never change. So, to take away or even reduce such an invaluable service is mind-blowing. I suggest budget cuts are looked at elsewhere; maybe you could cut back on the number of personnel it takes to man a set of temporary traffic lights... Frustratingly astonished,
LTP24_2212	Sally Wood	Rates Good morning A quick email to support the funding of the rescue services in our community..I'm happy to still keep paying \$11 in my rates to support rescue helicopter, Surf Lifesaving and St John. Kind regards
LTP24_2115	Lavinia Heke	Northland Rescue Helicopter Kia ora koutou, As a ratepayer and someone whose whanau has had to use these amazing services provided to all of Te Tai Tokerau I fully support we continue to do so. If it means a rate rise so be it! Nga mihi nunui
LTP24_2250	Don Cleary	Emergency services fund I want the emergency services fund continued
LTP24_2237	Lyn Borzsony	Northland Emergency Services Please, please continue funding Northland Emergency Helicopter.
LTP24_1651	Anika Whapshott	Continuing the Emergency services fund I want the Emergency services fund continued.
LTP24_2264	Bruce Douglas	Northland Rescue Helicopter As a cardiac patient whose life was saved by the efficiency of their service I strongly support that the Emergency Services Fund be continued.
LTP24_2208	Belinda Ormsby	Submit Northland regional council use need to leave our helicopter service alone they are a essential part of our region. Without them we have no rescues that we need in emergency. They have saved thousands of lives. So leave them alone. Thnx
LTP24_1659	Gemma Roest	We're happy to pay \$11 per year Keep our emergency services fund going and keep control of this within the Northland region. The vast geographical footprint of Northland relies on services like the helicopter. Its essential. Don't take funding or control away from our communities.

LTP24_2221	Marvyn & Doug Smith	emergency services Councillors Please. However you trim budgets, please maintain basic preventative & incident emergency services. Public support to cover these costs is a must.
LTP24_2236	Benji & Katie & Family	NORTHLAND RESCUE HELICOPTER FUNDING To whom it may concern, We strongly believe that the Northland Rescue Helicopter needs to keep its funding in order to keep providing the incredible service for all Northlanders. In our opinion, cutting this would be doing everyone a disservice. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2138	Murray Elliott	Northland Rescue helicopter Good Morning, I would like to say that we want the NRC to keep supporting the Emergency services fund for our Resue helicopter. Hi? Have a great day! Regards
LTP24_2220	Natalie Johns	Emergency Services Fund Ata Marie, My name is Natalie. I am a social worker in the violence prevention sector, and I am aware that the funding for emergency services is looking to be cut by NRC. In my role as a social worker, I see people who are victim to violent offending and who require the (at times lifesaving) support of emergency services such as NEST. It would be a tragedy to know that due to significant loss of funding, these services would not be as resourced as they should be. I would like to submit that the Emergency Services Fund should be continued. Ngā mihi
LTP24_2241	Heather and David Routley	We are of the strong opinion that the emergency services funding contribution should be continued through the rating system. These services are essential and vital to all in the region, not just ratepayers. As ratepayers we are more than happy to contribute at the present level, or higher if necessary, even if this means an overall increase in rates.
LTP24_2263	Karen Brierly	rescue helicopter funding. I am very willing to have a portion of my rates allocated to the continued support of our essential rescue helicopter. If it means an increase of \$12 to keep this going I support that too. sincerely.
LTP24_2149	Eunice Marriott	Submissions In Thurs 21 and Sat, 23/3/24 (plus others) there has been full page articles published about N R C wanting to remove the \$ 12 a year per household funding, towards the cost of keeping our MOST VALUED Rescue Helicopter in the air. For a number of years N R C has donated, given \$12 from our rates, which equates to LESS than half a loaf of bread a MONTH. With Northland's rapidly growing housing and population we CAN NOT do without this fantastic Rescue Helicopter service or the financial support from NRC This service has to EXPAND, I believe each household could easily contribute \$20.00 a year by just denying ourselves a couple of coffees or a night/meal out, which would have minimal, effect if any, impact on our rates and even less on our budgets , health, nutritional well being. We NEED our Helicopter service. I wonder if any of you have experienced the trauma , harrowing experience of one of your family just “hanging on to life by a slim thread’ whilst awaiting the arrival the life saving services of Rescue Helicopter We need to fully support this wonderful service NOW. That’s what communities are all about Caring, supporting helping each other. I wish to see this service continue
LTP24_1668	Johann Mason Coils	Submissions for ESF Hi there, as a rate payer in Northland and also the father of a child who has epilepsy and has used the rescue chopper on more than one occasion I am in 100% support of continuing with the emergency services funding. We live in Tinopai and without the rescue chopper an ambulance can be over an hour to get to us. Thanks.

LTP24_2274	Mike Rowledge	The Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. Sir In presenting my submission I request that the Northland Regional Council reconsider the proposal to stop funding for the Northland rescue Helicopter Service. In providing funding and support for the Rescue Helicopter Service the Northland Regional Council has already established a precedent and this is now a core business. The Northland Regional Council now presents a weak case that it is not core business. It is not as if some organisation, i.e. Northland Rescue Helicopter Service is applying for funding for the first time. The Rescue Helicopter Service has helped save many lives over the years and can only continue to do so if still receives adequate funding. Also, the population in Northland has grown over the years and so have the number of visitors to the region. It is inevitable that people will health incidents, some very severe with no prior warning and there will always be incidents on the roads. Also, accidents or other incidents happen in the work place i.e on farms or forestry. Not forgetting incidents at sea, boating or at the beach. So often as is the case a helicopter is the only means of transport to get injured or severely persons to a hospital and hopefully save lives. Also, there many areas in Northland that are remote or very remote and often the state of the road leaves a lot to be desired. Plus, one needs to factor in the weather conditions at the time. The Rescue Helicopter Service can only save lives with ongoing funding. Withdraw the funding and some people will die as a result of this decision and the Northland Regional Council will "have blood on its hands". Kind regards.
LTP24_2276	Mark Breckon	Rescue helicopter. Hi there, I'm emailing regarding the proposal of cutting funds for the rescue helicopter service in Whangarei/Northland, I was very upset and confused when I heard the news I believe it is in Whangarei's best interest and the whole of Northland That we retain these very crucial services. I believe if the council goes ahead with cutting the funds it will end in a roar from the people protest etc. I'm sure there's other budget they can cut like the eye sore down at the town basin! I understand this is probably one of thousands of emails you are receiving so I will end there. I have expressed my discussed and concern. Thankyou
LTP24_1677	Janine Crompton	Emergency Services Fund I am writing to submit my objection towards any reduction or loss of this funding for our emergency services. It is ludicrous to challenge these services financially with LTP's that do not include them. There will always be a need for emergency services in our community as proven with horrific road accidents partly caused by the failure of Govt to manage a safe roading network.
LTP24_2243	Audrey and John McKiernan	Emergency Services Fund Audrey McKiernan and John McKiernan wish the Emergency Services Fund to continue to fund the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It is a vital service for the Northland population.
LTP24_2284	Susie and Peter Lindauer	Emergency Services Fund Could you please continue the Emergency Services Fund. Living in a rural area we consider this service to be essential. Money is better spent on this rather than bailing out the Hunderwasser Art Centre.
LTP24_2257	Kerri Vernon	Emergency services fund I want the emergency services fund to continue. Kind regards
LTP24_2175	Aaron Ratcliffe	Re : emergency services Hi Just a simple email in support of our essential services I.e ambo's, Surf life saving to name a few Maintaining the access to these services For the general public is crucial It's plainly obvious when you look at Waipu for example The amount of people using the beach over summer And the risk to life - if the lifeguard resources are not adequate Just one example But applies throughout the varying emergency services Thanks
LTP24_2331	Elayne Windlebourne	Emergency services fund Hello, I'd like to vote for the emergency services fund to be continued. Thanks,

LTP24_2339	Anne-Marie McLean	Northland Rescue Helicopter Please do not give up funding for this essential service. With the Brenderwyns out of action and the Mungamukas, this service is essential. My grandmother was flown from Kaikohe to Whangarei which saved her life and I would rather my rates go towards the helicopter than something like the Hunderwasser. Kind Regards
LTP24_2330	Rebecca and Duane Thompson	Emergency Service Fund continued Subject: Emergency Service Fund continued Hi, We are writing to appeal for the Emergency Service Fund to be continued. We are aware of two people personally whose lives have been saved because of this fund and am so thankful as these two people contribute greatly to the community and if their lives hadn't been saved our community would be poorer. Regards
LTP24_2211	Wendy Hunter	Withdrawal of funding for Emergency services I am appalled by the Regional Council's proposal to cease providing funding to support essential life saving services such as our Helicopter service, and the provision of funding to support paid lifeguards on our Northland beaches during the peak summer season. In short, if you cease to fund things such as the paid lifeguards at Northland beaches over the peak summer period, lives will definitely be lost. I have been a volunteer surf lifeguard for over 50 years, and I freely give up my time on weekends to help ensure the public are kept safe at the beach at Waipu Cove. During this last summer season, the paid lifeguards performed many rescues and preventative actions in keeping the public safe whilst swimming, which otherwise would have resulted in drowning deaths. Although we do have a local surf lifesaving SAR callout squad, if someone was drowning, it would be too late as it only takes seconds for drowning to occur and these people who are also volunteers would first have to travel from their homes in order to attend. I believe that most Northlanders are fully supportive of this funding being continued, and as a rate payer I am more than happy to pay a contribution to this vitally important work. Please re-consider your decision to cut this funding. Personally if I were involved in making such a decision, I would not be able to live with myself when needless deaths occurred. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2312	Peter Gordge	Long term plan I write to voice my concern about pulling funding for emergency services. It is a nonsense to suggest it not council business to fund such organisations. You must be reminded you are not funding these the rate payer is and you have currently a \$12 targeted charge for this, it is not part of your funds for anything else. Yes back in the day when this was proposed many objected but it went ahead anyway. It has been part of our rates for few years now and must stay. To suggest that the cost of living is playing a part in your decision making is laughable. About time Councils and Govt of this country learn to live within its mean like the rest of society has to. Any increase above CPI is absurd. To blame as an example, the weather, covid for short falls is worming your way out of poor management. There will always be unforeseen expenses occur and they must be managed as best they can with the resources available at the time. If that means delaying future projects then so be it, Rome was not built in a day. In conclusion I object that you stop funding emergency services and am happy to increase my contribution by CPI and not a cent more for them and not to increase the other rates components more than CPI.
LTP24_2347	Jamii Smith	Halt funding emergency services and regional sporting facilities from June 2024. To whom it may concern, Emergency services are a very important asset in Northland as it has a vast coastline with limited resources for rescue and very little support due to lack of population. At the moment in New Zealand we have an under investment in Emergency Departments like the NZ Police that would otherwise help back up Emergency Services. If you reduce the funding at a time when Nationally there is under funding in our Emergency Services, then you increase the amount of deaths that will occur. Yours Faithfully

LTP24_2373	Betty Kingi	Northland Rescue Helicopter I want the Emergency Services Fund to continue. A lot of us people up here in the Far North rely heavily on them. It would be a tragedy if you were to stop their funding. We all have whanau, friends or know of someone who have been in need of them. Save our Rescue Helicopter. Thank you
LTP24_2335	Allistair Martin	Paid Lifeguards Kia Ora, I am very against not having paid lifeguards not patrolling this beach during the weekdays over the summer as they massively contribute to the saving of our people out in the surf. Emergency services should also be kept as they can assist those who are in trouble during the holidays when our volunteer lifeguards are able to help out. Please consider this opinion,
LTP24_1730	Betty Wotherspoon	Long Term Plan : Emergency Services Fund I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund and the Northland Rescue Helicopter.
LTP24_2381	Jenny Edgecombe	Emergency services fund I am a ratepayer, owning a property at [redacted]. It is vital that the Emergency Services Fund continues to be funded by NRC. The helicopter provides an essential service for our district. I trust and hope that NRC will listen to the community that it is meant to serve. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2332	Bryce Ridling	Emergency services fund I want emergency services fund continued.
LTP24_2334	A Rosevear	Emergency Services Fund for Northland Helicopter NEST Dear folks Please keep the funding for NEST going.
LTP24_2393	Maureen Thompson	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Why would any ratepayer not want to support the emergency services fund. If I am in need, I would love the helicopter or ambulance service to be available to help me or my loved ones. \$12 per year is cheap for such an amazing service. I find it difficult to understand why the NRC would consider removing this charge from ratepayers. Please change your position on this and continue supporting these vital services with the targeted rate.
LTP24_2372	Wendy O'Meara	Emergency Services Fund Good morning I would like to submit a request that the Emergency Services Fund be retained As a rate payer I want this invaluable service to continue and am very willing for a targeted amount towards this service to be ongoing Yours sincerely
LTP24_2340	Janice Phillips	re helicopter appeal I would reinforce very strongly the need for the continuation of the helicopter service in the North. It is an isolated area with a scattered population. Our family in the past year have used this 4 times for my husband (Ronald Charles Phillips), twice to Whangarei Northland Base Hospital and twice from there to Auckland Hospital. Possibly until you have been personally involved you cannot appreciate the wonderful service the crew provide. Yours faithfully,
LTP24_1749	Pamela Payne	Northland Rescue Helicopter I wish to add my support for the above submission. I live at Cable Bay and have seen many rescues over the past years since moving North from Whangarei. It is a matter of life or death up here and it would be a terrible move to not have access to the helicopter.
LTP24_2262	Bernard King	Keep funding please. Please keep funding the Emergency Services Fund. I am a Kaitaia resident. cheers,
LTP24_2378	Sharlene	Concern over the proposed withdrawing of funds to Sport Northland Kia ora, I would like to express my concerns over the withdrawing of funds to support Sport Northland. Sport Northland does a lot to support our children at school and our teachers to teach movement and sport. I feel as a principal that our children are not as good at sport as they were in the past. I feel that it is more important now than ever that we get our children moving and playing sports. This is about our children's future health and wellbeing. More funding should be directed into facilities like Sport Northland. Nga mihi,

LTP24_2367	Mark Farnsworth	<p>Mark C Farnsworth MNZM JP Independent RMA Hearing Commissioner & Resource Management Practitioner 12 April 2024 Northland Regional Council Te Mahere Roa / Long-Term Plan 2024 -2034 Submission Submissions@nrc.govt.nz Re: Emergency Services Funding and Sporting Facilities Rate</p> <p>1. Is emergency services funding and the sporting facilities rate core council business? The simple answer is yes, if the council decides they are; which they have to date. Why? Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 defines the purpose of local government as: 10 Purpose of local government (1) The purpose of local government is- (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future In addition, Section 12(2) notes: 12 Status and powers (2) For the purposes of performing its role, a local authority has- (a) full capacity to carry on or undertake any activity or business, do any act, or enter into any transaction; and (b) for the purposes of paragraph (a), full rights, powers, and privileges. While NRC does have specific activities that are mandated by section 30 of the Resource Management Act 1991, in the wider scheme, council has considerable flexibility in deciding what its core business will be.</p> <p>2. Emergency Services Funding Should NRC continue to provide funding for emergency services? Again, the simple answer is YES. They are an acknowledged critical service. They require certain funding to operate efficiently. It is crucial the funding remains until alternative funding stream(s) is secured. Until the council adopts, and implements, a strategy to secure central government funding for regional emergency services the NRC's funding provision should remain in place.</p> <p>3. Sporting Facilities Rate Should NRC continue to levy the sporting facilities rate?? Once again, the simple answer is yes. For a very low dollar this rate has allowed community sporting facilities to be put in place. It promotes the well-being of communities. It makes those who a volunteering their services feel valued. Local government cares. 4. Concluding comment If the time allows, I wish to heard.</p>
LTP24_2275	O Smith	Submission I wish for the NRC to continue the funding for Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_2392	Frank Lin	ESF submission Hi there, I support the retention of the ESF fund. Kind Regards,
LTP24_2390	James & Krista Franklin	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2377	Susan Dunsbee	ESF I want to see the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_2374	Irene Iwikau	NRC budget for Emergency Service Fund NRC must retain the essential Emergency Services Fund. People will die, especially rural, isolated and often Maori - all those you are constantly saying you want to help. There are many other areas in your budget that could be cut that aren't involving this very essential service. Look at parks, playgrounds, museums, transfer stations operating 7 days a week etc. All nice to have but not life-saving.
LTP24_2285	Kelsey Harrison	In no way should defunding any of our emergency services ever be a option, rate payers would much rather pay rates towards such thing than the ridiculous other expenses the NRC have at the cost of rate payers. If defunding sports facilities helps to continue to fund emergency services then so be it. With climate issues causing so many emergencies and surely only to get worse in the future it is extremely upsetting that removing their funding is even being considered
LTP24_2389	Alice Choi	ESF Submission Dear whom it may concern, I support the retention of the ESF fund. We need the helicopters for emergency situations in Northland, especially for rural areas. Thank you. Regards,
LTP24_2387	Ashleigh McCaw	ESF submission To whom it may concern, I support the retention of the ESF fund. Regards,
LTP24_2396	Anthony Bill	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund Kind Regards,

LTP24_2329	Sandra Moorhead	Maintain Emergency Services funding for all services including Surf Lifesaving Hi! I understand you are reviewing cost savings around not funding emergency services including the paid life guards over the summer holidays, the surf life saving search and rescue team etc. I wish to provide feedback that I think this would be a bad idea and to request that you continue to fund these services. To do otherwise would I believe result in an unacceptable increase in the number of casualties and injuries and the financial and societal costs of these would far outweigh the cash savings you believe may be available. Thanks for considering my submission. Kind regards
LTP24_2337	Sharina Boon	Northland Rescue Helicopter The Northland Rescue Helicopter is totally essential for Northland. Northland consists of large areas of coast, inlets, farmland, extremely poor roading, rugged terrain; all major reasons the rescue service must not cease. The helicopter can reach remote places in a fraction of the time a motor vehicle can. Time is of essence when a human life is in danger. The rescue helicopter keeps a speeding ambulance off our treacherous roads too. The rescue helicopter has been used for coastal missions and rescues at sea too. Please can the Northland Regional Council weigh up the importance of this operation, and the value of human lives this service has saved through its mission? Sincerely
LTP24_2535	Mark Lawson	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Regards,
LTP24_2544	Howard & Sallie Harnett	Targeted Rate NEST Support the targeted rate for NEST
LTP24_2503	Brent Hill	<p>Submission on the emergency rate and sports. First I would to thank the council for thinking of the rate payer in regards to the cost of the rates.</p> <p>1 I am opposed to the Northland regional council stopping the emergency services rate. The council has said it is to soften the cost of rate rises and it is not part of the council's core business. With this targeted rate every rate payer contributes to the emergency services, without this rate the emergence services would have to depend on donations alone, because not all rate payers would give their \$12 a year to the services. Even if the rate payers did give their \$12, it would only be one of the services that would get the benefit of that money not at all like it is now. This is such a good system that works well in my opinion. And all for such a low cost of \$12 a year for well needed services.</p> <p>2 For the sports could not all the sports groups levy every players say \$2 through their subscriptions each year to help pay for the up keep of the facilities' and sports grounds, and be given to the council either NRC or Whangarei council or some other organization that take care of the sports grounds ect. The sports provide entertainment, keeps people fit, and gives young people something to do. There is enough crime happening now though idle hands.</p> <p>3 If the council wishes to save some money and I assume this practice is still happening, is to stop the catered lunches the councilors have after their meetings. Is it part of the core business of the rate paver to provide the councilor's lunch? I think not. And that is one of the practices I know of that happens that could save the rate payers some money. And maintenance: I have done a lot of work in the NRC building, at work we joked that it was my second home. There seemed to be a lot of alterations all the time. It seemed I was there ever 2 to 3 months doing altertptions over a number of years.</p> <p>4 The council needs to think of collecting the emergency service and sport rate as helping the community of Northland, like a lot of volunteers' help the community. And not from a business aspect.</p> <p>Regards. Brent Hill.</p>
LTP24_2391	Katie Fraser	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Kind Regards
LTP24_2552	Colleen Taylor	ESF submission To Whom it May Concern: I support the retention of the ESF fund. No one ever knows when they may need this wonderful service to save their life. We need everyone to give a little to keep this service viable. Thanks

LTP24_2534	Ida Murray	ESF Submission Kia Ora I support the retention of the ESF fund. 3 of my family members are only alive today because of the Northland Rescue Helicopters which rely on this funding. This service is essential!! Nga mihi nui,
LTP24_2532	Amanda Matich	ESF submission Good afternoon As a Kaipara resident I support the retention of the targeted rate for Northland Emergency Services Fund. \$12 per annum is not a big ask, so please do not take this vital funding away from the NES. Thank you Kind regards
LTP24_2543	Emma Owles	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. NEST is an essential service to our Community and they need all the funding they can get. Please do not take it away from them. Regards
LTP24_2541	Paul Batchelder	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Please retain full support to Northland Rescue Helicopters. Thanks
LTP24_2531	Asael Cohen	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund as I believe that without it we will lose some or all of the NEST helicopters currently servicing Northland callouts and that the service will be run from Auckland instead. Sincerely
LTP24_2551	Conrad Owens	Ending surf lifesaving funding Hi there, As a regular user of Northland beaches it's a disgrace to be considering ending surf lifesaving support. End the wastefulness on non essential stuff but scrapping emergency service funding will definitely end up with unnecessary deaths. Regards,
LTP24_2568	Glenn Orford	NRC submission Hi, My submission on the Northland Regional council LTP. I agree we should Stop our funding contributions to emergency services and sporting facilities. The Helicopter can fund it self. The government can provide national funding for any shortfall. I support the option of "bare minimum" funding for Te Tiriti partnerships and relationships. (in the current proposal) Having translated council minutes etc is a "nice to have" that would only benefit a very few. The money would be better spent on bio security and dealing with things like Caulerpa. This would still be benefiting Maori in a better way. Ask anyone "do you want to still be able to gather Kai moana or read the council minutes in Te reo. I'm against funding a Joint emergency coordination centre. There are plenty of buildings we can use in an emergency. We need to be flexible and adaptable. FENZ have equipment to have pop up coordination centres anywhere. We just need to make sure that response plans with logistics, resources and contingency's are kept up to date. Thank you,
LTP24_2549	Paul Wilson	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2540	Grant & Dianne Algie	Targeted We wish to make a submission re the proposal to axe the targeted rate for NEST. We support the current targeted rate towards the Emergency Services Fund which contributes over \$500,000 towards NEST per year. In our opinion this TARGETED rate should be ring fenced and continue to support this very important service. Regards
LTP24_2559	Tim Martin	ESF submission To whom it may concern I support the retention of the NRC ESF fund The ability of the region to respond to emergencies and civil defence events is highly dependant on our emergent helicopter. Lives will be lost if this funding cut is made I am more than happy to pay additional rates to ensure this service is not at risk Kind regards
LTP24_2577	Noel and Beryl Young	Emergency Services Fund We do want the Emergency Services Fund continued, please
LTP24_2557	Penni Bill	"ESF submission" To whom it may concern I am in utter disbelief that the funding for our most valuable service ensuring the safety of all northlanders is in dispute. Regards
LTP24_2548	Barry Martin	ESF submission. I support the retention of the ESF funds. This service is vital to Northland and is available for everyone in need of a hospital and life saving facilities.
LTP24_2567	Marianne Strachan	ESF submission Hello I fully support Nest and am appalled at the thought of them having any funding cut. My son and 3 friends were rescued by the helicopter on a rough day from a rocky island. They do so much good they need as much help as they can get!!!

LTP24_2585	Tony King	Emergency Services Fund Whatever are you thinking? Thousands of people have been helped by the helicopter teams over the years. Many had their lives saved. Funding must be continued so this valued service can keep up its lifesaving work.
LTP24_2565	Sue Stocker	Submission With regards to the Rescue Helicopter, do not cut funding. Far too many services in NZ are being cut and it feels like we are living in a third world country. Cut money from the endless bureaucracy and red tape, not essential services. Get more efficient. Also, do not cut funding on the new Kerikeri sports centre. We need places like these, especially to encourage children to "get off the couch"
LTP24_2536	Jeremy Tauri	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund as a vital service to Northland Nga mihi
LTP24_2556	Danielle Matika	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF Fund. I would rather my rates go towards something that saves people's lives instead a a stupid marina that you are building. Nga Mihi,
LTP24_2576	Richard Alspach	submission on long term plan, closing on 19/4/2024 Sir/madam. 1. I do not wish to see the current rate supporting the rescue helicopter dis-established. It is a very important part of the very thin layer of protection offered to the Northland Rural community. It's continuity is essential. I understand the argument about "it ought to be a central Government responsibility", but Central Government has never really fully funded health. Don't you pay extra to see a doctor? or what about the many community initiatives to raise money for their local facilities? It would be nice if the military had to raise money via cake stalls, and primary health care at least was fully funded; but it is not the case now, and probably won't be in the future. Please keep the rate supporting emergency services as it is. 2. The Regional recreational rate was originally set up to see the stadium in Whangarei built. Then when that was paid off it was continued to allow essential infrastructure to be supported elsewhere in the region. Thus countering accusations of the rate/Council being Whangarei centric. As Northland looks to unlock it's economic and social potential, the need for meaningful recreational structures is more acute than ever, as is the need for NRC to be constantly demonstrating they are Northland in more than just name. Please continue the Regional Recreation rate as it is. I do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.
LTP24_2594	David Donaldson	ESF Submission I Support the retention of the ESF fund. It is very necessary for Northlands health care.
LTP24_2574	Dorothy and Jim Simpson	NRC Emergency services Fund SHOULD NOT BE SCRAPPED! TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN We support the continuation of the NRC community funding for our helicopter service. Please keep it as it is now. We feel this is the best way to go - we must ensure that this service continues to carry on without any reduction to their financial assistance. We are ratepayers and we are very happy to continue to pay \$12 annually towards this service via funding from NRC. We live rurally and without the Northland Helicopter Rescue Service lives could be lost. It is a long rugged trip from Ruawai to Whangarei Hospital in the Ambulance and time is a prominent factor when life and recovery from serious illness or injury is at risk. Our Ruawai Lions Club put in a lot of effort to get a Helicopter pad by the College at Ruawai. May it continue to be used whenever there is a need. Yours Sincerely
LTP24_2545	Mark Viccars	ESF submission I fully support the retention of the Emergency Services Fund. The Emergency Services Fund plays a crucial role in supporting essential services in Northland, including the Northland Rescue Helicopters. The Northland Rescue Helicopter service is not fully funded by the Central Government. Community contributions are vital for its operation. Please retain the targeted rate and continue to support the Northland Rescue Helicopters. Regards
LTP24_2564	Inga Blampied	ESF Submission I fully support the retention of the ESF fund. Kind regards,

LTP24_2584	Iljah Simpkin	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2603	Jenna Hansen	ESF submission To whom it may concern, I support the retention of the ESF fund. It is essential for the health and safety of our community - and I do believe it is part of the councillor's mandate to support essential services for our children and families. I would be in awe if this funding was not generated and shared for community services, especially in times of civil response / emergency. Regards
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	Continue helicopter funding. the appeal raises \$1m so why do we need to pay again. No more increases to the ratepayer.
LTP24_2582	Pania Greene	emergency services fund To whom it may concern The Rescue Helicopter Services in the Far North are absolutely crucial to our remote communities up and down the west coast. Ambulances cannot get to these places in time to save the lives of our people. The rescue chopper is the ONLY option in life threatening cases for our communities. Please DO NOT cut funding to this vital service. Thank you
LTP24_2553	Shirley Bradshaw	ESF Fund I support the retention of the ESF Fund and would gladly double my contribution to ensure this much needed Fund is available to be used as and when needed. Sincerely yours
LTP24_2573	Jan Frederick	Emergency Services Fund In brief may I say how appalled I am to learn the Northland Regional Council is proposing to scrap the Emergency Services Fund. The sum of \$12 is a pittance compared to the loss of a life, as I know many would agree with me, even those to whom \$12 dollars is hard. The Northland population has grown vastly over the last few years and the necessity for the helicopter service has grown with it and continues to increase. Without the Emergency Services Fund I fear for the future. I disagree strongly with the Northland Regional Councillor's proposal.
LTP24_2593	Chris Williams	ESF Submission I totally support the retention of the ESF fund. Our family has needed the Northland Rescue Helicopter services on three occasions in the last few years. A vital service that requires ongoing funding for the people of northland.
LTP24_2611	Andrew and Christine McGillivray	Northland Rescue Helicopter Dear Sir/Madam, We write to express our dismay at Northland Regional Councillor's plan to drop funding provided to the Northland Rescue Helicopter Trust. This is a vital service provided for our Northlanders but in particularly those who like us live in remote rural locations. The Emergency Services Fund is part of the core business of the Northland Regional Council in that it provides for the wellbeing of all who because of road or other transport problems cannot have important early access to vital medical support, either through accident, health or natural disaster events. Please reconsider this proposal, it is hugely unpopular and all households would agree that this small targeted rate is more important than what you perceive as your core roles. To the elected members of the NRC, think about what your voting public want and act accordingly. \$12 a year per household is not what you should be considering as a saving when peoples lives and wellbeing are at stake. Thank you for your considerations,
LTP24_2539	Steve Baker	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund
LTP24_2591	Jessica Peters	ESF submission Hi there, I support the retention of the ESF fund. Kind regards,
LTP24_2581	Annie Mortimer	Helicopter/ Sports Fund Please keep both these targeted rates Both vital assets in the north (and at least we know where that money goes)
LTP24_2619	Julie Graydon	Helicopter funding Submission LTP. Please do not stop the helicopter funding, this is a huge necessity for the far North being a huge area to cover for people and health services, hospitals GPs etc. We need this in our area. We can not sustain any more rates increases; you're making people have to sell their homes/ properties due to this huge cost. Kind regards

LTP24_2602	Scott Blampied	ESF submission Hello NRC, I fully support the retention of the ESF fund. I feel this rate contribution is a small thing ratepayers like myself can do to support a very worth cause. Kind regards,
LTP24_2599	Rochelle Record	ESF submission I [redacted] support the retention of the ESF fund and would like to see the funding continue
LTP24_2570	Kayla Patterson	Emergency services and sporting facilities We need this funding for the emergency service Don't take it away especially for the people and their families in rural communities
LTP24_2547	John Bill	Northland rescue helicopter Dear council. I am opposed to the proposed cut in the council funding of the recuse helicopters. I have been the direct recipient of the service suffering a suspected heart attack and being flown to Middlemore for treatment. Although it turned out to be acute myocarditis the service is a life saver. What value does the NRC put on human life. A father, a mother, a son or daughter, what is the value. Is a 12 \$ a dwelling. Shame on you for even considering this proposal to cut funding. I would happily pay double the annual amount. Kind Regards
LTP24_2589	Kyle Donovan	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund, for at least another 24 months to allow them time to find alternate funding. Best,
LTP24_2610	Yoka Clark	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. This service is imperative to all residents in Northland. We have had neighbor's lives saved by being airlifted for necessary treatment. To cut funding for this essential service is ignorant! If anything, it needs to be increased.
LTP24_2628	Janice Barratt	Emergency services I live near the school grounds where Westpac helicopter lands everytime someone is in need urgently. It doesn't happen regularly thankfully but when it does you know that someone's life has probably been saved because in 20 minutes the helicopter arrives with medics on the ground already doing the best they can to manage the injured. Please don't take that away from our community as lives will be lost.
LTP24_2608	James Popplewell	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2555	Richard Crum	ESF Submission Hello, I support the retention of the ESF fund. The helicopter is critical to Northlanders. Please retain the targeted rate. Regards
LTP24_2598	Sadie Donaldson	ESF Retention I support the Retention of the ESF Fund. Here in Northland the Helicopter service is very needed n valuable
LTP24_2618	Tracey Gent	ESF submission To whom it may concern I support the retention of the ESF fund as we definitely need this service for all Northlanders.
LTP24_2616	Sue Shepherd	Submission from Sue Shepherd Against NRC proposed changes Submission against NRC proposed option to stop the targeted rate for Emergence services and Sports facility fund Remove the Emergency Services and Regional Sports Facilities Rates! What planet are the current NRC Councillors on? Why remove the Emergency Services and Regional Sports Facilities targeted rates from their LTP to cover up wasteful spending in other areas? The community have enthusiastically supported these causes for many years. The NRC have increased rates by 53% over the last three years with what tangible environmental outcomes? More monitoring and reporting are not useful outcomes! A huge increase in communications and consultation are not useful in improving environmental outcomes either! But now NRC wants to cut services that save lives and add real value to community health and well-being. And, for good measure, at the same time they propose increasing rates by up to a further 11.5% to do more monitoring and reporting! You must be kidding. Now I know all NRC Councillors do not support this thinking but unfortunately the majority do otherwise this would not have gone into the draft plan. I urge people to find out which Councillors supported those targeted rates removal and do not vote for them at next Year's elections. In this economic environment NRC

		Councillors should be instructing their staff to get more efficient with the funds they already have! Wasteful and ineffective spending is not acceptable in these tough economic conditions.
LTP24_2637	Dave Turner	Helicopter fund We oppose the removal of the Emergency Services Fund as being both short sighted and ill thought out policy, Kind regards.
LTP24_2563	Joan Smith	Submission wanting Emergency Services Fund continued I think it is vitally important to continue funding the Emergency Services Fund. Our roads in the north are often in a bad way, are winding, and travelling on them is slow. Please continue to fund this Service. It may be us next.
LTP24_2505	Janeen Hill	Submission on the emergency rate and sports. 1 I am opposed to the Northland regional council stopping the emergency services rate. I have had to use the rescue helicopter service after having a stroke, in which I was paralyzed down my right hand side. I was taken to Auckland hospital by the rescue helicopter for a clot retrieval procedure; I have made a full recovery from my paralysis only thanks to the rescue helicopter. If it was not for this service, life for me would be totally different; I would need full time care. It is thanks to the emergency services rate that we have these well needed services that saves lives, and for time critical cases like mine. As the saying goes if it's not broken don't fix it. 2 The council wishes to save some money and I assume this practice is still happening, is to stop the catered lunches the councillors have after their meetings. Is it part of the core business of the rate payer to provide the councillor's lunch? I think not. And that is only one of the practices I have heard of that happens that could save the rate payers some money. 3 For the sports could not all the sports groups levy all the players say \$2 through their subscriptions each year to help pay for the upkeep of the facilities' and sports grounds, and be given to the council either NRC or Whangarei district council or some other organization that take care of the sports grounds etc. The sports provides entertainment, keeps people fit, and give young people something to do. There is enough crime happening now though idle hands. 4 The council needs to think of collecting the emergency and sports rate as helping the community of Northland, like a lot of volunteers' help the community. And not from a business aspect.
LTP24_2607	Simon Blampied	ESF submission To whom it may concern, I support the retention of the ESF fund. Kind regards,
LTP24_2586	Grant Mason	ESF Submission I Support the retention of the ESF fund. As deputy Chief Fire Officer at the Waipu Volunteer Brigade I regularly work with NEST and see the critical work they do in our region. Motor vehicle crashes, farm rescues, work place accidents, medical emergencies, boat rescues, flood rescues are all incidents I have attended supported by NEST. The most recent was a head on collision on Cove road requiring 4 helicopters as 7 patients serious to critical including 4 children. Regards,
LTP24_2627	Don Campion	ESF Submission Dear NRC, I was horrified to read that you were proposing to stop funding the Northland Emergency Services helicopter service. Please reverse this senseless decision! Kind regards,
LTP24_2624	Grant Bennett	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2648	Jeff & Diane McBeth	Emergency Services Funding from rates Good afternoon I wish to advise that I prefer the Northland Regional Council continue to fund the Emergency Services from our rates payment (\$12) rather than it be distributed to other areas as reported. Thank you
LTP24_2572	Yvonne King	Emergency fund I support the continuation of the Emergency Service fund to ensure our helicopter remains viable
LTP24_2615	Neville Andrew	Emergency Services Fund Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal to scrap the Emergency Services Fund. 1. I think it is a stupid idea to scrap this Fund. 2. I am quite happy to have the cost added as a targeted rate to my rates, even if there is an increase. 3. I hope you'll pull your head in and carry on the status quo, and carry on supporting Emergency Services and sports clubs. Sincerely

LTP24_2595	Shaun Piper	ESF submission Hi, Please note I support the retention of the ESF fund, this is probably some of the best spent rates money we have. If your looking to save money maybe start with canning the new speed limit signs that are not required by central govt any longer, this alone would cover most of the funding gap for 1yr Thanks
LTP24_2634	Bayard Strachan	I support the ESF submission I wholly support the ESF Submission, the rescue helicopter has done a lot of wonderful work in northland, it helped my cousin when she was a very sick little baby, and rescued me off the rocks after being caught at high tide while fishing. they ask for no payment and the pilots are cheerful, happy doing their job helping people on the worst days of their lives. for the NRC to pull funding is madness.
LTP24_2580	Gaylene Thompson	Emergency Services Fund TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN I would be deeply distressed if the NRC follows through with cutting funding for the Emergency Services Fund. This is an essential service for our city/district, In order to avoid ANY increase in rates, I would like to see some cost cutting happening in the Administration part of the NRC, just as the Government is doing now. I do not believe we should be subjected to continuous rate increases to finance a 'top heavy' organization such as the NRC.
LTP24_2604	Kaitlyn Brockliss	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2623	Waipu Citizens and Services Club Committee	E F S Fund The Waipu Citizens and Services Club Committee, support the retention of the E F S Fund. Regards,
LTP24_2644	Trevor & Linda Johnston	Emergency Services Fund We wish to place the following submission regarding the NRC contribution to the Northland Emergency Services Fund. We want to see this fund continued, not ended as indicated by NRC. We are even happy for the Fund target to be increased from \$12 to \$20 per household per annum. This is a critically important emergency service in Northland and any one of us may need it at any time. Thank you
LTP24_2533	Warren Huband	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund Kind regards
LTP24_2588	James Garton	ESF Submission Good morning, I am writing in full support of the ESF fund for the Northland Rescue Helicopters. It is of utmost importance that the NRC keeps giving to this. Kind regards,
LTP24_2654	Suzanne Spora	Emergency Services Fund To the Northland Regional Council, Please do not scrap the Emergency Services Fund. This service is so important to Northlanders. The helicopter transported my son to Auckland when he had a brain aneurysm in his early '30s which saved his life. The gap left in the funding by your withdrawal of support is just too much for the service to fill. For the \$1 a month it would save rate payers it doesn't make sense.
LTP24_2670	Wayne Burrett	Retaining Emergency Services Fund Kia ora, My name is Wayne Burrett and I am a resident of [redacted]. I am writing today to express my deep concern regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). - The Coastguard has a huge impact in the community. It consists of good people, doing good things. They are on call 24/7, 365 days a year! Whatever the conditions, they do everything they can to save lives on Northland's waters. - As a charity, they cannot operate fully without help from funding. - People of Northland will be left vulnerable, without this and helicopter ambulance crucial emergency assistance. "As a resident, I am more than happy to pay \$12 per year to ensure everyone in my community can have access to emergency services when they need it most - be it Coastguard or calling an ambulance in a medical emergency." I urge Northland Regional Council - as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely,
LTP24_2542	Rachel Chuter	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Regards,

LTP24_1925	Raewyn Ings	Feedback for Long Term Plan 20240408 Hi, I have had to use the helicopter twice and each time I would not have made it without the help I was given by the paramedics and drs on board. How do I write a submission to keep this valuable resource here in the north. I am a rate payer and do not mind paying the small amount in my rates, people will die and I don't want that on your conscious. These types of decisions need to take into account the human factor.
LTP24_2597	Sarah Brockliss	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2643	John Holley	Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund Hello My name is John Holley and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Ruakaka . I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Whangarei is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. We are only one of the emergency services that will suffer from cutting off the Emergency Services funding. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. I urge Northland Regional Council as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident to retain the ESF. I believe-the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely,
LTP24_2620	Warren Dobson	Helicopters I support the retention of the ESF.
LTP24_2550	Lisa Taylor	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund
LTP24_2606	Mike Pullen	Northland Helicopter Trust The NRC must continue to fund the Emergency Services Trust, this service is vital to Northland, stop squandering funds on less unimportant projects
LTP24_2653	Hugh Hall	Northland Rescue Helicopter I Hugh Hall oppose the NRCs plans on removing the fund of our emergency service in the Northland area.
LTP24_2558	Wai Mason	ESF Submission To Whom It May Concern: I support the retention of the ESF fund. Our small country town, like all New Zealand country areas, rely on the services of the Northland Rescue Helicopters whether it be for medical emergencies, accidents or Civil Defence emergencies.
LTP24_2614	Paul & Vicki Christie	Emergency Services Fund Good afternoon. Our submission is to keep the Emergency Services Fund continued. Thanking you. Kind Regards,
LTP24_2689	Tim Dew	Called to voice concerns re emergency services funding cuts. Against the funding cuts proposed for emergency services, would like to see this fund continued.
LTP24_2566	Julie Sykes	Northland rescue helicopter Definitely need to keep funding this great service going
LTP24_2697	Rebecca Anderson	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund Kind Regards
LTP24_2575	Mark Kitchen	ESF Fund I support the retention of the ESF Fund. Regards

LTP24_2622	Andy & Barb Simpson and family	Funding of Emergency Services The suggestion that emergency services for paid lifeguard patrols on Northern beaches no longer be supported appears very short minded. Northland is renowned worldwide for its coastline and beaches and derives revenue because of this from both local and international tourism. To expose visitors and locals alike to surf conditions that can and are at times dangerous is a reflection of a don't care attitude. Volunteers are pushed at times throughout the "off season" and will not be able to cope with any additional load if paid lifeguard patrols are stopped. Please think carefully of what you are about to decide on. Regards
LTP24_2583	Bonnie Wiremu	Emergency Services Fund Tena koe [redacted], Save our Rescue Helicopter please! Please accept this submission to outline the importance of our Rescue Helicopter that services our Far North Area. People will die if we don't have the helicopter that can transport people in crisis and emergency situations to the appropriate and life-saving services that they need. I would be dead now if the rescue helicopter did not transport me from our Hokianga area to life-saving services when we were smashed into head-on by a stoned, fatigued, drunk driver on a dark, black stretch of killer highway. On behalf of myself and many, many thousands who have been saved during a time of deep trauma, chaos and excruciating pain - and imminent death - I thank all who have worked for many decades to provide an irreplaceable service for all of us. Let us please keep this service to continue the wonderful, inspiring and absolutely integral mahi that they do. Mauri ora!
LTP24_2675	Wendy Florence Saward	One dollar a month is nothing compared to the cost of delayed medical care and none of us know who's life it will save. It may be yours. As congestion builds on our roads and the population increases it will become more important to keep this valuable service going. This service is available for every living person.
LTP24_2632	Aidan Waggott	Emergency Services Fund I object to the removal of the Emergency Services Fund from the proposed 2024 rates. The services funded provide a vital and necessary role in Civil defence and emergency services to the people of Northland.
LTP24_2592	Colin Smith	Emergency services fund Dear NRC I strongly object to the proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund will from June 30, 2024 as proposed in the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034. These are essential services. Regards
LTP24_2642	Kerry & Janet Pram	submission - Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Dear NRC, As a Northland (Ruakaka) resident, I am terribly concerned that the long term plan is to cut funding for the week day surf life savers and the rescue helicopters. These two services are essential to keep us all safe and it's upsetting to think they won't be able to operate if funding is cut by NRC. As a homeowner and rate payer, I am more than happy that part of our annuals rates go towards these valuable services to the community. Please keep them going. Kind regards,
LTP24_2694	Renee Faber	ESF Submission Good morning, I support the retention of the ESF fund. I believe this is crucial in Northland and am more than happy to continue payments to support this service from my rates bill. Please do not take this away. Thank you. Ngā mihi nui kind regards,
LTP24_2600	Braden Brockliss	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2652	Yvette Hall	Rescue Helicopter Service Northland I Yvette Hall oppose the NRCs plans to put our lives at risk I live in Kaitaia, my husband isn't a well man. He has used the service, which we are truly thankful for.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Emergency helicopter and sporting facilities are not NRC's core task and should preferably be funded by alternatives like Government, grants, etc.
LTP24_2703	Leihia Wilson	Future Plan - Northland Emergency Services Tena koutou, I'm writing to submit my support to keep the Northland Emergency Services Fund continued. I've had two family members need the Northland Emergency helicopter in the past and it saved their lives. Please contact me if you require any further details. Ngā mihi,

LTP24_2696	Rachel Dinsdale	ESF SUBMISSION To whom it may concern I support the retention of the ESF fund. This service is key service to our community. Thanks
LTP24_2671	B E Lardner	funds Please continue with the Emergency Services Fund and save Northlanders lives. Remember that the next life saved might be yours.
LTP24_2609	Veronica Fleming	Emergency Services Fund I am in favour of the Emergency Services Fund to be continued.
LTP24_2693	Chantelle Foy	ESF submission Good morning, I support the retention of the ESF fund. Ngā mihi
LTP24_2732	Sarah O'Meara	Submission Good afternoon I wish to make this submission in regards to the Northern Regional Council's plan to remove the Emergency Services Rate from being funded by rates. In an article about this in the Northern Advocate, it states that NRC saying, that it is looking to the government to fund the services the Emergency Services Rate supports instead. Given the current environment where the NZ government is cutting significant funding for essential services across multiple departments and NGOs, relying on the Government to help is fanciful. Indeed, since that article was published, the government has pushed back on this idea, leaving a loud silence. The Northern Rescue helicopter, life guards, Hato Hone are all essential services for Northland, and supported by the community for many years, due to a need that wasn't being fulfilled otherwise. Arguing about whether it is our responsibility is all very well but in absence of any other support, we must. An \$11 levy to continue these services is not the sort of thing ratepayers are complaining about when it comes to their rates bill. We/they complain at significant increases due to gratuitous building expansions, and such like. The Northern Advocates article quotes NRC as saying "The NRC must listen to the community it serves." I hope they carry out this commitment when they see the overwhelming positive support from their communities for continuing the Emergency Services Rate in full. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2714	John Summerset	Against the withdrawal of the emergency services funding and would like to continue this funding even if it means putting the rates up by \$1 per month.
LTP24_2617	Stuart Clark	Long term plan Dear council members, As a resident of Hikurangi who has been flown to Auckland hospital by air ambulance after suffering a severe heart attack, I ask that you continue to support the Emergency Services Fund to ensure security of all those necessary groups that keep us safe. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2702	Sarah Wainwright	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. NEST needs this money for the sake of all of us. Ngā mihi Kind Regards
LTP24_2690	Angie McAulay	ESF submission "I support the retention of the ESF fund." Crazy not too
LTP24_2716	Janette Scherer	Against the withdrawal of the emergency services funding and would like to continue this funding even if it means putting the rates up by \$1 per month.

LTP24_2673	Loren Hampshire	Waipu Cove Surf life saving club I am writing in support of the Waipu Cove Surf Club, to recommend that the district council continue their funding for this vital part of the northland community. As a local ratepayer, we utilize this beach as often as we can and our children are members of the surf lifesaving club and attend Sundays all through summer. The contribution this brings to the wider community cannot be underestimated. This is the training ground for many future superstars and without lifesaving and surf clubs and the fabulous volunteers and coaches there, we would struggle to give our kids the same level of education. We have already seen so many other negative impacts of civil lockdowns, sports cancelations, and volunteer shortages. The club is battling these hurdles vehemently and deserves this funding. To hear funding is being taken away is to be told we are going backwards as a society, and forgetting our priorities and vision as a community. Our children want to be paramedics and rescue officers one day. Taking this funding away would greatly diminish the clubs capacity to help families like ours and it needs to be recognized how important and relevant it is especially in today's times when we are seeing a big increase in swimmers and recreation seekers who are not swim fit or water wise. Sincere regards
LTP24_2713	Dorothea & Michael Haslam	Emergency Services Fund and Northland Rescue Helicopters To whom it may concern I send this to support of the continuation of Community Funding for Emergency Services. It is a comfort to know that our Northland Rescue Helicopters are there to transport people who need critical medical attention. Until these services are properly funded by the government I feel strongly that the Emergency Services Fund continues being included in our annual rates bill. It is such a small amount in our overall rates bill total, yet provides valuable service and worth to our communities.
LTP24_2625	Bert and Wilda van den Berg	Whangarei Volunteer Coastguard funding request All us Coastguard volunteers work for free to help save lives of local boaties. We spend a lot of time doing fund raising to pay for boat expenses such as repairs, maintenance and fuel. The funds that we have been receiving from Northland Regional Council are very important in allowing us to continue to provide Coastguard services. Best Regards,
LTP24_1975	Jackson Power	Retain the Northland emergency fund As NZ grows our communities need emergency services. We are slowly evolving where more and more people can move to northland and work remote etc. But we are not developed enough and won't be for a long time to have Akl hospital care up north. We need the heli on standby in northland to make a critical link between our emergency hubs Regards,
LTP24_2756	David and Eleanor Ashby	Emergency Services Fund Hi, Please be advised that we wish the annual rate of \$12 per household to support the Emergency Services Trust be continued. Thank you,
LTP24_2698	Mike Keleher	Withdrawal of funding I wish to make a submission opposing the withdrawal of support for the Emergency Services Fund and in particular, the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service. This service is so vital to the region and provides essential rescue services to a largely remote area. I implore you to reconsider dropping funding for this much needed and relied on service. Kind regards, PS. Unfortunately, I am unable to present my submission in person.
LTP24_2722	Margaret Taylor	Objection. As a rate payer I am totally against the withdrawal of funding to our emergency services. Think this through again.

LTP24_2635	Steven Gorrie	Funding valuable resources Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Steven Gorrie and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Marsden Cove. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). I have been a coastguard volunteer for 12 years and this is a valuable service and resource to the community and also the country. As it is never been fully resourced by the government it is vital that we receive all funding that we can to help supplement all of the public fundraising that coastguard has to do to keep the boats on the water. As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard [Unit] is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. There are many places that the council needs to look at cutting back expenditure and some examples of waste and savings are the Hundertwasser and endless spending on road cones, roundabouts that never get finished, speed changes and all the cost with new signs slowing down roads that don't need slowing. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community.
LTP24_1983	Joan Taylor	EMS fund to continue To whom it may concern. Please keep the emergency services fund continued for the benefit of all Northlanders. Regards
LTP24_2764	Gay Bonetti and Richard Rankin	Emergency Services Fund This fund is vital for the continuation of this service for the safety of all in Northland and must be continued
LTP24_2710	D and S Young	Emergency Services Fund We fully support the continuation of the above Fund in the NRC's Long Term Plan. The sponsorship to the Northland Emergency Services Trust rescue helicopter, and the other organisations currently receiving support through this Fund, is vital for the continuation of their amazing rescue work to the Northland region.
LTP24_2646	Brian Campbell	Emergency Services Fund Good Afternoon I write on behalf of the Dargaville Lions Club wishing to support public submissions for NRC to continue to assist funding the Emergency Helicopter Fund by way of the targeted rate as has been the practice for some years now. Our members have been supportive of NEST in the past when asked to support specific projects and are aware of the critical importance this service is to rural Northland. We feel it essential it continues and funding to continue as it has been. We appreciated you considering our submission
LTP24_1991	Linda Simeti	Emergency Services Fund Good morning, I'm shocked to read of plans to cut funding to the rescue helicopter service. Such an essential service that I can't begin to imagine why funding would be cut. In the past few weeks I know 2 families where outcomes may have been very different without. Please reconsider plans to cut this funding. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2692	Wendy Silver	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2773	Judy Martin	Supporting NEST We support continued funding for the NEST emergency services fund. My life was saved by being able to be helicoptered to Auckland Hospital in 2021. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2785	Jessica Woods	ESF submission Good morning I support the retention of the ESF fund. Thanks
LTP24_2761	John Gardiner	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund and would not mind increasing the \$1 a month approx that I currently pay.

LTP24_2701	Craig Worden	ESF to be retained To Whom It May Concern I wish to make a submission to the NRC that I want the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) to be retained. Regards
LTP24_2755	Joy & Kerry Bonham	ESF Fund As a former District Nurse within the rural Kaipara community I have experienced the great Emergency services of St John Ambulance, Rescue Helicopter & Surf Lifeguards in action. These services are essential in our isolated rural areas, not only getting people to Hospitals quicker but also getting people back into healthy working capabilities earlier. I absolutely deplore your idea of cancelling this Fund. A small Rates increase is a minor compared to these essential services services which are usually manned or assisted with volunteers who upskill & freely give of their time. Surely human lives come before a meagre \$1 a month rates increase. Pleased reconsider this motion.
LTP24_2733	B Knapp	Emergency service fund Please continue the Emergency Services Fund
LTP24_2760	Hayden Wedd	EFC SUBMISSION I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2793	Cherie Nelson and Brian Whimp	LTP Northland Regional Council Emergency Services Fund Submission We are writing today, on behalf of the Whangarei Volunteer Coastguard Inc. to express our concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). Since 2015, Coastguard has been receiving invaluable financial support through the ESF. Funds have supported our unit's essential operational costs, such as training, fuel, repairs, and maintenance. We are truly grateful for the support we have received from Northland Regional Council over the past nine years. Without a doubt, this support has helped us save lives. However, scrapping the ESF will have a direct and substantial impact on our unit's ability to save lives on Northland's waters. Consequences of losing this critical funding include: - Poor volunteer retention - To cover increasing operational costs, and make up for lost ESF funding, we will need to dedicate more time to fundraising and revenue generating activities. This will inevitably reduce the time volunteers spend on the water - which is the reason why most volunteers join Coastguard in the first place. If time on the water is significantly reduced, many will decide to leave. - Quality of service may decrease - Scrapping this fund will affect our ability to adequately train our people, maintain our vessels, and inhibit efforts to scale up operations to meet the growing need in the community - all of which will impact our search and rescue capability. - Preventable drownings will likely rise - If the quality and reach of our service decreases, it is likely that there will be a rise in preventable drownings in Northland. Northland Regional Councillor's proposed changes come at a time when we need your support most. Stubbornly high inflation has increased our operational costs exponentially. Without ESF funding, remaining operational will become increasingly challenging. We are asking Northland Regional Council to retain the ESF to ensure Coastguard - and our emergency services partners - can continue to save lives across Te Tai Tokerau. [Staff summary, please see full submission attached].
LTP24_2712	Joy Barnes	Emergency services funding I would like to support the continued funding of emergency services going forward. \$12.00 is insignificant compared to a life.
LTP24_2763	Paula Henderson	Emergency services fund submission To whom it may concern. My name is Paula Henderson I live at [redacted]. My submission is to request that the Emergency Services Fund should continue to be funded via the NRC portion of our rates. In my opinion this is the most valuable of any service that NRC provides, particularly for those of us who live rurally. Please keep us safe and continue the Fund. Sincerely,
LTP24_2769	Twane Harvey	Continuation of ESF As a long time resident I consider the minimal amount that is used to support this service in Northland is vital to the population. Because of our geographical position and increasing population we are vulnerable and the Northland Rescue Helicopter service is necessary to our population. \$12 per household seems very

		little and could be increased rather than removed. Please reconsider this decision.
LTP24_2772	Steve Batchelor	Emergency Services Fund I would like to see NRC continue with the ESF. Kind regards
LTP24_2677	Matt Mathias	Sports Facility Rate - LTP - Submission from Onerahi Football Club RE: Submission for Northland Regional Council Long Term Plan regarding the regional sports Facilities Rate To Whom it May Concern, Onerahi Football Club supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities Rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed project \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. Onerahi Football Club support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities. Nga Mihi I Kind Regards, Matt Mathias President, on behalf of the Onerahi Football Club Committee
LTP24_2780	Betty Maitland	Emergency fund I am in favour of the emergency fund continuing.
LTP24_2007	Sharon Fryer	Northland Rescue Helicopter funding cuts To the Mayor Our household strongly objects to the proposed funding cuts for the rescue helicopter! I would much rather pay the 12\$. Surely you are able to make cuts in other areas apart from this valuable service. Nga Mihi
LTP24_2757	Karen Davidson	Emergency Services Fund To the NRC, Please accept this email as my submission regarding the above. I strongly support the retention of this Fund paid for by the small part of our overall rates bill. The extra \$12 per annum for this fund to provide emergency services (i.e. Rescue Helicopter, Surf Lifesaving, Coastguard, Search and Rescue etc) should if anything be increased! I would happily contribute double that amount to help our emergency services pay for their annual operating costs. Please do NOT stop this rate! Regards,

LTP24_2782	Graeme Lawrence	As a farmer and owner of a contracting business, I am aware of the necessity of having the emergency services available in small towns throughout Northland. If left to central Government to fund, there is the possibility that small towns like Te Kopuru and Ruawai would lose their emergency services. This would add at least 30 mins to get emergency services to where they are needed. In a worst case scenario the Dargaville emergency services could lack the funding to operate and it would take over an hour to get the services here from Whangarei or Kaikohe. Keep the emergency services funded regionally to ensure that all of our communities, large and small, are able to continue to provide the services needed in rural areas.
LTP24_2816	Deb O'Dell	Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Deborah O'Dell and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei Unit and a resident of One Tree Point. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Whangarei is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. As a resident of Whangarei, One Tree Point I am happy to continue to pay extra each year to ensure that everyone in the community can access the emergency services. My family and I have needed the assistance of several of the emergency services over the years from coastguard to ambulance and even the fire department when there has been an accident that required immediate attention. These services are a must in any community for the protection and support of every individual. With our growing population it is imperative that these services are well manned and supplied. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely, Deborah O'Dell
LTP24_2789	Frances Semenoff	Support for the Northland Emergency Services Trust Kia ora I am writing to support the current system of a targeted annual rate of \$12 (or more) going to households to support NEST. We see the helicopters flying often and bless those in charge of this trust for their outstanding service to those in the Northland community who require help and assistance. If it were not for their service, I would not be alive today to support this. Noho ora mai
LTP24_2015	Coleen Osborne	Rescue Helicopter I would like to advise my objection to proposed withdrawal of funding of Rescue services. Helicopter, Surf Life Savers, etc.
LTP24_2766	C Guthrie	Rescue helicopter Please, we need this service to remain!!!!

LTP24_2790	Susan Campbell	Rescue Helicopter funding Submission for Northland Rescue Helicopter Funding It is essential that the Northern Regional Council continues funding the Northern Rescue Helicopter. Northland is a vast area with under resourced medical facilities, there are many communities in remote locations with limited and often inadequate roading for access. The nearest ambulance station is many kilometres away or it is unavailable as they are already on an emergency call or as is often the case, a hospital transfer. The ambulance is often over an hour away and, when there is an emergency time may well be a factor whether a person survives or not. Without the Helicopter service communities are left in a vulnerable position without adequate emergency medical assistance, for this reason the emergency helicopter service is an essential service, not an added extra so continued funding from NRC is imperative.
LTP24_2798	Adrian and Viv Lamb	We firstly strongly oppose the removal of the critical, life-saving Emergency Services Fund, for Northland Emergency Services Trust, St John Ambulance, Surf Life Saving and other Critical services. As an employee and citizens who see the daily life saving and critical work of Northern Rescue and St John Ambulance alone, this would be a no-brainer not to fund these critical services, and Surf Life Saving to reduce the high drowning rate. This is essential to save lives!
LTP24_2824	Sharon Powell	Rescue Helicopter I am writing in support of northland regional council to keep funding the rescue helicopter out of rates as it is a very necessary and valuable asset to our district. The small amount each year from our rates is going to very good use.
LTP24_2695	Jamie Bourke	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Ngā mihi nui
LTP24_2786	Frank & Shirley Kearney	Emergency Services Fund To Whom It May Concern We request that you continue the financial support for our Emergency Services in Northland. Regards
LTP24_2023	B & J Fraser	Emergency Services Fund How short sighted is this? That you would cut funding from the rate payers for Emergency Services currently rated and payed out. To think that you would cut funding to the Northland Rescue Helicopter that all of us at some stage may need to use. We request that the NRC CONTINUE the funding for Emergency Services especially the Rescue Helicopter. Maybe a better idea would be to trim up the costs that are not required and some of the projects that are being undertaken for NO REAL PURPOSE. It now looks like the people of Whangarei where right in voting NO for Hunderwaser it is fast becoming a white Elephant \$800000 last year and now Bill Shepard suggests that there could be a \$1.200.000 shortfall by October that the good old ratepayers are going to be asked for once again You need to get your priorities RIGHT and cutting funding to Emergency Services is NOT one of the RIGHT priorities. Do not let this happen!!!!!!

LTP24_2813	Derek Slatter	<p>Submission of: Northland Cricket Association To: NRC - submission on LTP From: Northland Cricket Association We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way.</p>
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LTP24_2815	Rodney Cricket	<p>Submission of: Rodney Cricket Association To: NRC - submission on LTP From: Rodney Cricket Association We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way.</p>
LTP24_2033	Paul Todd	(no subject) I fully support the emergency funding added to my rates bill and it should stay Please accept this email as my acceptance to continue with the emergency payment Regards
LTP24_2821	Brent Amies	Continue Emergency Services Fund Please
LTP24_2759	Maihi and Gillian Mahanga	Emergency services fund We strongly agree to have the targeted rate of \$12.00 remain in place to provide assistance to Northland emergency service providers. Councillors who voted for the change should make themselves known to Northland ratepayers so we know who not to vote for next local body election.

LTP24_2823	Rachel Mills	<p>ESF submission Good morning, I am writing in support of retaining the Emergency Services Fund. This service is invaluable for our region and funding should be retained as a matter of priority. In the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle my mother suffered a serious back injury - a complete crushed vertebrae resulting in paraplegia. She was in a very bad way, assessed as category 2 (ie urgent and potentially life threatening, as internal organ injuries and bleeding were possibilities). She was stabilised at Whangarei Hospital and transferred to Middlemore via helicopter for urgent spinal surgery. This accident was directly attributable to the storm damage in the region, and many roads at the time were blocked or dangerous, including roads connecting us to Auckland and to the specialists Mum needed. Transporting someone with those types of injuries by road - at that stage through dangerous and windy detours with parts of the road dropped or just missing - would have been difficult and potentially worsen the outcome. It was bad enough having the family navigating those roads to get to the hospital, let alone an ambulance carrying someone so severely injured. In my view the rescue helicopter is essential in a region where specialist services - and often life saving services - are hours away by road, and with some parts of the population in remote areas and difficult to get to. I have no doubt the wonderful team at the Rescue Helicopter helped prevent further damage to my mother's spinal cord by getting her to one of the two specialist spinal units in the country so quickly and with minimum jostling. Most people in this region would prefer to get help quickly when they need it, and the prompt medical care they deserve as much as any major city-dweller, than to receive \$12 apiece per year. Roads connecting Northland to Auckland, and Northlanders to medical specialists, are precarious as we have all seen so dramatically this past 14 months. The rescue helicopter service is priceless. Having been in Middlemore ICU during the aftermath of the cyclone, with so many injuries coming in from all over the country, I cannot imagine being stuck in Northland or trying to navigate blocked and dangerous roads to access appropriate medical care. Lives will be lost should the helicopter service not be able to function, especially during any emergency or natural disaster as our civil defence response will be hampered - that is assured. I have seen first hand how the helicopter contribute to our disaster management. Please keep the ESF funding, it is not an optional service and is part of your duty given the potential for disasters to cut us off from appropriate medical care, as well as the day to day need for patients to be transferred to other hospitals. Thank you,</p>
LTP24_2041	Treve Rowe	L.T.P. Rescue Helicopter I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund
LTP24_2828	Michael and Merrill Barradell	Northland Helicopter Supports We would like to see the emergency service fund continued. It seems dreadful that NRC's support for this wonderful service might be withdrawn.
LTP24_2829	Maurice Bourke	Fund Hello Team, I wish to encourage you to continue with the Emergency Services Fund through the general rates as you have been doing.
LTP24_2768	Angela Lucas	L.T.P. - Rescue Helicopter Please note that I support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund. Kind regards
LTP24_2851	Derek Butcher & Jo Wyatt	<p>Emergency Services Continuation To whom it may concern My wife and I are disappointed to learn of the proposed funding cuts to our Emergency Services and the consequences that will occur because of it. Our emergency helicopter and associates are vital to the Northland areas in the work that they perform in all conditions so I declare our objection to any proposals that will see any funding cuts. My wife and I are ratepayers of Whangarei and we are more than happy to see part of our rates go to the services funding. To our minds this proposal is backward thinking. Regards,</p>

LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	We support reducing funding for regional sporting facilities provided local community facilities are not impacted. Coastal hapū and communities are likely to be disproportionately impacted by any scaling back of emergency services, so we cannot support a reduction of contribution to that.
LTP24_2779	Graham Teal	Northland Regional Council Long Term Plan Submission to stop the removal of the Emergency Services Funding Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Graham Teal and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Marsden Cove, One Tree Pt. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) As a Master/Skipper at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Whangarei is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and blowing 50knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. As a resident, I am more than happy to pay \$12 per year to ensure everyone in the community can have access to emergency services when they need it most - whether That's a tow home from Coastguard or calling an ambulance/helicopter in a medical emergency. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely, Graham Teal
LTP24_2825	Melissa Wilson	ESF submission I am writing in support of retaining the ESF fund. I live in Mangawhai and quite often see the Rescue Helicopter fly over our property as we are on its flight path. We need this service to continue!!
LTP24_2050	Bonnie Schroyen	emergency services I am opposed to the Northland Regional Council removing its emergency services fund. I want the emergency services fund continued.
LTP24_2848	Senrabh	Emergency Fund We would like to see the emergency service fund continue-thank you
LTP24_2788	Selwyn Semenoff	Support for Northland rescue helicopter Hi I am writing to support the current system to remain in place so that the excellent service we receive from the Northland rescue helicopter is continued to support those who are in need of help.
LTP24_2850	Patricia Poasa	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF Fund. These services are greatly needed by our communities.
LTP24_2058	Harold Foote	Submission re Emergency Services Fund This email us to support the continuation of the Emergency Services Fund. I totally oppose the cancellation of the fund.
LTP24_2859	Tim Brown	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_2872	Kate van Kan	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Rural Northland needs this service!
LTP24_2754	Celina Westbrook	ESF submission Hi, I support the retention of the ESF fund. I feel it would be a huge loss to not continue funding them. They are an important part in our community and the far north. I hope you will reconsider this decision.

LTP24_2797	Opononi Omapere Ratepayers and Residents	RE: Submission: to NRC - Rescue Helicopter Funding Cut Dear Northland Regional Council, We, the residents and ratepayers of Opononi and Omapere, urge you to maintain and prioritise funding for the Northern Rescue Helicopter. Our region's vastness and the inadequacies of our medical facilities make access to emergency care a challenge, especially since the recent closure of the emergency after hour service at Rawene Hospital. In remote areas like ours, limited and often poorly maintained roads can significantly delay the arrival of emergency medical services. The closest ambulance station is often too far away or already engaged in other emergencies. In critical situations, waiting for an ambulance could mean the difference between life and death. The Northern Rescue Helicopter is our lifeline in emergencies. Without it, our communities are left vulnerable and without adequate emergency medical assistance. This service is not a luxury; it's a necessity for our survival. We implore you to recognise the critical importance of the emergency helicopter service and to ensure its continued funding. Nga mihi
LTP24_2066	E S Moodie	Funding for Rescue Helicopter submission Funding of the Rescue Helicopters is such an essential service in our community and as such I cannot see the sense in NRC withdrawing this funding which we as ratepayers contribute through rates at approximately a mere \$12/year/household. I am in complete agreement as a rate payer to keep this funding going Thank you
LTP24_2880	Sean McNulty	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: For Northland to continue sustainable growth people need the reassurance that there are adequate services in health, recreational & vocational to make the region attractive. With such a large catchment area the mobile emergency services are vital to quality of immediate health outcomes for many of our most vulnerable people. Deficiencies in these services due to lack of funding WILL cost lives!!!
LTP24_2888	Stephen Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: It is fundamental to life in Northland to continue to fund these absolutely essential services
LTP24_2762	Kerry Griffin	Keep funding for rescue helicopters Hi there, I want the emergency services fund to remain in place. Kind regards,
LTP24_2871	Andy Boor	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Sports are central to our communities.
LTP24_2896	Urban Fowler-Bayer	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2771	Maria Alvarez Cameron	Northland's Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Dear Northland Regional Council (NRC) Elected Officials I, as a member of Northland Community, is very concerned of the impending end of funding for Northland's Emergency Services Fund (ESF). From its formation in 1988, The Northland Emergency Services had been serving our community and have had transported over 28,000 people who are in critical medical attention. They are the people we can rely on during times of critical needs and emergency, especially of people who are in the far corner of Northland, or in the middle of the sea, or up in remote areas. They are always there when the needed for help is called. We don't want to see the funding for such essential and important service ending. We believe elected public officials' , such as yourselves, core values is serving its constituents, making life better for them and supporting services that are helping them in times of needs. I reiterate my request to continue supporting the emergency services by funding its activities of helping the Northland communities. Sincerely yours

LTP24_2877	Simon Trye	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: As part of the emergency services in the Far North we require the northern region emergency helicopter service on numerous occasions to transport critical patients to hospital. If this service is stopped or reduced it will have life threatening effects for those who require this service.
LTP24_2853	Sue Foster	Re Funding for Emergencies Dear Council It is absolutely crazy to stop funding for NEST and also surf lifesaving - these are lives you are talking about, not widgets. For those of us who live outside the urban city, we rely on the helicopter service to get to Whangarei and Auckland Hospitals. I realise that all this comes at a cost, but it is important to invest now in lives especially as there is a large cohort of older people who need to be served. An additional \$12-15 dollars to my rates is perfectly acceptable if the community at large is to be served. The population at Waipu Cove over summer is enormous, and many people are saved from rips. Equally there was a crash on The Cove Rd only recently that saw 4 helicopters in use - people's lives were saved because of the presence of the helicopters. PLEASE reconsider this proposal. To stop funding in these areas is very short sighted as the government will not step in. Yours
LTP24_2879	Shane McDonald	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2876	Paul Barker	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Essential service
LTP24_2904	Harley Barlow	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Cause I want to play sports it is very cool
LTP24_2819	David Lark	Submission of: Kaipara Flats CC To: NRC - submission on LTP From: Kaipara Flats CC We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this

		environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way.
LTP24_2074	Pat and Michael Simpkin	Funding for Northland Rescue Helicopter Service We have learnt with of the proposal to stop NRC funding for the vital safety service. It should not be considered as part of Core Business. There are many people who owe their lives to this Service and it is vital for rescue and transfer work as well as medical emergencies. To stop the funding would be a complete disaster in many ways. We beg you not to do so.
LTP24_2885	Teulon Kingston	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: They are both essential services in Northland
LTP24_2887	J-Lee Bosch	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2884	Sarah Fair	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: A service needed by many
LTP24_2783	Kerry Ballantyne	Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Kerry Ballantyne and I am both a new volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Marsden Cove, One Tree Point. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). I have been a boatie for some 40 years both in the Bream Bay and Hauraki Gulf areas and have moved to Marsden Cove from Auckland. I have recently volunteered to assist the local coastguard unit as I have seen the amazing work Coastguard New Zealand does and the impact their services have within both the local and wider communities throughout New Zealand. As a boatie I have been a member of Coastguard NZ for many years and have been fortunate not to have had to make use of their services. Unfortunately I do know people who have had to call the Coastguard due to breakdowns and medical emergencies, in all case their calls have been answered and issues deal with leading to the best possible outcomes. As a new volunteer at Coastguard Whangarei, I have been welcomed into the unit and my life skills valued. The unit is made up of a wide demographic from within the community which provides s small glimpse into how the service is valued. As you may be aware the unit is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts or more, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. I have worked for and with a number of other charities who provide services to the community and am aware of the constant battle for funds to maintain services at current levels without managing to meet increased demands. The Coastguard is no different and I would be bold enough to say that the majority of the missions undertaken by our unit potentially are life and death. We chose our move north as it is both somewhat of a homecoming but the area provides some of the best recreational water activities in the world. As a resident, I am more than happy to pay \$12 per year to ensure everyone in my community can have access to emergency services when they need it most - whether That's a tow home from Coastguard or calling an ambulance in a medical emergency. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use

		of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. What is the price of a life saved? Sincerely, Kerry Ballantyne
LTP24_2827	Terry Douglas	NRC support for Northland Emergency Services Dear Sir/Madam, It defies common sense and logic for the NRC to be responsible for Civil Defence activities in Northland which would potentially call upon the services of the Northland Rescue Helicopter in an emergency, but which you plan to stop facilitating their funding through your rating system. The current annual rate of \$12-00 per property is the cheapest insurance available with respect to a service of saving lives of Northlanders. Surely the saving of human lives is more important than some of the of the other responsibilities NRC put as a higher priority. The collection infrastructure is obviously already in place to collect this targeted rate and forward to the Northland Emergency Services Trust, and the NRC should continue to do so. Yours faithfully,
LTP24_2082	Ollie Smith	Emergency services Fund Please can you continue with this fund. It is vital for our community. Many thanks
LTP24_2893	Anthony Wheeler	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2895	Dan Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2892	Wally Bayer	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2791	Denise Batchelor	Emergency Services Fund Morning I would appreciate NRC continue the ESF to help keep the wonderful service of the Northland Rescue Helicopter going for our community and all those who need the service. Regards
LTP24_2873	Nadia Pitchford	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Much needed service, shame to have this taken away!
LTP24_2901	Paige Corbett	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2090	Julie Fife	Emergency Services Fund Please ensure this fund continues and an increase to \$30.00 per year Thank you
LTP24_2903	Sam Miller	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Emergency services are essential to our lives, our sporting facilities are vital to provide opportunities to our community.
LTP24_2900	Ben Mills	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2881	Louise Murdoch	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Vital services utilised by a wide range of our community.
LTP24_2934	Linda Barry	I support the Waipu lifesaving club and it need to be where it is either current or more funding. There are rips all down the east coast to Whangarei and its a total. No debating at all that it is a necessary that Waipu surf club keeps its funding.
LTP24_2889	Jenna Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.

LTP24_2814	Catherine Andrewes	<p>Urgent appeal to preserve funding for Northland’s emergency services Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Catherine Andrewes and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Bay of Islands and a resident of Waimate North. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor’s proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). I have been an active wet crew member since May 2023. In that short time I have been involved in towing boaties home from 6 nautical miles out from Cape Brett, assisting parents on boats with small children aboard when their motors have stopped working, assisting injured trampers on the rocks so that they can get home, being on call when a young woman called us on New Years Eve in a panic wanting to get oZ a boat she felt unsafe on, assisting a sinking vessel, assisting in the search of a woman who disappeared oZ Russel while skinny dipping and taking the skipper ashore to the police, assisting 50 ton vessels safely into their mooring when their motors fail and searching for kayakers who had not returned home. Without Coastguard Bay of Islands crew intervening, the outcome of all these incidents may have been very different. As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Bay of Islands is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn’t matter if it’s in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland’s waters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. As a resident, I am more than happy to pay \$12 per year to ensure everyone in my community can have access to emergency services when they need it most - whether That’s a tow home from Coastguard or calling an ambulance in a medical emergency. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. I volunteer because my dad had battery issues and needed a tow over the Hokianga bar. If he did not have access to the Coastguard service he might not be alive today. Sincerely, Catherine Andrewes</p>
LTP24_2846	Heather Lohead	<p>Submission on Long Term Plan Introduction I live in Wekaweka valley which is 40 minutes from the hospital at Rawene, and 75 minutes from the Dargaville hospital. I have elderly relations living next door who could require urgent attention in the future. Our valley occasionally gets cut off from the main road in extreme weather events. My Concern I am concerned about the proposal to stop funding emergency services including the rescue helicopter. I note that you indicate a different funding model and that funding is not core council business. However, if there is any likelihood that the rescue helicopter service may be negatively impacted by NRC not funding it, I would support a rate increase to continue council funding. We recently had a grandchild require emergency care. Rawene hospital had no doctors available and we were told to ring for an ambulance. This had to come from Dargaville with a nearly 2 hour delay. Fortunately, the situation wasn't critical but, if it had been, it could have been fatal. All remote areas in Northland need to have the assurance that a rescue helicopter is available to get them to hospital in times of emergencies.</p>

LTP24_2942	Marijke McRae	ESF Funding Hello to all elected members of NRC I want the ESF to remain part of the targeted rate. NEST provides a very important service to all of our communities. And how about Civil Defence emergencies? Am happy to pay, providing the actual targeted rate GOES directly to Nest Some of my friends are alive, due to amazing NEST responses Are you still providing lunches at staff and regional meetings? Am sure some savings could be made there. Biscuits in staff room ?? every dollar counts These services are NOT your core business either! Over all I DO appreciate dedicated management and staff, and all contractors that provide very important service to our local environment and overall management of your role and services provided I do not wish to speak at submission time Kind Regards
LTP24_2102	Richard & Susan Thomas	Emergency Funding As ratepayers in Whangarei and Northland Regional Council we wish to submit our absolute support for funding for emergency services i.e Northland Rescue Helicopter and St John Ambulance in our area. The long term plan must also make provision for these services to be funded in future from our rates Sincerely,
LTP24_2897	Ahi Fowler-Bayer	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2822	Vanessa Elmer	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESP fund. Regards
LTP24_2856	Stephen Baines	I wish to raise an objection to the withdrawing of funding for the Waipu surf lifesaving club. As to my understanding we are levied in our rates for this service and I would like to see it continue. It is a very important service and needs to continue. One day it could be one of the councillors or their family that needs saving and if it's not there ???
LTP24_2951	Alesha and Mike Long	Rescue Helicopter To whom it concern We would like to see the community funding for emergency services continue to continue at the same level and not to be stopped. Kind Regards
LTP24_2905	James Tavaga	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I live rural. Too far to drive.
LTP24_2933	Lois Andrewes	Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Lois Andrewes and I am a Coastguard Bay of Islands supporter and a resident of Waimate North. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). My family has been a member of Coastguard for many years and was very grateful for the Coastguard tow when the computer in the outboard failed when the boat was over the Hokianga bar. Without Coastguard crew intervening, the outcome may have been very different. Coastguard Bay of Islands is an essential service which must have adequate funding to maintain its services to the community. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard supporter and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely,
LTP24_2960	Alison Jeffs	Emergency services I want emergency services to continue indefinitely. I cannot understand why on earth the NRC would want to stop funding to these most valuable services. I am more than happy for this funding to come from my rates. Please reconsider! Regards
LTP24_2941	Marnie Gosse	Emergency service fund We support the emergency service fund being continued. We value helping people and saving lives
LTP24_2931	Jim Milne	ESF Submission Hi, I fully support the retention of the ESF fund, I think its extremely short sighted and ignorant to do away with this. Regards

LTP24_2970	Kelly Blainey	Support to maintain emergency services funding to Northland To whom it may concern, The Emergency Services funding to Northland is so important. As a member and lifeguard at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club this cut in funding would directly affect our whole community and wider beach users especially over the busy summer period. The stress this would put on our SAR team and volunteering lifeguards would lead to burnout. All of the services are equally important and we need to maintain this funding for all services across Northland.
LTP24_2939	Ross Farrant	Northland Rescue Helicopter I am totally opposed to the removal of the NRC funding to the Trust. Whilst we all realise that money is a real issue, the helicopter rescue is a vital part of our region's wellbeing and should be well down the line for fund cutting.
LTP24_2950	John Bell	Rescue helicopters Hi Please continue your funding to the Rescue Helicopter Service. My life has been saved twice due to the Rescue Helicopters. I will be bitterly disappointed if you discontinue your NRC contribution Regards
LTP24_2948	Delaine Jones	The rescue helicopter fund I wholeheartedly encourage NRC to continue it's portion of funding the rescue helicopter that our community depends on. Without it and during a recession, the public purse isn't likely to come to the rescue. A suggestion - that instead of paying in excess of \$700 k to become a shareholder in economic growth, this money should be better dispersed for the protection of life. Regards
LTP24_2938	Sue Farrant	EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND To whom it may concern As a Whangarei resident I believe it is imperative that the Emergency Services Fund targeted rate system is continued. It is the simplistic and easiest way of obtaining funding and is the duty of every resident and ratepayer to contribute to what is critical for saving lives in many medical situations and accidents.
LTP24_2959	Terry and Bev Philpott	ESF submission We support the retention of the ESP Fund. We see the fund as vitally important for the continuing of a full helicopter service for rescue and civil defence work.
LTP24_2849	Kevin Wing	Emergency Services Fund It is absolutely essential for the NRC to continue to provide funding to the emergency services. It would also be prudent of the NRC to assist in helping to lobby central Government to also help in funding these services. LIVES DO MATTER. It could be YOUR LIFE.
LTP24_2995	Simon Upperton	Submission Long Term Plan To whom it may concern. Do not remove the fee component for the Northland Rescue Helicopter service from our rates bill. Kind regards
LTP24_2957	John and Vanessa Van Pomeran	Emergency Services Fund Hello As ratepayers of 3 x properties in Northland we're baffled and disbelieving of the Northland Regional Council intent to cease Northlands Emergency Services Fund. We oppose this plan and ask that the Fund be maintained; in fact we'd like to see it increased. Thank you.
LTP24_2947	Sheila Oakes	Regarding Northland rescue chopper Regarding funding for Northland rescue helicopter, which the regional council is planning to cut their funding, I as ratepayers do not wish this to happen. I know things are difficult financially for everyone at present and cut backs are being made but we cannot afford to loose our rescue helicopter or people will die and everyone deserves a chance. My husband collapsed in in town he had an abdominal aortic aneurysm, the Whangarei hospital can not operate for that condition he needed to be in Auckland, he was very fortunate he was put on the helicopter the flight takes half an hour, during the flight he nearly died several time he was holding on to life by a thread. He was operated on immediately and fortunately he survived against all the odds. Thanks to all involved. My point is, he and others would not be here if it wasn't for the rescue helicopter, they have saved thousands of lives and everyone deserves a chance, so please, please help to save our helicopter. Yours sincerely,
LTP24_2969	Alastair Robinson	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund Nga mihi

LTP24_2935	Kylie Garton	ESF submission Hello, Just letting you know our family support the ESF Fund and I have personally benefited for their service, I wouldn't be here today without it. And just remember these Helicopters will be ready to help for any Civil Emergency. Kind Regards,
LTP24_2883	Chris West	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Essential for the community
LTP24_2956	June Douglas and Gerald Batchelor	Rescue Helicopter We want the existing funding to continue, and also to increase to allow for growth and inflation.
LTP24_2983	Kirsty Joiner	Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 Please continue to fund Emergency Services and Sporting Facilities through a targeted rate. The \$27.00 per rateable property is a fair amount to be charged to maintain the vital Emergency Services in outlying areas of Northland and the funding of Sporting Facilities is essential in all the regional areas. Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission. Signed
LTP24_2967	Reg & Sharon Paki	Rescue helicopter To whom it may concern. We would like to see the Northland Regional Council continue to fund the Rescue Helicopters/Northland Emergency Services Trust. We believe that by withdrawing funding lives will be put at risk. Northland is growing at such a fast rate that we cannot afford to have a reduction in services.
LTP24_2943	Joanna Gosse	ESF This is a submission to oppose the funding being cut to Northland Emergency Services. The safety for our communities and visitors to these communities will be impacted and compromised. Many important services depend on this resource.
LTP24_2891	Dylan Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2966	Richard Scotland	Please keep providing funding to the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club and the Rescue Helicopter. Both are essential to the North
LTP24_3017	Malcolm Norton	Long Term Plan submission Hi, As a resident in the NRC district, I wish to object to the proposed cutting of funding for the Northland Helicopter Trust as I see it as an essential service for this region. We recently witnessed the use of the NEST services on Cove Rd Waipu after a serious crash. In fact, there were 4 helicopters required for patient transportation with 2 of these being NEST helicopters. As the service isn't funded via central government and relies on donations and the NRC grants, it is essential that the grants continue. I am willing to attend any hearing on the matter. Regards Malcolm Norton
LTP24_2981	Scott Harrison	Cutting Emergency services and sporting facilities Hi, Cutting the funding for these services make no sense. Its a highly needed service that helps multiple people everyday. You guys waste so much money on other things of no value. Do the right thing, your family might need these services one day.
LTP24_2953	Guy Robinson	ESF submission Dear Chairman and Councillors of the Northland Regional Council, I am writing with an impassioned plea for the NRC to continue its funding support for the Emergency Services Trust and their rescue helicopters. It is imperative for the whole community that this subsidy for NEST from NRC rates is continued, not discontinued as is being mooted. It would be negligent of the Council to allow this extremely valuable community asset to lapse, bearing in mind that it serves not only medical emergencies and services, but also has the potential to be pivotal in any Civil Defence emergency. Sincerely,
LTP24_2899	Joanna Rutherford	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2980	Susan Harris	Continued funding for Emergency services I would like to see the continuing funding for the community Emergency services. Having been a P.R.I.M.E Nurse (Primary Response In Medical Emergency) I know just how vital and precious these services are in saving lives. Please continue the funding. Thank you.

LTP24_2962	Les & Pauline Kell	Submission To Mayor and Councillors We believe Council should rethink their rationale regarding rescue services. The helicopters are indispensable not only for Northland residents, but also visitors to Northland and maritime traffic up and down our coastline. Surely funds could be moved from Council support of minority events such as the Fritter Festival, Pride Parade, Matariki, Fireworks etc. These events although popular are insignificant when compared to saving lives to anyone in need. Thank you for allowing us to have our say.
LTP24_2878	Wayne van Kan	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We need these services
LTP24_2972	Madison Macmillan	Submission on the NRC LTP - opposing the removal of the Emergency Services Fund Hi, I'm Madison Macmillan, ambassador for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. I am only 12 years old and I already understand the importance of the rescue chopper, in fact, all emergency services. If you decide to pull the NRC Emergency Services Funding from us, you're basically saying you don't care about the safety of people. This actually impacts people you know, and I bet you that you know somebody that has been saved by emergency service. Have you ever thought about if you might need it?. And I do not know one single person that is in approval of your plan to end the NRC Emergency Services Fund. Please make sure it continues. That is what people who care for each other want.
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	DPA highlights the importance of regional sporting facilities and keeping them open as several Northland disability sports groups, organisations and community groups use these facilities. NRC also needs to make sure sporting facilities are accessible and available with all new facilities and existing facilities built on the principles of universal design. Recommendation 7: that NRC ensure that all sporting facilities are accessible and built on universal design principles.
LTP24_2886	Rebecca Aird	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Emergency services are important as we live in a small town and sometimes the only people who can get to us are the rescue helicopter or ambulance.
LTP24_3000	Barbara Hall	Request to continue Emergency Services Fund Good Morning This is a submission to request that the NRC continue the Emergency Services Fund. I am a full time resident of Kaitaia. Thank you.
LTP24_2154	Sam Panoho	NEST Funding Hello, My name is Sam, I am a resident and ratepayer of Ruawai. I wanted to let you know that my whanau are very happy to fund the NEST services from our rates. It's peace of mind knowing that help can be such a short distance away when needed when we are based in a rural community. I am more than happy to pay \$1 a month to continue to have this service provided. They do a wonderful job for many rural communities and the bigger towns as well. Regards,
LTP24_2894	Elaine Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: What else can the kids do??

LTP24_3037	James Hynes Tikipunga AFC	<p>Tikipunga AFC supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland. The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed project \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. We support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_2902	David Crate	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3022	Jan Robson	To whom it concerns I want to acknowledge the Whangarei Councils' decision to withdraw the \$12.00 payment to the Northland Emergency Fund. I am not in favour of this and am only too happy to have added to rates, as are a lot of my friends in the older age bracket and also lifetime or longtime residents of Whangarei - our beautiful home and city. Please don't do this!!
LTP24_2937	R J Ancliffe	Emergency Services Fund I think there are very good reasons to keep this fund as part of the Regional Council rate. These necessary organisations are available to help everyone in need and save lives. Most people can afford that extra dollar per month.
LTP24_3033	Norma de Langen Whangaruru South Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc.	The Whangaruru South Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc. and the Civil Defence sub-committee express concern about the Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to discontinue funding for essential emergency services in Northland. They emphasize the importance of continuing funding for the Rescue Helicopter Service, which has been a vital asset for the community. The Rescue Helicopter Service provides critical medical attention and transport to hospital, especially for residents in isolated areas. The removal of this funding is seen as short-sighted and unfair, placing an undue burden on the Northland Emergency Services Trust (NEST). The community believes that the service should remain funded for the benefit of all Northlanders. [Staff summary, please see attached submission for full details]
LTP24_3018	Jan Francis	Do not stop funding emergency services. My partner (now deceased) had to use these services and whilst we donated when we could, now on my own I am terrified I will be unable to access these services when for a small amount of money we can feel safe in the knowledge we will be supported when we need help, regardless of our financial situation.

LTP24_3045	Madison Macmillan	Submission on the NRC LTP - opposing the removal of the Emergency Services Fund Hi, I'm Madison Macmillan, ambassador for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. I am only 12 years old and I already understand the importance of the rescue chopper, in fact, all emergency services. If you decide to pull the NRC Emergency Services Funding from us, you're basically saying you don't care about the safety of people. This actually impacts people you know, and I bet you that you know somebody that has been saved by emergency service. Have you ever thought about if you might need it?. And I do not know one single person that is in approval of your plan to end the NRC Emergency Services Fund. Please make sure it continues. That is what people who care for each other want.
LTP24_2946	Glennie van Prehn	Funding I would like to request that the Emergency Services Fund provided at orient by the NRC continue in the future. Please don't cut the funding. Thanks.
LTP24_3044	Mark Hubbard Te Rarawa RC Cricket	<p>We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). These facilities benefit communities far and wide. Later this year for the first time, Te Rarawa RC Cricket will have a Junior Cricket team travelling from Ahipara to play on many of these venues in Kerikeri and Whangārei. I have personally been involved with establishing Cricket Facilities in Kaitāia and have seen the benefits of sporting infrastructure and the ongoing maintenance of sporting areas have to the wider community. As a Kaiako at Kaitaia College I see first hand how important these spaces are to an individuals Hauora and personal growth as they are afforded the opportunity to participate in sporting events in these spaces. Cricket has newly been reestablished at our Kura and we have recently had students travel away to Whangārei to also play and compete in these shared sporting/recreational spaces. Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way.</p>

LTP24_3028	Anna Murphy	I believe that biodiversity protection must be prioritized before funding sporting facilities.
LTP24_2955	Hayden Dahm	Submission objecting to ceasing of funding for surf life saving - LTP Kia Ora I want to express my objection to the proposal to cease/reallocate funding for emergency services including surf life saving as set out in the NRC LTP. Firstly, it is not right for this service/support to be pitted against funding for climate resilience - this is a zero sum approach, particularly given the impact climate change and extreme weather events can have on the northland area. Secondly, the potential increase in deaths/drownings due to not having the necessary rescue services (helicopter, life guards) would have a detrimental impact on northland's reputation/tourism industry if seen as an unsafe, unsupported area to visit. Thirdly, the rapid 'switch off' approach to funding is unfair to the groups, organisations, communities whom rely on this funding. Even if council funding cannot continue in the outyears, there should be a phased and sustainable approach to allow these groups to find alternative funding sources. Having said that, I am extremely supportive of continued funding for these critical services even if that requires a rate rise. Finally, the council seems to be overlooking a very important community building aspect that funding these groups and services enables. Our daughter is part of the Waipu Surf LifeSaving junior programme - and club - which is teaching crucial life skills and sense of service. I would urge the council to reconsider its proposal to cut these much needed and highly valued emergency services. Although there may be some expectation that central government fronts these costs, there is huge benefit in retaining independence for such vital services and those that act as a beating heart for our northland communities. Concerned ratepayer.
LTP24_2932	Justin Storey	ESF Submission Hi, I fully support the retention of the ESF fund, I think it's extremely short sighted and ignorant to do away with this. Regards
LTP24_2965	Kathy Cogan	Helicopter appeal Please keep the Emergency services fund going. It is so important to people in the north especially with the state of our roads. I am sure most rate payers are happy to continue with the \$12 on our rates. Thankyou
LTP24_2940	Josephine Martin	Vote to continue Hello This is my vote asking for the emergency services fund to continue Thank you
LTP24_2978	Graham Cowie	Rescue helicopter serviceHi I purchased my current house in Russell Rd in 2023 when the helicopter service were supposed to move to the airport as previously planned. Expected the noise of the machines to be gone but they are still refusing to move on. What's the hold up when is the move?? So no I'm not willing for any of my rates funds to go towards helicopter services until they move to the airport as previously agreed.
LTP24_2949	Chris Davidson	Emergency services funding. I submit that Emergency funding by NRC, MUST continue. This is a slight cost per ratepayer but produces a great service that is ESSENTIAL for all Northlanders. Signed,
LTP24_2958	Martin Roest	Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Hello I am very concerned to hear that NRC is looking at no longer funding or reducing funding of the Northland Emergency Services Fund. This is a huge risk to peoples lives in terms of responses to people who are injured or impacted by adverse events. I am very much opposed to NRC cutting funding, and would rather that every household in Northland pay a extra \$1 per month to maintain funding. Or that other projects have funding cut instead. I heard a rumor that \$1,000,000 will be spent on pest control on the end of Oneriri peninsula over the next 10 years. I would rather have funding for projects like this cut than funding for Emergency services. Thanks

LTP24_2207	J'Adoube Elkington	Long term plan feedback Kia ora I have recently read the proposed long term plan for NRC and I would like to give some feedback. I think that stopping funding for emergency services would be a great disadvantage for the Northland community. The emergency services provide an extremely important and life-saving service. Although some of the larger services may be able to continue their delivery without NRC funding, the smaller ones, such as Surf Lifesaving, would have to greatly reduce their service. The hole that this would leave would put immeasurable increased pressure on the other emergency services, such as the rescue helicopter and ambulance, who often struggle with funding as it is. Additionally, it is likely that there would be an increased number of drownings and injuries over the summer period. I also think that in terms of funding for sports facilities, the saying goes "a kid in sport is a kid out of court", and for that exact reason I implore you to continue to fund sports facilities, no matter how small the project, in order to increase the mana of the community and keep our people healthy. Thanks for reading. Cheers
LTP24_2968	Nathan Mills	ESF submission I support continued funding for ESF (emergency services funding) as I believe it to be crucial for the people of Northland. I would bare any extra cost this might bring to my rates proudly.
LTP24_3123	Waimirirangi Meretuahiahi Rakena-Watkins	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I want to be a Black Fern. I need good facilities to train and plenty of sporting opportunities. Please don't take them away.
LTP24_2219	Craig Blaikie	Emergency Funding Hi I am a resident at Langs Beach and I am writing to you to give my support to continuing emergency funding to services in my region including surf lifesaving, I would like to think that these services would be deemed necessary and as a ratepayer expect them to be part of the make up of rates I pay
LTP24_2998	Brian Taylor	Emergency Funding I am appalled to find out that you are considering cancelling your contribution to the costs of the Northland Rescue Helicopter. These operations are always struggling for money and it is getting harder to bring in cash from the communities as the cost of living rises. Please reconsider. Regards,
LTP24_3105	Jessica Pearson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I have acute health needs & the emergency services are critical to myself & my family
LTP24_2982	Anthea Laurence	Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Feedback 04. Other decisions Emergency Services, sporting facilities - should we stop our funding contributions to these activities? My submission is for the following: Continue to rate for our funding contribution of 2.7m a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. Comment. The NRC is a collection agency for these funds. To drop them and keep the money for the NRC is not appropriate. The WDC collects the NRC rates and I am sure distributes them to you. The NRC is being precious in saying it is not their core business.
LTP24_3103	Hilton Harris	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: SAVES LIVES!!!
LTP24_3114	Sue Matene	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because I live in the sticks. Because I want my mokopuna to have somewhere to play.
LTP24_3112	Andrew Whalton	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Sports keep people healthy and our facilities are well used. They actually need to be better.

LTP24_3141	Sara-May Watkins	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Much needed for our isolated families that are always supporting extended whanau all round. Our tamariki need as many opportunities as possible to achieve goals, gain confidence and be exposed to the outside world in a positive way. Required for good health not just for our tamariki but for whanau as a whole whanau.
LTP24_3101	Sophia Beaton	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Our sporting facilities are more than just spaces for sports & recreation, they are places of wellbeing, hauora & building friendships.
LTP24_3122	Paihia Thompson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: My mum lives rurally in the Hokianga, she also has an autoimmune disease and cancer. Taking away emergency services could be fatal for her. My children are actively involved in sports here in Northland, keep funding these sports facilities so our children have equitable opportunities in sports.
LTP24_3120	Pae Hauraki Hemara	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: To Save Lives
LTP24_3149	Tahikura Meretuakiahi	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Helps to my family and friends
LTP24_3020	Chair Kensington Cricket Club	Sub - Submission on NRC Proposal to Reduce or Cease the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR) We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Our focus lies particularly on the growth of cricket within Northland. With the forthcoming completion of Te Puawaitanga in Kerikeri, our facilities will adequately support the sport in larger towns. This achievement is made possible through collaborative efforts with entities such as the Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council, enabling the funding of smaller facilities. The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: - Securing funding for essential one-off projects, like adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval, which are crucial for attracting first-class and international games to Te Taitokerau and contribute significantly to the region's economy. - Addressing the future needs of smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo, and Kaitaia, which have expressed interest in incorporating artificial wickets into their multi-use facilities. This endeavor could be supported by a combination of RSFR and targeted rates, providing substantial recreational benefits for communities and supporting schools and wider cricket and sporting communities. - Recognizing the positive impact of RSFR-funded projects on delivering cricket to a broader section of the Northland community and fostering participation. We advocate for continuing the collaborative, multi-agency approach facilitated by the RSFR and the ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to support new projects and enhance existing facilities. - We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity-based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We acknowledge the cost pressures faced by the NRC, as do most organizations and individuals. However, we urge prioritizing addressing these pressures through cost reduction and productivity measures before considering cuts to initiatives that deliver substantial community benefits and are challenging to seed-fund through alternative means. Thank you for considering our submission.

LTP24_3111	Hura	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Tautoko! Life is hard already, don't make it harder.
LTP24_3130	Aaron Ashby	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: It's important to have these services for us to keep healthy and ensure we have access to emergency services if need be.
LTP24_3128	William Thompson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: For my sports
LTP24_3157	Kata Te Wiata	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3140	Matiu Kahle	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Sports is the future for our kids.
LTP24_3119	Tariora Herewin	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: To provide a pathway for our children
LTP24_3108	Rachelle Smith	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because my kids futures not about only internet, sports helps.
LTP24_2256	Lynley Horne	Emergencies Services Fund I wish to lodge my opinion that the Regional Council should continue to support such a worthy cause which benefits hundreds Northlanders.
LTP24_3165	Ruby Korewha-Raharuhi	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because sports and emergency services are important. SPORTS & HELICOPTER SERVICES ARE LIFE SAVERS.
LTP24_3127	Mohi Ashby	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: This is important to me because we can get the care we need when we get injured.
LTP24_3116	Alex Wilson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We need more facilities & places to play. We need them both.
LTP24_2267	Harry Lewis	Emergencies services funding To whom it may concern, I'm writing too add my say on the funding matter and I strongly believe it will be a bad thing for northland that the funding gets cut. They definitely need your support for the greater good of our northland community as there services are irreplaceable and what they do for northland is God's work. Please keep the funding for the rescue helicopter team they are true legends Kind regards,
LTP24_3173	Luca Bocock	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Benefits all community, all ages.
LTP24_3146	Ara Dick	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3154	Mitchel Barlow	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: For my future.
LTP24_3124	Joseph Winiata	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: So that everyone across the board has access to all things. Opportunities that open up also our rural whangai who can't get out of the valleys to hospitals etc.
LTP24_3181	Colin Walker	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I live rurally and there is no ambulance or hospital. Sports are important!!!

LTP24_3156	Samle James	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3162	Reef Morunga	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Important to have emergency services available for or kaumatua and kuia. I love sports.
LTP24_3189	Emil and Judith Nye	Helicopter rates We should continue the Emergency Services Fund funding of helicopter - and other services eg St John - for the benefit of the community.
LTP24_3164	Zoe Niutama	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Both are important! We NEED these services!
LTP24_3145	Tanu	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3172	Murray Timperley	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3153	Cadence Harris	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: It's just important for everyone. If we don't one of your family could die.
LTP24_3180	Patrick Whelan	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because it provides a very important resource!
LTP24_3210	Graeme Chitty	Emergency Services Fund Good Afternoon, I would like to add my support to continue the Emergency Services Fund which includes a targeted annual rate of \$12 per household to my NRC rates. Thanks
LTP24_3188	Jessie McLeod	This service is an essential service for Northland, we cannot rely on others to provide the aide that has been shown to be needed ever since the service began. So many people are grateful, many for their very lives.
LTP24_3186	Jill Burrows	Northland emergency services Restore Emergency Services Fund. Please
LTP24_3219	Tyler Murray	Northland Rescue Helicopter Hi, I'm writing in regard to the proposed funding cut to the Northland Rescue Helicopter, which I think is one of the most ridiculous things I've ever heard. I can't even fathom how cutting the funding to this essential service is even being talked about. Whoever came up with this ludicrous idea is clearly out of touch with reality and has no moral compass. Not only do I strongly believe the NRC should continue to fund the Rescue Helicopter, I believe the funding should increase and whoever thinks differently should take long hard look at themselves and really question what they have become. Regards,
LTP24_3169	Coen De Wolf	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Safety and sport for everybody.
LTP24_3158	Honey Tavaga	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Helpful for me
LTP24_3227	Mathew Stoddart	Don't stop funding the sports and rec I do not support removal of the Sporting rate mentioned below. Please retain this fee and keep funding sporting and recreational infrastructure. 'Removal of the analysis and activity for Corporate Services: Regional Sporting Facilities and associated funding sources and mechanism as per councillor's proposal to stop this rate.'
LTP24_3177	Jeremy Hanna	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.

LTP24_3236	Ross Boon	Long Term Plan Submission Good afternoon I am very concerned at your proposal to stop using a targeted NRC rate to support the Emergency Services Fund. You propose spending millions on biodiversity and the environment, yet want to remove this, in comparison small, amount that funds vital life-saving services. The biodiversity and preparation for climate change will be of small comfort to people whose lives have been adversely affected, or worse still terminated, because they couldn't get to hospital in time. Do you really think that the environment is more important than human lives? Kind regards
LTP24_3166	Ngakuru Penney	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: St Johns saved my life when I was 13.
LTP24_3209	Irene Hawkes	Rescue My submission Please keep the helicopter funding, we need it in the air, we are in rural area
LTP24_3185	Rebecca Sharp	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I am the secretary of the Kerikeri Football Club We have 400 members and the club is a hub for whanau and community to come together as a collective. We desperately need funding to continue providing grass roots sports.
LTP24_3218	Hannah Harding	Emergency Services Fund To Whom it may concern, my name is Hannah Harding. I run an annual fundraiser for NEST in Dargaville. This service is vital in our community and I can not fathom why NRC would not want to continue the ESF in their long term plan. It is so important that this fund continues, so that our emergency services remain in our community. I would like the NRC to continue the emergency services fund in the long term plan to support our emergency services in Northland. Kind Regards
LTP24_3174	Andrew Lapper	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3100	Noeline Walkley	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: For my grandchildren
LTP24_3215	Heather and Robin Nitschke	Emergency Services Fund Please please continue with the Emergency Services Fund - we desperately need this service!! \$12 per annum is nothing at all when lives are at stake. Please don't leave us without it!!
LTP24_3226	Lesley Parton	Emergency co-ordination I am a Kensington resident living in Kensington Heights Rise for the last eighteen years. I moved here after what was then the recent sudden death of my husband. Having lived as a rate payer in the Whangarei District Council area for 40 years, apart from a brief period prior to my late husband's death in Paihia, I observed the wonderful lifesaving work that our Northland Rescue Helicopter provides.. I cannot fathom why a council would consider removing the small subsidy that we contribute to keep this support for the helicopter. I am a willing and regular contributor to their funding but I believe that an additional contribution through our rates is vital to keep the emergency support continuing. As a Kensington recently retired (from a lifetime in education) resident I see daily how needed this service is required. I have never complained re the noise disturbance as it reminds me that someone is in need of this urgent resource. Please reconsider and include a subsidy in our rates. One will never know that one day and I speak from personal experience we may need it. Kind regards
LTP24_3252	Michelle Edwards	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: This is a must for our community safety and for our schools and sport in general. Why would you even contemplate removing this service.

LTP24_2333	Tony van Stokkum	Emergency Services Fund for NEST helicopter Please keep the support for this invaluable NEST service going. Thank you
LTP24_3224	Fiona Maclean	Emergency Services Long-term Plan Kia ora koutou katoa I write in support of all my friends and relations who live in Te Tai Tokerau. I urge you to continue the council funding for the Emergency Services Fund. And I also urge you to lobby the government for nation-wide emergency services funding. The ESF is clearly important to the residents of Te Tai Tokerau, and also for all those that enjoy visiting the region. It is in all our interests that everywhere in Aotearoa NZ is supported by well co-ordinated and adequately funded emergency services - incorporating ambulances and rescue helicopters, surf lifesaving and coastguards. Ngā mihi
LTP24_3235	S J Keatley	Do not stop the EFC Kia Ora As a rate payer I would like EFC to continue. I oppose to the funding be cut/removed.
LTP24_3206	Peter Hawkes	Rescue My submission Keep the funding, we need the helicopter as we are in rural area
LTP24_3190	Joanne Towey	ESF I think the council should keep supporting the Northland rescue helicopter. This is a much used and needed resource.
LTP24_3232	Eryn Vesey	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF Fund
LTP24_3260	Janet King	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We are far enough away from a major hospital to warrant a helicopter. It saves lives.
LTP24_3243	Sheryl Phillips	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_3118	Hannah Romana	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Our small towns rely on awesome services like these
LTP24_3214	Denise Doouss	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund and it would cause seriously bad consequences for everyone if this was done away with. You need to be proactive, not going backward with planning that will affect people's lives. Regards,
LTP24_3241	Steven Smith	Emergency services fund I wish for the Emergency services fund to be continued. Regards
LTP24_3251	Heather Stanley	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: The helicopter is an essential life saving service. Without it there are no medical facilities for those life threatening conditions apart from Auckland by road. This is not acceptable to put lives at risk like this.
LTP24_3126	Tee Walkley	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: For my kids.
LTP24_3249	Marg Wadsworth	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Emergency services: Look at the map of Northland, so so many isolated areas, in the event of a medical emergency, imperative to get patients to hospital A.S.A.P. Sporting Facilities: Keep Northland moving, reach into everyone's area for health & fitness needs.
LTP24_3223	Sandee Ryan	Rescue helicopter PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL. THE FUNDING FOR THE RESCUE HELICOPTER. IT IS MUCH NEEDED. THE LIVES IT SAVES!!! IT WOULD BE A BAD MOVE! IT COULD BE A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY THAT THEY SAVE. OUT OF ALL THE FUNDING CUTS YOU COULD MAKE PLEASE DONT CUT THIS ONE. LIVES ARE MORE IMPORTANT! Kindest regards
LTP24_3259	Rin Warburton	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We are an isolated community and no one should miss out on life saving medical care just because they are isolated. Same goes for sports; many of the tamariki I work with in Kaikohe have limited access to positive outlets and this one shouldn't be taken away from them.

LTP24_3211	Andy Cameron	Funding for Northern Helicopter We want the funding for the helicopter service to continue and also the lifesaving club Thanks
LTP24_3257	Deb McClelland	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: - Life saving facilities should be available to Northland residents. - Sport & recreation facilities available help people have good physical health, community engagement & leads to better emotional health.
LTP24_3231	Allison Mckenzie	Funding rescue helicopter To NRC Funding should definitely continue for rescue helicopter. My sister was recently transferred down from Rawene hospital, meaning she could get medical care urgently needed for a stroke. She has since passed away, but as she worked in Hokianga as a nurse for 30 plus years she appreciated the helicopter greatly as a life or death service. This service is vital for our isolated communities with few doctors. I would 100 % prefer my rates to be spent on this than anything else Kind regards
LTP24_3220	W Quin	Submission I may be Swimming against the tide in regard to the many 'emotive' responses' viewed recently. I do however agree with the NRC proposal to remove the two targeted rates currently applied. Emergency Services receive monetary support from central government and they along with Sports Facilities should be self-funding any operating cost shortfalls. Grant Funding, Donations, and Fundraising are options available to them, just as they are to other Trust Organisations and Not for Profit entities. NRC have assisted these organisations via ratepayer contributions for a good many years now, and it is time to shift the focus back to your core business as proposed - namely Water and Flood Management, Bio Security, and Climate resilience action.
LTP24_3121	Marama O'Leary	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because it helps more kids get involved.
LTP24_3240	Sharon Smith	Emergency services fund I wish for the Emergency services fund to continue as is current.
LTP24_3144	Tangaroa Kaho-Wynward	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Cause I Love Sports
LTP24_3228	Christian Dally	Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Hi, My name is Timothy Christian Dally and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and am a resident of the area. I am both a coastguard volunteer who has been involved with many rescues in the Whangarei harbour and beyond as well as a boaty who relies on the knowledge that if I get into difficulties, possibly with young family aboard, the Coastguard will be there if I need them. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). [As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely,
LTP24_3152	Roxanne Cvitanovich	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because it is one of the most fastest and efficient means of transport for someone who is injured which could make the difference for the person. Sports keeps our kids active.

LTP24_3248	Juliet Barker-Reid	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: They play such a vital role in the community
LTP24_3237	Dinnell Smith	Emergency services fund I wish for the Emergency services fund to be continued. Regards
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Federated Farmers expresses significant concern about the Councillor's plan to stop funding emergency services in the Northland region. They argue that emergency services are essential for rural ratepayers and provide a lifeline. The decision lacks empathy and understanding of health care realities. Federated Farmers strongly supports retaining funding for all emergency services in the region."In respect of the proposal to remove funding for emergency services, it is suggested that the Council goes back to the table to reconsider this. Given the geographical area of the Northland region, it does not make sense for the funding for emergency services to be stopped. This decision will put ratepayers who work in remote areas away from established urban areas at risk. The Council needs to relook at the decision it has made and find a way to restore the funding it is proposing to stop. "Submission recommends that the Council provides sufficient funding for the emergency services in Northland to continue to operate. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3160	Arya	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: It helps me and my friends
LTP24_3139	Jaydene Mangi	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Sports is the future for our kids.
LTP24_3256	Joy Waddell	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Helicopter is an important part of someone surviving or not for quick medical care.
LTP24_2375	H & L Comer, D Comer & J Hayward	Emergency Services Fund Dear whom it may concern, our household want the emergency services fund to continue.
LTP24_3307	Kathryn White	Emergency services Keep funding emergency services. If there is no funding for the helicopter, people will be at risk whether a former, or someone out in the bush who has injured themselves.
LTP24_3168	Taya Dick	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I live rural, this would help me and other kids and family that surround me. I enjoy having sports available this help improve it.
LTP24_3147	Joel King	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Important to me and my siblings.
LTP24_3253	Jessica McDowell	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We are in the far north and the emergency service is vital to help us when we are in need because the hospital is so far away. It can mean life and death. I have 3 young children who enjoy their sports and continuity is so important or their development and to help them enjoy sports.
LTP24_3315	Margy and Neil Dodds	Essential Emergency Services Fund Our household urges NRC to NOT reduce funding for essential Emergency Services Fund. This is a much needed service. It is already underfunded, and we have few resources up here. At least I would know where our \$8k + rates dollars would be working someplace that's most urgent. Regards
LTP24_3155	Carole Smith	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Our community needs funding for emergency services & sporting facilities. It's very important for our community.

LTP24_3261	Kirsten Birt	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: The helicopter is important for the whole area! Lots of isolated spots in Northland. Growing area with lots of kids. Need sporting facilities to keep up with growth in area.
LTP24_3163	Ariana Morunga	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We need emergency services for our whanau. Sporting for our rangatahi.
LTP24_3323	Jim Sephton Whangarei District Council	Notwithstanding, WDC are disappointed with the following and seek an opportunity for further discussion: -Discontinuation of funding of emergency services -Discontinuation of funding of regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_3314	April Peri	Submission Kia Ora, I choose for the first response to keep their grant amount, and not the recreation. And therefore the remainder after the first response to go towards the ratepayers.
LTP24_2384	Doris Davies	Loss of Funding for Essential Services To whom it may concern: Emergency Services Not Seen As Core Services I write this in total disbelief following the relevant information available relating to the possible discontinuing of essential services in the Northland Region. Our region is vast, and over a period of time we have seen the damage to roads and infrastructure following weather events. This part of the country has a history of slips and damage, and is not going to go away, as we deal with it as best we can. State Highway 1 in the Far North, and rebuilding the Brynderwyns would be just two examples. Depending on the circumstances, quick access is essential. I am relating this to the Northland Rescue Helicopter. We could list the ongoing services that the Northland Rescue Helicopter Provides. From my home I hear the frequency of the helicopter as it flies to and from Whangarei Hospital. The reasons being from accidents or medical emergencies. We recently needed the services of more than one helicopter following the tragic accident at Langs Beach. The Northland Rescue Helicopter is just one of the essential services that we could lose. St.Johns's, Surf Life Saving, Coast Guard Search and Rescue - and so it goes on. To put it bluntly, the Northland Regional Council for the sake of a few dollars to paid annually on our rates towards these services is saying, 'We really don't put a value on the lives of the people in Northland, and therefore we are considering withdrawing funding to essential services' Therefore, I am asking that the names of councillors in the Northern Regional Council who would agree to removing the funding ... be made public. You have absolutely no right to determine the outcome, and I feel if the decision relating to funding was given to we Northland ratepayers, a vast majority would overrule what you are hoping to do so as to ease an increase of a few dollars per annum. Once again I ask for the names of those who are in favour of taking away funding to our essential funding. Regards Doris Davies
LTP24_3304	Penny Read	I (Penny Read) do not agree with removing the funding for the emergency services and would be happy to pay the additional \$ 12 in rates providing that it ensured this funding was kept in place.
LTP24_3171	Mark Pandelidis	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3322	Alan Agnew	I strongly object to the removal or reduction of funding for the Rescue Helicopters, this is a busy, lifesaving service funded at least partially by local rates, we residents must definitely have an effective say in how our rates are spent.
LTP24_2395	Donna and Terry Blyth	ESF submission To whom it may concern: I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_3179	Reuben Corbett	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Keeping the community active Emergency services should never be compromised.

LTP24_3312	Kerikeri Football Club Committee	<p>Feedback - Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 To whom it may concern, Kerikeri Football Club supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed project \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. We support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities. Kind regards, Kerikeri Football Club Committee</p>
LTP24_3339	Nadine Hopkins Far North District Council	<p>The Far North District Council (FNDC) opposes the removal of the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate. This rate has been critical for successful sporting facility projects in the district. Sports facilities are vital for community well-being, especially in rural areas where residents often travel long distances to participate. The lack of community pools and undersupply of certain sporting facilities necessitates continued funding. FNDC requests that the rate not be removed to support regional benefit and ensure access to sports and recreation for the community. [Staff summary, please see full feedback for more details]</p>
LTP24_3330	Ron Ford Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association	<p>Submission notes proposal to stop funding regional sports, and offers no comment on this matter. Submission notes the proposal to stop funding emergency services; notes there are no lifeguard services on the Tutukaka Coast but awareness of the value of these services elsewhere in the region. Raises concerns about the loss of funding for the rescue helicopter, notes the service as an essential, often lifesaving service, to the region and remote coastal/rural areas. Submission requests that services/programmes that are to be stopped or scaled back are done so in a fair and reasonable manner. It will be important to ensure that services/agencies have time to source alternative support and funding. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]</p>

LTP24_3193	Steve Macmillan	<p>NRC LTP submission in opposition of proposed funding cuts to critical emergency and community services Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Northland Regional Council Long Term Plan - specifically the suggestion by the NRC to remove the Emergency Services Fund and the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate. I write this submission as a father, a farmer, a business owner and a community volunteer - someone who has worked closely with first responders for decades and who understands their roles and needs implicitly. At a time when the Northland population continues to grow and many pockets of our region face on-going socio-economic challenges, the safety and wellbeing of locals is imperative. How anyone in the NRC could think the removal of funding of life-saving services - when they struggle for funds, resources and people at the best of times - is a good idea, is beyond belief. I have not spoken to one person who wants this fund removed. In fact, many have said they would pay double to know these services are there for them in their time of need. The suggestion from NRC Councillors that they want this fund removed has caused immense - and unnecessary - angst and unease in our community. This is the last thing we need after the uncertainty this country has faced in recent years. Not only would the removal of the ESF put lives at risk and place additional pressure on first responders and volunteers, the removal of funding for Sport Northland would have a negative impact on wellness, therapy and rehab. The NRC has very clear obligations under Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, whereby the NRC must promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The ESF is critical to the ongoing safety of Northlanders, visitors to the region, NRC Councillors, staff and their families. It is commonly said that everyone knows someone who has been helped by the Northland Rescue Helicopter Service (a life-saving service owned by Northlanders) and all of the other first responders in Te Tai Tokerau. The NRC must hear the people of Northland and back down on its poorly thought out proposal. If anything, the level of funding in the ESF should be increased as the years roll on and more people move to Northland, do business in the region and holiday here, creating additional demands on already stretched first responders. These people deal with trauma daily in an effort to help and protect us all. They deserve respect and support, not political games and threats by the NRC to Central Government about funding models. I also urge the NRC to remain aware of the fact that thousands of Northlanders would struggle to make submissions due to an array of challenges including lack of broadband connectivity, no computers, no mobile phones, lack of ability to travel, illness and more. Those are the very people who rely on emergency services most in times of sickness, illness or accident - and rely on others to look out for them and speak out on their behalf. Kind regards,</p>
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LTP24_3295	Lee West Northland Football Club	Northland Football Club supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed project \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. We support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities.
LTP24_3347	Aria Hapi	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_3292	Gavin Sims	I oppose the application for removal of contributions to Emergency Services and Sporting Facilities The current system of collecting and distribution of all residents contributions to the Emergency Services and Sports Facilities should remain in place. This is a very efficient and fair way of gathering the money from all those in the region and paying it out to those essential services. In the year 2023-2024 the levies were \$11.44 for Emergency Services and \$16.37 for Sports Facilities, making an annual total of \$27.81, or \$0.53 per week.
LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	a. Emergency Services i. The majority of our communities are rurally based and given the current state of our health services we do not support any reduction in emergency services. b. Sporting facilities i. We support the funding of sporting facilities.
LTP24_3198	Jennette Overton	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF Fund. It's so important to keep this fund going to support the needs of Northland! Kind regards,
LTP24_3355	Charlee Martinovich	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_3346	Cheryl Baker	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_3311	Lesley Vincent	ESF Submission To whom it may concern, I would like to state that I fully support the retention of the ESF fund.

LTP24_3336	Mike Hibbert Lions Club of Mangakahia	Submission in support of keeping the targeted rates for NEST Dear NRC Elected Members, The Lions Club of Mangakahia wish to make a submission re the proposal to axe the targeted rate for NEST. We support the current targeted rate towards the Emergency Services Fund which contributes over \$500,000 towards NEST per year. Our opinion is this TARGETED rate should be ring fenced and continue to support this very important service. Yours sincerely
LTP24_3208	William Hawkes	Rescue Please keep the helicopter funding, we are in rural area, takes to long for an ambulance
LTP24_3354	Maia Paulson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Sports is life
LTP24_3308	Gordon Finlayson	Helicopter and surf lifesaving funding Dear sir ,madam The lose of these funds will mean more deaths in northland for a 12 dollar rate fee per household. If you are not going to fund these services brings the litigation question if there is a drowning or the air ambulance is not funded will the people of northland start looking at legal avenues. I feel why you are looking at your core business there is a definite need to have these services for the people of northland especially over the xmas new year school holidays period. Please think of the people of northland
LTP24_3363	Faith Hanley	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3217	Paul Brosnan	ESF submission Retain the EFS fund.
LTP24_3344	Paul Ahlers Northland Emergency Services Trust	Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on Councillor's proposal to remove the targeted rate for emergency services this year. I have attached a copy of our submission presentation, and a copy of NEST's audited financials for the year ended 30/06/2023. I look forward to the opportunity to present this submission to Council on the 8th May 2024, and await your confirmation of a suitable time. NEST highly values the partnership that we have with Council, as it is an essential part of community involvement in our Northland Rescue Helicopter service. And, we remain hopeful that we can find a way for this support to continue.
LTP24_3362	Ella Burgess	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3222	Paul Bowker	Sports support As a long term worker (rtd doctor) up in Hokianga, sport support is vital for the Far North. Travel is always hard, you know the problems don't underestimate the need. It's not easy but do your best for isolated and impoverished
LTP24_3371	Paige Lowe	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. If not funded will deteriorate.
LTP24_3327	Jill Mutch	SUBMISSION RE: 1) PROPOSAL TO END SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND. Emphatically This Support Must Fully Continue. I live in Waipu. I hear sirens - fire, ambulance, police - on a regular basis. The Rescue Helicopter lands behind my house to meet ambulances. Bream Bay locals have given volunteer hours over the years to the Fire Service, St John, and Surf Lifesaving. They all rescue our community and visitors, and keep them safe. Covering Northland as a whole, Marine and Land emergencies are assisted by Far North Radio & Sea Rescue, Coastguard Northern Region, Northland & Far North Search & Rescue, Northland Rescue Helicopter, Hato Hone St John. Highly trained volunteers combat often ferocious conditions to save lives. In Cyclones and flooding events, Surf Lifesavers also turn out to rescue people. If these organisations struggle for funding, and have to limit services, who will do all this? NRC is building a \$7.5m Emergency Hub up high in the Regent suburb in Whangarei. This is wonderful, much better than Civil Defence currently using the NRC offices in downtown Whangarei, vulnerable to a tsunami. However, if our Emergency Services groups cannot turn out where needed, who will Civil Defence send out and co-

		ordinate in Emergencies? NRC must get its priorities right: the support of Volunteer Emergency Services for all of Northland, not a Whangarei commercial development scheme.
LTP24_3225	Marianne Ellis	Funding Emergency Services in Northland Hi, It is vital that the council continue to fund the Emergency Services in Northland. Where would we be without these critical services, of whom volunteers already give some much of their time. They need council support to be able to deliver the brilliant service that they do. It's a no-brainer for every household to contribute via their rates. It is but a small amount for everyone, but a priceless service that is there when needed. Your faithfully
LTP24_3352	Katie Reid	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. It's important to me because the emergency services and sporting facilities are very good and helpful to me and others.
LTP24_3370	Lizzie Ranui	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Keeps recreational equipment safe because they get repaired more often. Sports is life!
LTP24_3324	Phil Harkness & Nia Oxburgh Coastguard New Zealand Tautiaki Moana Aotearoa	<p>Since 2015, Coastguard has received \$84,000 annually from Council to support its operations, covering operational costs and coordination of search and rescue services. NRC is considering ending this fund, arguing that funding emergency services is not its primary function. They suggest that central government should increase its contribution instead. Reasons to Continue Funding: While central government funding is crucial, local government (like NRC) should also contribute. Emergency services play a vital role in community safety and resilience. Northland faces a water safety crisis, and reducing funding would hinder efforts to address it. Coastguard services in Northland are in high demand due to boating participation. The proposed savings from ending the fund (\$1.1m) are small compared to the impact on emergency services. It's unlikely Coastguard can raise the lost \$84,000 through fundraising. NRC funding enhances water safety outcomes tailored to Northland's unique challenges. Funding emergency services demonstrates NRC's commitment to residents' safety. NRC's long-term plan includes goals achievable with emergency services support. Potential Impact of Losing Funding: Coastguard's financial sustainability would be threatened. Financial uncertainty affects planning and service quality. Other regions receive local government funding, creating disparities. Reduced funding may lead to poor volunteer retention. Reduced funding affects training, equipment maintenance, and service quality. Limited capability could result in preventable drownings. Appeal to NRC: Coastguard urges NRC to retain the Emergency Services Fund to protect lives. Together, they can ensure safety for Northlanders [Staff summary; please see original submission] [Staff note: please find Coastguard's 2023 performance review here: https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/68455737/coastguard-performance-report-2023]</p>

LTP24_3335	Allan Pricor	Subject: Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Allan Pricor and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Marsden Cove. I am writing today to express my deep concerns regarding Northland Regional Councillor's proposal to stop the Emergency Services Fund (ESF). I have been a Coastguard volunteer for approx. 1½ years. I decided to join to give something back to the community as well as meeting a new group of people that all have the same passion. There have been many rescues in the time I have been with Coastguard and I hate to think what some of the outcomes would have been if we didn't exist. As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Whangarei is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30knts, but we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. We receive some funding from Coastguard New Zealand (from central government or national grants) but the rest is fundraised in the community. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. As a local resident I have no issue with paying \$12 per year to have not just the Coastguard services but all of the other emergency services that will be affected by the removal of the ESF. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community.
LTP24_3233	Karen van Cingel	Funding for emergency services - have your say Hi there Please do not cut the funding for the emergency services. We are a remote location and saving lives in times of need will be more difficult if the emergency services are not available. Many of the people working for the emergency services are volunteers and I think it is enough for them to give their time to help in times of need. To ask them to go out and fundraise is taking them away from their families and their down time. Many thanks
LTP24_3379	Kathleen Wynn	continuation of helicopter fund Please keep the Emergency Services Fund continued for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. It is so essential for us.
LTP24_3239	Mike and Jennifer Hibbert	NEST Targeted rate - submission Hello, I wish to make a submission re the proposal to axe the targeted rate for NEST. We support the current targeted rate towards the Emergency Services Fund which contributes over \$500,000 towards NEST per year. I our opinion this TARGETED rate should be ring fenced and continue to support this very important service. Regards,
LTP24_3360	Maggy Teariki	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3343	Tony Willott	ESF Submission I am a ratepayer with 2 properties in the Whangarei catchment and receive very poor service from the Council at one of these properties but would like to continue supporting the E S F to enable the retention of their fine service. I believe Civil Defence is part of the Councils core responsibility and if removing the trifling amount levied on my rates affects their ability to perform any part of their existing service then I believe the Council will be failing to meet their obligation. Thanks

LTP24_3242	Jaine Curran	Stopping funding for emergency Services in Northland Dear Sir/Madam I am writing to the NRC to voice my opinion on the subject of funding being cut for the emergency services in Northland. Northland is home and a holiday destination for many people, the beaches are amazing, clean and easily accessible, many have the Lifeguard service for the whole Summer holiday period, this is a major drawback as families know that the beaches are patrolled and that makes them a safe, free, family friendly option. The local beaches are busy all summer long with literally hundreds of visitors, bringing their holiday money to our Northland region. Surely that tourist holiday dollar would be enough to keep these fabulous services going, surely this could be the responsibility of the Regional Council, surely the money to fund could be found. This tourist dollar keeps so many businesses alive and our community united. I fear that if this service was cut then Northland is potentially going to lose lives. Regards,
LTP24_3247	Rowena Walker	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Access to medical facilities with the helicopter is so important as we are so isolated.
LTP24_3368	Rangipai Henry	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Sports is life.
LTP24_3250	Sheree Camilleri	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Without this service my daughter (aged 15) at the time would have died. We are so isolated from emergency hospitals it is essential we have this service. \$22 per household per annum is a ridiculous amount not to be paid by each household. Sporting facilities are a core business of council rates. What's next - no libraries!!!
LTP24_3255	Em Fladgate	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Vital community service providing an essential links for health and wellbeing. Please
LTP24_3351	Lucy Kelly	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	Yes to emergency services and sport facilities rate - keep funding them!
LTP24_3376	Jordan Guitry	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3263	Sonia Morris	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. We need this service here in Whangarei. Thank you
LTP24_3384	Ivan McCabe	I believe it is essential for Northern Regional Council to continue the funding for emergency services in Northland.
LTP24_3258	Fiona Smith	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: I have a heart condition - I may well need it.
LTP24_3359	Ellie McRae	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3367	David Miller	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.

LTP24_3286	Kelly	<p>Good evening council, Hope all is well in New Zealand. I am writing to you from Los Angeles, California as a passionate lifeguard who strongly believes in upkeeping emergency services, especially in your Northland region. Myself and another lifeguard from Southern California had the pleasure of traveling to Northern Region Surf Clubs this past summer on a lifeguard exchange program that has been going on since the 1960s, and after our unforgettable experience I am a big advocate for continuous support towards this lifeguard service. I spent about 6 weeks touring a dozen beaches lifeguarded by Surf Lifesaving New Zealand, and though my time at the North Island was short compared to the citizens of New Zealand, I couldn't possibly imagine how the Northern Region could go on without surf lifeguards at Northern Region beaches. The Surf Lifeguards of the Northern Region were absolutely wonderful hosts and remarkable workers dedicated to keeping the beaches well and safe. They patrol with professionalism utilizing their best lifeguard skills and holding regular training sessions to assure that they are providing the utmost quality care to beach patrons in need of rescuing at the beach. During their regular work hours they have eyes everywhere with a lifeguard at the flags locked in on the water line, a lifeguard patrolling the boundaries of the beach to take preventative actions for the beginner beach goer, and the tower lifeguard with the big picture view of the whole beach making regular communication with lifeguards on patrol that day for necessary safety operations. Their time and energy put into their lifeguarding surely pays off according to the research. I don't believe the 2024 annual report has been released yet, but according to the 2023 annual report, Surf Lifesaving New Zealand collectively assisted 1,524 persons to safety, took 30,954 preventative actions to assure beach safety, and saved 1,499 lives. Not only do I see the benefits of what Surf Lifesaving New Zealand has done for members of the public in the Northern Region, but I see how the individuals themselves benefit from their lifeguarding service at Northern Region beaches. This organization brings folks of all ages together to become a powerful force ready to work together to guard the ocean. The camaraderie amongst lifeguards is like nothing I have seen in any lifeguard service before and the willingness to look out for another despite how stressful a life threatening situation can be is inspirational. I took a survey whilst traveling to these beaches and asked each lifeguard from New Zealand what keeps them returning to work for Surf Clubs as a lifeguard and they all had the same answer, "I love what I do." One lifeguard even went on to tell me our Surf Lifesaving New Zealand saved his life, giving him the opportunity to exercise leadership qualities he didn't know he had and be part of a team learning how to better the art of IRB operations. It is simply not enough to expect volunteer lifeguards to put in work lifeguarding beaches until they reach their capacity. With all this work from paid lifeguards being put on volunteer lifeguards, there will be a series of burnout and insufficient lifesaving services as a result. The lifeguard services during the week and on summer school holidays are imperative for the safety of beach goers and educating inexperienced folks on beach safety. I see the slogan on your social media page reads as "if the land is well, if the sea is well, the people will thrive." Keeping Surf Lifesaving and accompanying emergency services funded in the Northland Region are the driving force that keep this statement true. Continuing to fund emergency services is truly the best investment you can make. Please highly consider keeping them funded. Best regards,</p>
LTP24_3356	Ellinor Whittam	<p>I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. It provides sport to kids to enjoy their sport</p>
LTP24_3375	Siina Cooke	<p>I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.</p>

LTP24_3364	Kaelyn Te Whata	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3372	Judy Hill	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	We encourage the Council to continue to fund the emergency services at its current rate and providing the funding top up to essential emergency services. Our people greatly benefit from these services and it is of utmost importance to Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa that they are still available in their current capacity. [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3380	Maggie Hames	Kia ora, Thanks for the opportunity to submit to the Long Term Plan of Northland Regional Council. I want to focus on the specific consultation point of Emergency services, sporting facilities - Should we stop our funding contribution to these activities? Another option: Continue to rate for our funding contribution of \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. I would like to speak to my submission. I am 21 years old and grew up in Paparua before moving down to Dunedin. I was very aware of the development of MAZ over these years and spent a lot of time there. Having community facilities such as this has been made much more feasible by the Regional Facilities Rate through the commitment of the Regional Facilities Rate. We all know that exercise and outdoors is essential for people's health and wellbeing, both physically and increasing social connections. Continuing to develop facilities such as these contribute greatly to efforts to increase this. A large part of my childhood was learning to play numerous types of sports, developing fitness, confidence and many friends through this. In my opinion, cutting off this funding would be a mistake. I understand that you are looking to cut costs but this seems to be an area that a very large number of people support and having the community buy-in through these rates also increases their participation and value for these facilities. I do also support the Emergency services rate
LTP24_3302	Noeline Whitehead Residents/ratepayers of Bland Bay and Puriri Bay	Emergency services, sporting facilities - Should we stop our funding contribution to these activities? In total 90 residents/ratepayers of Bland Bay and Puriri Bay as signed on the attached submission forms supporting the to continue and not withdraw our funding contribution of \$2.7M a year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. While the council may be of the view that government should fund these services to discontinue funding suddenly without the same amount of funding being committed from other sources could significantly reduce vital services to the region and put lives at risk. As a very rural community we are very reliant on the helicopter and coast guard services. This year we have already had to call on the emergency services for a cardiac arrest and an anaphylactic reaction which were successfully managed with the help of the helicopter service. Both these persons would have died without this support. As a community we are very proactive in managing first response to many events. However, with the poor communication systems and the distance from a hospital and on road serviced the helicopter service is vital to us. Therefore, for the service to suddenly loose significant funding for the helicopter is very likely to a huge point of stress for our local first responders and for residents. During the cyclone, the marine radio was our only form of communication with the outside world. The local coast guard picked up our call and alerted the district council and civil defence to our situation. We very successfully managed 4 days of isolation with the resources we already had in the community.

LTP24_3310	Diana Flynn	<p>Funding drop I am one of the fortunate farmers to have utilised the Northland Rescue Helicopter to save my elderly mother-in-laws life. An accident in a remote community north of Dargaville was the scene of a horrific accident which left my mother-in-law Anne with a broken femur protruding through the skin sending her into premature shock. As stoic as she was in her 70's we needed urgent help. And help came to transport her to Whangarei via the quickest method possible. Within a week she was discharged from hospital, bone on the mend and back to familiar family and territory. We were so grateful for this service and so need this operation to continue to help others. Please let this valued service continue. Sincerely</p>
LTP24_3297	Lee West Marist Football Club	<p>Marist Club supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed project \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. We support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_3318	Rita and Daniel Donovan	<p>Withdrawal of Emergency Services Good Morning Regional Council My husband and I strongly object to the withdrawal of emergency services in Northland. Pulling the lifeline from rural and urban communities is yet another death knoll for these areas. We need growth in these areas, not decline of essential services. I have talked to many people and have not met one who is unwilling to pay towards this service. So many families have had lifesaving assistance from these services. What are you thinking Council? You will be the most unpopular Council on record if these services are withdrawn. Shame on you for suggesting withdrawal of our lifeline. Yours faithfully</p>
LTP24_3313	Makarena Dalton	<p>LTP Submission - Northland Rescue Helicopter Kia ora, I make the submission that I support the continued funding of the Northland Rescue Helicopter Emergency Services by NRC and that this should be funded by rates paid to NRC. I support the increase to rates outlined in the NRC questionnaire to fund these critical services. I do not wish to be heard.</p>

LTP24_3321	Duncan Mortlock	<p>Request to retain the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) Kia ora, My name is Duncan Mortlock, and I am both a volunteer with Coastguard Whangarei and a resident of Maunu, Whangarei. I have been a Coastguard volunteer since I moved to New Zealand from the United Kingdom in 2019. I joined the unit in Napier initially as my wife and I lived at the bottom of Esk Valley on arrival in New Zealand. As you are no doubt aware, my old buddies in Napier were integral to reducing the number of lives lost during the devastation caused by the cyclones last year. They were patrolling the coast for bodies for a week after and plucking people from their roofs by boat during the storm. While Whangarei and the surrounding area avoided such a catastrophe as Hawkes Bay, with extreme weather set to become more common, the role of the rescue services can only become more essential. Despite Coastguard volunteers being just that, unpaid volunteers, the tools and equipment needed to save lives at sea, while remaining safe ourselves, cost a great deal of money, much of it raised through donations. As a volunteer at Coastguard, I have seen first-hand the impact Coastguard has in the community. Coastguard Whangarei is a group of good people, doing good things. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if it's in the middle of an important meeting or the middle of the night, we respond to calls for help. It could be pouring with rain and gusting 30+kts, with 3m swell, we still head out on the water. Whatever the conditions, we do everything we can to save lives on Northland's waters and depend on our partners, Surf Life, LandSAR, Police, and of course Helicopters. As a charity, we run on a tight budget. Every dollar counts - and the thought of losing funding through the ESF is of great concern to me. If we cannot operate, the people of Northland will be left vulnerable, without the crucial emergency assistance they depend on in times of need. There may be an argument that all volunteer emergency services be funded from central Government, or that it is acceptable to do without these services and accept the deaths that result, that maybe Northland Regional Councillor's strategy, however, if it is, either secure the replacement funding from central Government first, or inform the residents that they will not be able to expect rescue in the event that they are drowning. I urge Northland Regional Council - as both a Coastguard volunteer and as a local resident - to retain the ESF. I believe the ESF is a valuable use of ratepayer funds and keeping it will help our emergency services continue to save lives in the community. Sincerely,</p>
LTP24_2538	Loren Bill	<p>ESF Submission Dear NRC, I am very concerned to hear that the NRC is planning to drop the funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. The benefit of this service to the Northland region cannot be measured in Dollars, I know of 5 souls in my immediate connections who have been saved and helped by this service. At only \$1 per month I am certain Northland rate payers would support this and implore you to continue to support this life saving service. Kind Regards,</p>
LTP24_2546	Debra and Mark Viccars	<p>ESF Submission We fully support the retention of the Emergency Services Fund. The Emergency Services Fund plays a crucial role in supporting essential services in Northland, including the Northland Rescue Helicopters, which is necessary for emergency response and saving lives in Northland. The Northland Rescue Helicopter service is not fully funded by the Central Government. Community contributions are vital for its operation. Please retain the targeted rate and continue to support the Northland Rescue Helicopters. Regards</p>
LTP24_3342	Ted Wedgewood	<p>Northland Rescue Helicopter To the NRC councillors. The Northland rescue helicopter fund must remain having Northland householders yearly contribution through the NRC . Just be aware if their happened to be a death due to the Rescue Helicopter unable to attend due to your decision to maybe no longer have the householder fund for it WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. Ted Wedgwood (ex user and still alive because of the NthLand Rescue Helicopter Service) Te Kopuru</p>

LTP24_3337	Andrew Johnson New Zealand Sport Fishing Council	<p>Submission on behalf the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council and our Northland Clubs; being Ahipara Gamefish Club, Bay of Islands Swordfish Club, Doubtless Bay Sportfishing Club, Hokianga Big Game & Sport Fishing Club, Houhora Sport Fishing Club, Marsden Cove Fishing Club, Whangarei deep Sea Anglers Club and Whangaroa Sport Fishing Club regarding the NRC Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and the continuance of Far North Radio and Sea Rescue. To the Northland Regional Council I am submitting this detailed response on behalf of the New Zealand Sportfishing Council (NZSFC) regarding the NRC Plan 2024-2034. Our organisation represents 54 affiliated clubs with over 37,500 members, many of whom rely on Far North Radio and Sea Rescue (FN Radio) for safety while engaging in recreational and commercial maritime activities. Far North Radio (FN Radio), a volunteer-run community coast watch station, has been providing essential VHF and SSB marine radio services since 1947 without direct government funding. Its coverage extends from the Cavalli Islands to Whangape, including the Three Kings Islands, an area not covered by any other volunteer organisation. Far North Radio plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and communication of both local residents and domestic tourists visiting the area. Despite being a vital community organisation, FN Radio does not receive direct government funding. Its main source of income is from member subscriptions, with additional support from local businesses, service clubs, and the public. The Northland Regional Council and NZ Customs also contribute crucial funds, and fundraising efforts are ongoing to maintain equipment and services. The proposed plan to stop funding emergency services, including FN Radio, from June 2024 will have a detrimental impact on its operations and the safety of those who rely on its services. FN Radio's role extends beyond radio services to include compliance, education, community awareness activities, and tourism. It is also the safety coordinator for various fishing competitions in the area, ensuring the safety of participants. It is crucial to consider the broader implications of this decision on the safety and well-being of the community. We understand the need to prioritise core council functions, such as environmental work, but we urge the Council to explore alternative funding options to support vital services like FN Radio. We acknowledge the financial constraints on the Council but emphasise their responsibility to care for their community. There are few resources in the Far North, and people rely on the NRC to support essential services, even those provided by community organisations such as FN Radio. NRC cannot ignore the known risks to life, and there must be provision to keep people on the water safe. Supporting FN Radio is a cost-effective way for the NRC to fulfil its obligations to its community. The far north of New Zealand has some of the most hazardous boating conditions in all New Zealand, with a significant number of boating accidents occurring in this area, both commercial and recreational. Recreational fishing enthusiasts, many of whom are inexperienced, are venturing further in trailer boats than ever before, increasing the risk factor. FN Radio has a proven history of supporting lives on the water. They work closely with Coastguard, and the community trusts FN Radio to be by their side when they need them if in trouble at sea. A familiar voice in times of distress. Rescue coordination from Wellington has proven to be inefficient, as local knowledge is crucial in coordinating rescue and recovery operations. Many operators may not be listening on channel 16, the national emergency radio frequency, but local operators like FN Radio have several other means of contacting operators beyond VHF 16 due to their extensive local knowledge and networks. The future without FN Radio is shaky. If it is not supported, the volunteers will get on with their lives, and this valuable community service will cease to exist and unlikely to be ever resurrected in the future. FN Radio's contribution to the community and safety on the water must not be underestimated. It is an essential service, albeit provided by volunteers, and its absence</p>
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LTP24_2554	Louise Esse	EMS Submission Dear councillors, Please continue to fund this essential service that the rescue chopper provides our Northland community. While I recognise it may not be the NRC's role to do this, as a ratepayer I am more than happy for this targeted rate to be applied to enable the significant contribution annually to the emergency helicopter service. It is an elegantly simple way of raising roughly nearly 600K per annum at minimal cost per household. Other forms of fundraising are arduous and frankly appalling to think that these guys even have to worry about whether they can continue to operate a life-saving service. If it ain't broken, don't "fix" it. i.e. the way the funding is currently generated works! NRC also pay for the public transport bus service which probably also sits outside their role but again it is an essential part of our infrastructure. Sincerely,
LTP24_3350	William Rossiter	SUBMISSION TO FUNDING RESCURE HELICOPTER Dear Sir, I was councillor on NRC for 15 years. When approached for funding for the Northland Rescue Helicopter we went public and there was an overwhelming support. We set an \$8 rate to support the helicopter service in Northland. This would give to NEST \$600 thousand per year. This is a service for the whole of Northland not just Whangarei. Since then, other groups have applied for the funding and the rate has increased to \$12 a year on rates. I feel that to syphon off this funding for general use is a breach of faith to the ratepayer and unethical to say the least. If the councils' costs have escalated so much then it may be time for the council to have a Forensic audit into their affaires, perhaps they need to look at where the financial leaks are and plug them and look at wasteful spending. I was the chair of the regional transport committee until my wife died and asked to be relieved, I was then given the chair of the Audit and Finance until my end of term with the council. I would like to speak to my submission if there is time available to do so.
LTP24_3345	Kealey Rei Sanford	Due to geographical spread, our community heavily relies on emergency services (helicopter and ambulance) to relieve urgent medical attention in an emergency. This could be the difference between life and death. Sporting facilities give children, adults and families something to do and keeps us happy and healthy.
LTP24_2562	Angus Campbell and theTeam	Submission supporting a ring-fenced targeted rate for NEST funding Dear Regional Councillors Our Vets work in fairly remote areas around the greater Whangarei district at all hours of day and night, in all weather. We service a number of farmers in those areas. We, and they, really value the NEST service, and the security of knowing it is available should we be injured on farm or on the roads, or have a medical emergency. Our lives may literally depend on it. We strongly support continuing the current targeted rate for the Emergency Services Fund, which contributes over \$500,000 towards NEST per year. Our team at the Practice strongly feel the targeted rate should be ring fenced and continue to support this very important service. Yours faithfully,
LTP24_3358	Lily Craig	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. It's important to me to continue to access these facilities.
LTP24_3353	Gabriella McMillan	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. It is important to me because both the emergency services and sporting facilities are very important.

LTP24_2571	Mike Lindsay	ESF Good Morning I fully support the retention of the ESF fund. This allows our rescue chopper to continue saving lives. Kind Regards
LTP24_3366	Frances Coutts	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3361	Giselle Foster	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3369	Sidney O'Connell	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. If not funded will deteriorate.
LTP24_3374	Layla Norman	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2579	Kathryn Johnston	Emergency Services Fund Kia ora NRC I am writing to express how very concerned & alarmed I am by the possibility of the withdrawal of funding for the Rescue Helicopter by NRC, given that lives depend on this vital service... sadly the reality is that people will lose their lives if this service doesn't continue to be funded. Our Mid North ambulance services are already stretched to the point of not being able to cope & it can take hours for one to arrive in my experience. There are many Hokianga people who can testify that they would have died if the Rescue Helicopter had not been available to respond to their emergency health condition or severe accident. Please continue to fund this essential service as a matter of top priority. Nga mihi
LTP24_3382	Dion McCracken Maungakarama Cricket Club	We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland with several new clubs entering over the past few seasons. Our concern is, that if the RSFR is reduced or stopped, this would significantly impact Northland Cricket Association's capability to grow the game in Te Taitokerau, by making funding of projects much more difficult - or impossible. For example, upgrades to Cobham Oval (which would attract first class and international cricket games to the facility - the latter, especially, giving Northland publicity on an international stage) and facilities to emerging towns such as Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia (who have all expressed interest in developing facilities) - would be jeopardised. Whilst we appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures, we believe the reduction or stopping of the RSFR would have significant public impact, especially in a time where cricket is seeing a much larger uptake amongst women, girls, Maori and Pasifika peoples. Thank you for your time. Kind regards,
LTP24_2587	Joel Taylor	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund Kind regards,
LTP24_2596	Dave Smyth	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. regards,
LTP24_2605	G Scanlen	Emergency services fund I wish to have the Emergency Services Fund continued.
LTP24_2613	Hamish Strachan	ESF Hello NRC This idea of scraping the funding of the Emergency Rescue Helicopter is just crazy. - Who with a stable mind would think of such a thing Maybe the person or persons who came up with this idea live my themselves have no contact with the outer world & don't mind dying in a corner . Also, every person in Northland you speak too has had someone they know receive benefit from the Rescue Helicopter. Its almost like saying we are going to turn off all power stations and go back to candles .. It's a life saver Up the rates or better still collect them from those who don't pay them but still receive the benefits - There is a huge group in this category - Collect these and the funding issue for almost everything would be delt with
LTP24_2621	Barbara Walden	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. Thanks
LTP24_2672	Paul Morris	ESF submission. To whom it concerns, I fully support continued funding of the ESF fund. It is critical part of the emergency response for Northland. Northland has poor roading, and is very light in medical coverage, so a rescue helicopter is vital to provide first world care.

LTP24_2691	Fiona Ross	Emergency services fund TO NRC I believe that the emergency services fund should continue to be funded by the NRC Kind regards
LTP24_2700	Judith Worden	ESF to be retained To Whom It May Concern I wish to make a submission to the NRC that I want the Emergency Services Fund (ESF) to be retained. Regards
LTP24_2711	Jerome Flett	Emergency Services Funding Hello there, I understand that under the new long term plan the funding to the emergency services such as the rescue helicopter will be scrapped. As a resident of Northland I hereby write with urgency for the NRC to reconsider this decision. As you will be aware the funding to run this essential service is difficult to collect every year, without a further 500k being cut. A slight rate rise would be better than cutting funding for this service. Please reconsider this decision. Kind regards
LTP24_2719	Rosa Jones	Long Term Plan I would like the Emergency Services Fund, coastguard and surf lifesaving funds continued. Regards,
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	You MUST keep funding the rescue helicopter. It is absolutely IMPERITIVE that you do.
LTP24_2767	David Flanagan	Northland Emergency Services Elected members of the Northland Regional Council I employ you to reconsider your proposal not to fund the Northland emergency services. Cr Shortland in particular needs to get her facts right in relation to central government funding towards these services. We the citizens of Northland may have been hoodwinked by the Whangarei District Council into the building of Hundertwisser centre, but we will not hoodwinked by the NRC on this matter and if you think that saving lives is less important than your pet projects then it will be yourselves as councillors that will have BLOOD on your hands.
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Funding contribution to emergency services and sporting facilities: Reduce funding but help the relevant organisations to attract alternative funding
LTP24_2826	Sue Hawkins	Northland Rescue Helicopters Hi there, I would like to vote.. for continuing the existing \$12 annual fee for the Northland Rescue Helicopters please. They are rock! Thank you, have a lovely day
LTP24_2845	Kevin and Suzanne McCartain	RE: Emergency Services Fund We are ratepayers in the Whangarei District. We wish to submit that we strongly believe the mere \$12 per annum contribution to the Emergency Services fund should continue. This part of the rates should be as high a priority to other areas of spending if not the highest, in our opinion. In fact, we suggest it be increased to \$20 per annum Yours sincerely
LTP24_2854	David Quirey	Emergency Services Fund It is absolutely essential, for the well-being of the Northland population, that this fund is continued. The helicopter rapid response time is very often the life saving factor in a critical injury situation.
LTP24_2866	Marian Watkins	The Emergency Services Fund needs to continue for the safety of the community. Please continue the funding.
LTP24_2874	Emarn Cookson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: These basic facilities are instrumental to the wellbeing and mana of all Northland People.
LTP24_2882	Cedric Davenport	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Far North lifeline!
LTP24_2890	Sol Spake	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_2898	Rechelle Fowler	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.

LTP24_2906	Piripi Rakena	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: How do we ensure that our communities to thrive if services such as these are taken away? Keep them.
LTP24_2936	Shelley Friedrich	Keep our emergency services To whom it may concern I work in education and advocate for keeping our emergency services funded by NRC. Our region has poor roading infrastructure, far flung populations and limited access to 24 hour critical health care. Rescinding funding for these services is wrong. Yours sincerely
LTP24_2944	Caitlin Doouss	ESF Submission I support the retention of the emergency services fund. This is a critical part of Northland and I have no problem paying rates toward it. Have family members who have lives that have been saved by it.
LTP24_2954	Tui Robinson	ESF Submission I support the retention of the ESF fund.
LTP24_2963	Margaret and Murray Hall	Emergency Services Funding Submission for The Continuation of Emergency Services Funding We would like to submit that NRC should continue to fund the ESF as it is doing at the present time as this way is fairer on all ratepayers. NRC's reasoning that by scrapping this funding will soften the general rates increase does not make financial sense. The way it is done now spreads the contributions evenly over all the community. If the funding is dropped, the Emergency Services will need to rely on funding from the general public. This funding would come from a very small section of the community who would contribute. Having to raise extra funds will put enormous strain on the Emergency Services personnel taking them away from their core business - providing services to the community. NRC please continue to fund the ESF as you are doing at present - do not scrap it.
LTP24_2973	Beulah Culas	Emergency Services Fund Good morning Team, I am writing to request the Northland Regional Council to continue the Emergency Services Fund. Currently everyone contributes a very small amount (only \$1 per month per household) for services which everyone has access to and uses. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 clearly defines the purpose of local government. Under this Act, the NRC must 'promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future". Therefore, please continue this ESF. Thanks Ngā mihi : Kind regards
LTP24_2997	Ann van Engelen	Emergency Services Funding I do not agree with the removal of the emergency services funding. The Northland Rescue Helicopter, paid Lifeguards and other emergency services needing funding are vital to our communities. Our lives and safety depend on such organisations to be there for us. I request such funding does not be cut.....

LTP24_3019	Sam Walker Onerahi Central Cricket Club	<p>We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way.</p>
LTP24_3052	Kath Keremete Healthy Families Far North	<p>Submission acknowledges the significant impact of the Northland Regional Council on sport and recreation in the Far North, particularly praising the equitable and strategic approach enabled through the Northland Sporting Facilities Rate. However, they strongly oppose the proposal to discontinue both the regional sporting facilities rate and the emergency services rate. Instead, they support continuing the rate of \$2.7 million per year to support emergency services and regional sporting facilities. This lever is crucial for preventing long-term chronic illness in Far North communities. The submission also endorses Sport Northland's submission to the NRC Long-Term Plan consultation, which suggests a fourth option for consideration if option 3 is not feasible. Healthy Families Far North encourages the Council to lead a multi-agency conversation about transitioning to a more appropriate facilitator for the fund in the next LTP cycle. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>
LTP24_3099	Tawio Rakena	<p>I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: We already have many things in our communities taken away. We need to keep these services around.</p>
LTP24_3109	Michelle Hoani-Heihei	<p>I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Our rangatahi & tamariki need the sports facility/facilities for their health & wellbeing</p>
LTP24_3117	Glenis Rogers	<p>I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: My whanau</p>

LTP24_3125	Taurapoho Korewha-Raharuhi	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: So that sports thrive in Northland and I can grow and thrive without these facilities. Helicopters save lives and without it, our people are left to die.
LTP24_3143	Cassidy Mangi-Kahle	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Sports is my future.
LTP24_3151	Jamie-Lee Slade	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Because tamariki and whanau need to be safe.
LTP24_3167	Hohepa Dick	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Helpful to my people
LTP24_3175	Darryl Davis	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3183	Daniel Miller	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3204	Glenys Shepherd	Funds For Helicopter and Surf Lifeguards To whom it may concern, I wish to place a submission for both the above services currently about to have funding either drastically dropped or cut out altogether. Firstly the helicopter services. I feel this is a necessary and important service to the whole of the Northland community. The helicopter volunteers do a lot of fundraising to keep this vital service in the air. This service covers the whole of the north, and if it was suspended how would the boats coming around the cape and northern waters get on? As it is the helicopters from Whangarei have to refill at Kaitia to make the job safe. Would it be the case if they had to come up from Auckland? With the north roads being so poor and only one road in and out of the north I feel it is vital to keep this service going. There was a recent case of an accident on Cove road where it was necessary to have four helicopters attend. If we didn't have two helicopters in Whangarei I am sure this would have been a lot harder to cope with. I also know of several friends who have had to use this service and would not be here today to tell the tail had there not been the service available. The second submission I would like to make is for the lifeguards. These people also put in a lot of voluntary time keeping gear up to scratch and patrolling our beaches. In summer there is a large influx of people from out of town coming North, and a lot of these people have not had the chance to experience tidal beaches. This point was made clear a few years ago with the number of drownings at Uretiti beach. The number has declined over recent years with the decline of crab numbers and one of the local policemen doing a beach patrol. While this is also voluntary how many lives would be lost if people were not prepared to help in this way? Yours Sincerely
LTP24_3212	Craig Joiner	Long Term Plan 2024-2034 I do not support the proposal to withdraw funding contributions of \$2.7m (\$27 per household) towards emergency services and sporting facilities. The emergency services include assistance to the rescue helicopters. The helicopter saved my life and saves many lives each year. I support the NRC contribution to sporting facilities and believe that The Hokianga Sailing Trust teaching a child to sail would have a positive regional effect. It changes their lives by giving them confidence a lifetime skill and opens doors to many possibilities. Sporting facilities don't have to be big to have a regional effect but are needed as part of a community. \$27 per household per year seems a small amount to provide assistance to emergency services and sporting facilities in our region. Thank you for considering my submission Kind regards

LTP24_3221	Arrin Clark	ESF submission I support the retention of the ESF fund. It is essential that this funding is continued as many of my neighbors have needed it, and are alive because of it. Hei kona,
LTP24_3229	Heather Easterbrook	Emergency services Fund Good afternoon, I wish for the Emergency Services Fund to be continued. Kind regards,
LTP24_3238	Robyn East	Rescue helicopter funding I wish to object to the proposal of dropping the \$12.00 rate from the long term plan in order to cut costs. Having been involved in the rural sector for many years this service is vital for the rural community and the isolated areas and needs to be supported instead cutting it from the long term plan
LTP24_3254	Judith McCorkindale	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Other urgent medical services too far away. Roads poor. Puts everyone in our community at risk.
LTP24_3262	Penny O'Hara	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities. Here's why its important to me: Service to residents in Northland for emergency health care requires a helicopter - third world without it.
LTP24_3285	Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)	See attached the LTP submission from Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)
LTP24_3293	Sharlene Nelson City Cricket Club	We are submitting on the NRC proposal to reduce or stop the Northland Regional Sporting Facilities Rate (RSFR). Cricket is growing in Northland. Once Te Puawaitanga is completed in Kerikeri, our facilities will be capable of supporting the sport adequately in the larger towns for now. This is in an environment where we are usually able to fund smaller facilities with the help of Oxford Sports Trust, Grassroots Trust, Northland Cricket Trust, Northern Districts Cricket Association, and Whangarei District Council.] The issues for Northland Cricket moving forward if the RSFR is reduced or stopped are: (a) procuring funding for one-off projects that are necessary to bring first class and international games to Te Taitokerau. These have a substantial economic value add. An example would be adding lights and broadcast towers to Cobham Oval; (c) in the future, smaller towns like Waipu, Mangawhai, Kaeo and Kaitaia have expressed interest in adding artificial wickets into their multi use facilities. This would perhaps be ideal for the combination of RSFR and targeted rate. This type of facility generates substantial recreational benefit in these communities as well as being useful for schools and the wider cricket and sporting communities; (d) Northland cricket has benefited from projects funded in part from the RSFR which has helped us to deliver cricket to and foster participation of a wider section of the Northland community. Northland Cricket Association would want the benefits that the collaborative, multi agency approach delivered by the RSFR and ongoing Northland Sports Facility Plan to continue in the region by supporting new projects and improving existing facilities moving forward. We are also submitting on behalf of the wider sporting and recreational community who have benefited from the RSFR historically, and would do so again in the future. I don't perceive there being any need to repeat the numerous wellbeing and activity based benefits that arise from the RSFR, which have been estimated by Sport Northland and others to be multiples of the cost. We appreciate that NRC faces cost pressures as do most organisations and individuals. It is critical in this environment that NRC addresses cost pressures and productivity, as the first and best option, before cuts are made to things that have substantial community benefit and which are very difficult to at least seed-fund in any other way. City Cricket Club

LTP24_3301	Bryn Hughes Central Brown Football Club	<p>Central Brown Football Club supports the continuation of the Northland Sporting Facilities rate, ensuring a dedicated funding stream focused on priority projects, providing a secure future for the development of quality Northland Sporting Facilities. Participation in sport and physical activity has many positive outcomes for individuals and communities, including improved health and wellbeing, bringing communities together, and contributing to the local economy. However, ensuring an adequate supply of fit-for purpose sport and recreation facilities, and therefore enabling these benefits to be realised, is an ongoing challenge. A clear regional strategy for sport facility development is often the first step. Securing the financial support to implement projects can be a hurdle, and something that is becoming increasingly difficult given the increasing financial pressure on councils and other local bodies. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate has addressed this hurdle, provided seed funding and enabled projects to leverage a significant amount of funding dedicated to sporting facilities across Northland. The rate is hugely important for Northland and for getting future projects off the ground. The Regional Sporting Facilities Rate contribution of \$1.8m to the Northland Football Hub at the Tikipunga Sports Park) was critical to the viability of this much needed \$3.8m project. Without the contribution this project would not have proceeded. The contribution Regional Sporting Facilities Rate provides the critical investment to access funding that would not otherwise be able to be sought. Other major funding providers (such as Foundation North and Lotteries) look to investment from councils - in other words, other funders will not fund unless council(s) have made a significant contribution. As a result, the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate investment brings investment in the region that would not otherwise happen. Every dollar invested from the Regional Sporting Facilities Rate brings many more dollars of investment into the region. We support the continuation of the \$1.59m per year to continue to help regional sporting projects and to broaden the scope to support smaller scale sporting facilities.</p>
LTP24_3309	Jo Tucker	<p>Withholding Ratepayers contributions to NEST Please reconsider forwarding Ratepayers contributions of \$11.44 to our Northland Emergency Services. Many Northlanders live in remote areas where ambulances are unable to attend in a timely fashion. The Helicopter is often our only life line. Without the \$535,000 there could be lives lost. I would hate that to be on anybody's conscience.</p>
LTP24_3317	Alicia Stenhouse	<p>Long term plan feedback Good morning I strongly oppose the proposal to stop funding emergency services in Northland. This will put considerable strain on volunteers and result in lost life. My specific concern is the impact on surf life saving. Our beaches are full over summer and the work of these life guards is vital in preventing further drownings.</p>
LTP24_3341	Quinn Rimmer	<p>NRC LTP submission To whom it make concern NRC. Removing the ESF would strip the rescue helicopter operation of of \$535k per year from the end of June, while also taking invaluable funding from fellow emergency service providers in Northland - Surf Life Saving Northern Region (\$224,000 per year), Hato Hone St John Northern Region (\$90,000 per year), Coastguard Northern Region (\$84,000 per year), Northland & Far North Search and Rescue (\$30,000 per year) and Far North Radio and Sea Rescue (\$9000 per year). This is a major concern for our community and we are doing all we can to stop this happening. Please note my submission and listen the voices and sentiment of your ratepayers and broader community. Many thanks, Quinn.</p>
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	<p>Fund the emergency services that are required for civil defence. Civil defence seems to have gone quiet lately. It would help to raise its profile. Sports facilities could be left for the District Council as the Regional Council budget is relatively small. I would rather have an emergency helicopter. https://sportnz.org.nz/funding/external-funding/</p>

LTP24_3357	Frankie Lever	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3365	James Donaldson	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3373	Taylor Ruddell	I support that Northland Regional Council continue to fund both the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_3381	William John Vanstone	I believe the rescue helicopter is a really needed emergency service and should always be kept on and funded.
Comment made in general comment section relevant to this topic:		
LTP24_92	Reuben Clarke Wells	If CARE OF LIFE is not a core project, then really the council has issues with their values.
LTP24_86	Max Vanderlaarse Max van der laarse	continue to fully fund northland rescue helicopter. this should be an absolute priority
LTP24_155	Ra Simeon	To be honest I think It's disgusting you would ever consider this let's hope none of your family members need these services
LTP24_234	Donald Bruce Gordon	Absolutely against the scrapping of the emergency services grants. I owe my life to the NEST organization as do many people throughout the country. Short sighted to even consider the cuts to our volunteer rescue organizations. Councillors appear to be out of touch with community with this proposal.
LTP24_420	GRACE ADNITT	Please don't cut funding to our emergency services, we need these! We have such a remote region for alot of people and this would be devastating to northland.
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	I was really disappointed to see the proposed cuts to Emergency Services and Sporting funding. This is critical to communities ability to function. Those funding gaps will not be made up elsewhere, so the degradation of community services such as the rescue helicopter, surf life saving, sports clubs and facilities will continue to get worse. The regional council plays a critical role here. Please don't take away these services. If you wanted to save some money, save it on things like building drainage schemes in flood plains. What a dumb idea in a world of climate change!
LTP24_898	Janet Bradley Northland helicopter	We need northland emergency helicopter. Please keep them operating by supporting through our rates
LTP24_911	Reuben Hayes	The rescue helicopter service must be supported. Keep and increase the contribution
LTP24_995	Beryl Underwood	the Northland Rescue Helicopter must continue to be funded by NRC through the Emergency Services Fund.
LTP24_986	Kim Pascoe	The Northland Rescue Helicopter is a vital service for Northland and should still receive funding support by NRC. Your plans for other areas of this plan have proposed increases so why can't the funding for the helicopter also have an increase.
LTP24_1001	John William Hare	The most important thing for us in Russell is to keep the Rescue Helicopter Service.
LTP24_1013	Dana Upton Thomas	I'm an emergency services worker who has not been given sufficient pay increase to pay for these rates increases. Dont you dare stop funding emergency services
LTP24_1166	Les Sykes	HOW CAN YOU THINK ITS A GOOD IDEA OR EVEN APPROPRIATE TO WITHDRAW FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES to save what amounts to 1 coffee per adult per year! Many of us are an hour or more from the nearest 24hr emergency unit.
LTP24_902	Kylie Travers	Fund emergency services. Put fluoride in the water so everyone's teeth stop falling out. Less money wasted on sports which is just recreation for the few, not important.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Foolish to take away critical funding from essential emergency services. I'd rather continue to pay that extra amount.

LTP24_1296	Frances Short Northland Rescue Helicopter, St Johns Northern Region, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, Coastguard Northern Region, Search and Rescue, Radio and Sea Rescue	I find it incomprehensible that Council considers these emergency services not be the "core" of Northland. Very irresponsible.
LTP24_1412	Fiona Guest	I think that its really important that the council works for the community and supports the emergency services.
LTP24_1526	Danielle Bellamy	If anything, please do not stop helping the rescue helicopter services. Our small and isolated communities will be at risk without it.
LTP24_1807	Marcelle Wilson	The Hundertwasser building was a beautiful idea, but it has cost way too much and is now in trouble, and Councils should NOT be bailing this out as I believe has been done already at the cost of the rate payers. This money is much better spent on keeping emergency services going - because that can determine life or death for the people of this town which is what we pay our rates for.
LTP24_1822	Jennifer Strauss	Please keep funding our emergency services helicopters in Northland Also leave fluoride out of our water
LTP24_1840	Adam Mansbridge	Stop dicking around with artistic non essential shit like hunder twatter just because a few well off elderly people think its a good idea, and serve the people of the region who pay the rates and your wages back to an acceptable standard 1st. You know the things we actually expect out of all that money handed over, because paying nearly 3k a year to be on tank water, bio septic and have the shittiest metal road (think graded once in the last 12 months) that if I crash on I have no support due to cutting of emergency service funding backed up with a recycling pickup that turns away a bottle because it has a lid on it, is a pretty bitter pill to swallow
LTP24_1826	Dianne Case	Please don't cut the \$12 fee which supports the rescue services. These are such important services to our community and this is an easy way for everyone to contribute.
LTP24_1342	Karen Walker	I strongly disagree on funding being cut for NEST. the helicopter provides a vital life preserving service in a region where health services are less and more difficult to access. More lives will be put at risk and possible long term disabilities will be more probable
LTP24_1871	President Far North Search and Rescue	Think outside the square, take the money from the \$12m extra staff budget or from the "Nice to Have but not necessary" budget \$1.47m and save lives.
LTP24_1831	Karen Holmes	Save our Rescue helicopter. With the condition of our roads, our emergency departments out of reach for so many, our helicopters are vital to saving lives. I know of 3 people who are alive as a result.
LTP24_1943	Merrick Bull	Do the core business 1st and foremost. Then worry about vanity projects. If at all. Do not take the rescue helicopter funding away. For the \$11-12.00 that is levied is money well spent and I am more than happy to pay this. It certainly is not going to put home owners to the wall. Our health services are falling apart due to lack of funding and short sighted politicians. Let's keep our world class helicopter trust in a position that gets stronger and better.
LTP24_2135	Jonathan William Clarke	I was personally involved in the recent rescue at Mangawhai after a serious injury and have seen first hand the critical role Surf Lifesavers play. Their role needs to be considered a critical service and one which should be provided adequate funding.

LTP24_2193	Tracey Lugtigheid	I would like to ask the Council to reconsider cancelling the rescue helicopter service. This is an invaluable service to the North and we cannot lose it. There was an accident this afternoon involving a school bus and car at Ruawai. Four of my grandchildren were on this bus and if it wasn't for our Fire Ambulance and Helicopter crews that came to assist in such a short space of time matters may have been a lot worse. These services are so invaluable to our rural communities and we need them to stay.
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	A further note on the Emergency Fund - Helicopter. I would agree to a small rise in the rate from the current \$12 to, say, \$15 per household, to help keep abreast of cost increases. In a single person household like mine, there's an impost on one person; in multi households the same amount is divided between the total number. Whichever way you look at it, the contribution is miniscule for a lifesaving service available to all. I can't think of any other country where this is the case. We should cherish it and not take funds away.
LTP24_2380	Annmarie Holst	DO not reduce the budget for emergency services and sports
LTP24_1815	Barry Martin	Keep funding the rescue helicopter and emergency services which are essential for northland.
LTP24_1867	Wairere	NRC keep our fundraising for the emergency services
LTP24_2817	Gillian Margaret Archer	I have not found the emergency services section. However I strongly wish to support maintaining the current fund for contributions to emergency services. As our region appears to be becoming more isolated our helicopter is a vital service and thus and other emergency services needs the necessary funding It is too much to ask for that to come from other sources.
LTP24_3010	John Pickworth	keep the chopper
LTP24_3096	Laura Menzies Northern Region Football	NRF Submission Northland Regional Council LTP Northern Region Football would like to thank Northland Regional Council (NRC) for the vital role you play as a major provider of sport and recreation facilities. Without NRC's support and investment, many Northlanders would not have the opportunities to take part in football in their communities. NRF acknowledge that NRC have limited resource and operates in a very complex environment. Football supports NRC's mission of working together to create a healthy environment, strong economy, and resilient communities. Football in Northland is rapidly growing. Growth: Football across the Northland region has seen consistent growth over the last 5 years. This includes 2% growth from 2019 to 2022 (during lockdowns and covid disruption) and over 10% from 2022 to 2023. - Junior Growth is 28% from 2019 to 2023 - Girls and Women Growth 13% from 2019 to 2023 After FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, early indications show continued growth throughout Northland including an increase in Girls Only teams and an almost 50% growth in Junior Football in the Far North over the past 12 months. Pressure on current space: Football does not have enough quality, lit green space to operate. Northlanders are being restricted from play due to shortfalls in provision, particularly accommodating floodlit activity. This shortfall will only be exacerbated by the continuing growth given the growth figures indicated. Pitch quality and sustainability: 2022 and 2023 saw a rapid rise in poor pitch quality restricting play and training across many sites. While NRF are working with Council teams to understand how adjustments can support better outcomes, without greater investment into this area communities will be limited in their ability to recreate through football. Council Operations Re-allocation of space: NRF support the improvement in quality of the current sport park network to increase available use time however, footballs current growth trajectory means that we are likely to outgrow that space. We support a review to reallocate unused or underutilised sports fields to support the growth in football and to support our community in being active. Retain the Sport Facility and Emergency Services Investment: NRF endorse retaining the rate for emergency services and sport facility

		investment. This fund is vital to developing the sports and recreation facilities Northlanders want and need and removal of this fund will have negative, large-scale, long-term impact on football and our communities. I am happy to make comment on any of the content of this submission. Ngā mihi, Laura Menzies CEO
LTP24_2428	Sue Higgins	Hi I think its important to keep the funding going for the Emergency helicopter. Its a vital service to help people in need.

Reviewing reserves

Option	Count	Percentage
Response provided	64	2.81%
[No response]	2211	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 55 people responded to this question by leaving a valid comment.

Submitters noted the potential to reduce the amount held in reserves or stay with the current levels, the need to support emergency services further, and to be prepared for severe weather events with money held in reserves. There was a suggestion to explore the idea of the central pool of finance theory, to use reserves so that rates didn't need to be increased, and to not use them on projects such as Hundertwasser. There was also general support for reserves and the changes proposed, along with the need for reserves being fit for purpose.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	they need to be kept clean and tidy at all times.
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	So lets use the reserves you have?
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Stop wasting money on "Treaty Obligations " As central government has said there are no obligations.
LTP24_166	Yvette White	What are you asking here?
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	More rubbish and recycling bins st reserves and parks would be ideal
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Don't waste money on external consultants.
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	I am not sure there is a huge need here, reduce the amount held in reserves
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	Stay with the current levels.
LTP24_574	Rosalyn ingram	Give more support to emergency services
LTP24_656	Susan Goodall	Severe weather events are becoming more frequent and need to have these reserves available for whatever nature throws at us.
LTP24_545	Patricia Puharich	More dog friendly spaces.
LTP24_925	John Oates	Agree
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Having specified reserves is an old fashioned finance idea that you should reconsider. Suggest explore the central pool of finance theory.
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	If you have reserves you shouldn't be requiring to increase rates. Reserves exist then maintain the status quo
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Reserves are important to arrange funding where needed, as long as the use does not get sidetracked.
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Don't waste money on this if the core infrastructure can't be funded. Focus on essential reserves used by people.
LTP24_1105	Carolyn Smith	It's important to have reserves
LTP24_1129	Leanne Clark	Funding emergency services is more critical than having money in reserve.
LTP24_1211	Robyn drake	Not to be used on Hundertwasser and its increasing down fall

LTP24_1272	Fay Drake	Not to be used on the Hundertwasser.
LTP24_1412	Fiona Guest	It's important to have reserves to help cover major events and they need to be reviewed regularly to ensure they are adequate.
LTP24_1440	Margaret A Bishop	This is a practical and essential plan. As far as I am concerned, it is wise to have contingency budget. NOT to be confused with "slush funds" or discretionary funding.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	A minimum add tightly controlled and fiscally responsible
LTP24_1685	Charlotte Smith	Please consider whether the reserves could be reduced for the next few years as most businesses are doing - they can be rebuilt when we are not in national recession.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	Absolute minimum level of reserves, as you have the ability to increase rate levies if the need arises, otherwise it is far too easy for projects to overspend and waste money without any accountability. Cut down wasteful spending and measure "outcomes" are achieved annually with the absolute minimum administration costs should be the focus. A pretty new regional council building with lots of highly paid administration staff is not good use of rate payers funding (regional taxes).
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Must be accurate and fit-for-purpose
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	Keep reserves but use when needed.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Ensure inflation is considered and cost of living and the average household income when reviewing rate prices to ensure the community are aware that you have considered these factors.
LTP24_1807	Marcelle Wilson	Yes this is also needed in case of emergencies that cost a bit more. eg helicopter services etc.
LTP24_1437	Melissa Northern rescue helicopter	Nothing I can think of
LTP24_2131	Michael Fox	Reserve funds (investments) that supplement rates through earnings I support. Selling these off to meet short term needs I do not support.
LTP24_2177	Kevin Mackenzie	allow biking in Onerahi forest .you keep waving the big H&S stick, saying it can not be used. How does the rest of the world manage it? ...either you have the wrong information, or you want to sell it so you can say know one uses the forest ... Do not sell it, if that is your plan.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Please make sure we have enough in reserve to be helpful - thank you for reviewing this.
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	I must have missed that - would be handy if y'all used the contents feature when creating your PDFs to make it easier to navigate. The only mention I saw of reserves was in the equity section of the statement of accounting policies. Just as long as you aren't currently planning on increasing any of them beyond what's statutorily required, as this is literally the worst economic climate to do so (current recession, post high inflation)..
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Please look to make this public once we have decided on the LTP outcomes. Very difficult to discuss reserves when we haven't decided on funding.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Arrange reserves appropriately.
LTP24_2521	Kurtis Kain	Reserves are always good.
LTP24_2514	Roger McInnes	Agree
LTP24_2471	Robert N	Reduce reserves where possible
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	The plan looks well thought out - I trust NRC to make the right decision

LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	Prudent, fit for purpose, reserves should be maintained.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	Most of the proposed changes are only changes to wording, with some rationalisation of fully allocated reserves, so it seems to make sense.
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Agree
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	Reserves are always good in large organisations. Reserves should be tagged for unforeseen weather events, emergency services & internal infrastructure.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Reserves are important to arrange funding where needed, as long as the use does not get sidetracked.
LTP24_2811	Fiona King Elbury Holdings Ltd	The reserves held are way too high. These need to be reduced. Economic development reserve of 18,394M and it is rated on land value reduce the rate or better still change to per assessment rate. Farm land with the higher land values are being hit hard by this. Land and freshwater management rate is also charged on a land value. This would be unfair especially if/when the proposed freshwater plan is introduced.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Surely the financial accountability system already in place should know how much reserve there is as part of their existing role. It shouldn't need more money spent to find out how much money is in reserve.
LTP24_3057	Sarah Faye Phillips	Sell some
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	No comment. I presume these savings are borrowed back from the Bank.
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, transparency and accountability in managing reserves are paramount to ensuring financial stability and preparedness for future needs. The council's initiative to review reserves for accuracy and alignment with intended purposes is commendable. It signifies a commitment to prudent financial management that safeguards public funds for essential services and emergencies. Access to detailed information regarding the adjustments made to reserves, available in the Supporting Information Document on the council's website, nrc.govt.nz/futureplan , is crucial for fostering public trust and understanding. This transparency allows residents to stay informed about financial decisions and the allocation of resources, promoting confidence in the council's financial practices. By ensuring that reserves are accurate and well-suited for their intended uses, the council is demonstrating a dedication to responsible financial stewardship. Transparent reporting of reserve adjustments not only enhances public awareness but also encourages an open dialogue between the council and the community, reinforcing trust and accountability in financial decision-making.
LTP24_3281	Gina Iggo	Please stop bailing the Hundertwasser building out. If they can't pay their bills/rates then they should go into debt - the rate payers haven't agreed to pay for stuff like that. As a rate payer I would like to see a list of every single cent that is spent of rate payer money - this should be transparent to the community.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Are SNAs now considered to be reserves?
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	Fine.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Fine
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	NRC don't need to have reserves if it means increases to rates as ratepayers can't afford huge rates increases. Maybe in a couple of years when the economy is back on track this could be revisited.

Updates to policies

Option	Count	Percentage
Response provided	70	3.08%
[No response]	2205	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 60 people responded to this question by leaving a valid comment.

Submitters noted concerns about increasing rates and the financial burden on ratepayers, suggesting that policies should be updated within existing budgets and without adding bureaucracy. There were also calls for more public consultation on policy amendments, with a focus on ensuring policies are relevant to unique communities. The topic of Te Tiriti partnerships with Māori elicited varied responses; some submitters supported enhancing these relationships, while others argued against race-based policies or any changes that could lead to division. There were recommendations for reviewing the rating process to make it fairer, and also general support for policies and the changes proposed.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Responses received		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	please dont increase the rates
LTP24_63	Kirsty Fisher	These policies don't need changing. Policy amendments should be consulted on by the public and community.
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Stop wasting money on "Treaty Obligations " As central government has said there are no obligations.
LTP24_166	Yvette White	It would be good to have the links within the survey so we can actually refer to the documents you're wanting us to supply feedback on. It's very difficult to keep switching between the two of them, especially if you're using a phone To complete the survey.
LTP24_270	Helen Cossey	Policies should be up to date and relevant to our special and unique communities
LTP24_287	Amber-leah O'Neill	I hope the changes to Tiriti partnership with Maori are to enhance the relationship
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	Would need to spend significant time reviewing these. I would say that this comes under the less important category. No offence intended, but we need less importance applied to Te Reo and translating etc. Everyone understands English, some importance needs to be applied to the culture of other NZers. Unnecessary money is being spent on a lot of things and it needs to stop
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	Dont update at this financially hard times for rayepayers.
LTP24_913	Daniel Pearfield	Increase rates as needed. Northland needs more funding for infrastructure and facilities
LTP24_925	John Oates	Agree
LTP24_1013	Dana Upton Thomas	Quit wasting my rate money on re-writing [redacted] documents.
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	Reviewing policies to ensure they remain fit for purpose should be business as usual.
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	This should be business as usual.

LTP24_981	Lance Richards	Cash budgeting. Debt is just passing the burden to future rate payers. Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori - Listen to the people who voted in the last national election. They do not want division. One person one vote one nation. Racial profiling is dangerous path. It should not matter what race someone is no matter what percentage. Just because someone identifies as a particular race you treat them differently. Where does this end? Just look at history. Cut fat, compliance, jobs not related to core council work to free up funds.
LTP24_1095	Paul lyndon john Stevenson	cut all race based Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori
LTP24_1105	Carolyn Smith	As long as this can happen within existing budgets
LTP24_1199	John Bell	We should try and leverage the work done in other bigger Councils where appropriate. We can't afford more bureaucracy.
LTP24_1412	Fiona Guest	It is important to have policies which are up to date.
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	Agree
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	The policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori should be there are none. You work with the community and every single ethnic person or group who make up that community, enough said.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	Where needed.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	See the comment above.
LTP24_1385	Patricia mark	Don't do big projects yet wait and recover from the cyclone
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed update of the Significance and engagement policy, and the Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori.
LTP24_1437	Melissa Northern rescue helicopter	Nothing I can think of along as the government listens to us
LTP24_2124	Pani Hauraki	Are you just copying the kuware actions of the current government. They won't be there after the next elections.
LTP24_2182	Tamara hayward	Cut te tiriti partnerships. What a waste of money. Will that help when we need a helicopter for life and death ... no it won't. I would happily pay twice the amount for emergency rates as long as it went to that department not your pockets for payrises
LTP24_2369	William BERRY	I strongly recommend Council review the rating process/system as currently it is quite unfair. The current system is based on land value, so targets residential property. Analysis proves that the burden on individual property owners and includes GST which is not able to be expensed. Commercial, Farms etc can recover the GST. You do the math, but if Council establish the Annual plan expenditure and calculate the net effect (excl gst on Commercial) then increase those rates and decrease Residential - in a manner that preserves the total \$ required you. As you will be aware the Rating Act allows for a range of methods of collecting rates.
LTP24_2282	michael moss	everyone needs to pay rates, including Maori land holders, and such things as church organisations.
LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	These policies and proposed changes require wananga/ hui with communities, as each policy has a profound affect on the community and particularly ratepayers.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Please make these updates after reading and responding to the ratepayers current submissions.
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	Won't all these policy changes be dependant on community feedback anyway? Seems a bit silly to try and do these first. Either that or you don't plan to listen to community feedback and will go ahead with what you feel is necessary anyway?

LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	We need to do all that we can to best reflect the changing perspectives on these issues and make sure that Northland is meeting, if not ahead, of what other councils are doing around the country.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more rate increases. No money high inflation. People are struggling.
LTP24_2560	G. Benne	Start calculating rates over capital value instead of land value, so the strongest shoulders will carry the most weight! All those owners of multi-million dollar baches & houses should pay their fair share
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	Updating of policies is surely good management.
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	213 pages is a lot of information to read, digest and offer feedback - I'm exhausted just looking at it!
LTP24_2647	Robert Marwick	Agree
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	AGREE
LTP24_2686	Paul McDonald	Please do not update policies.
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Take care
LTP24_2811	Fiona king Elbury Holdings Ltd	I believe you should send out your own rates accounts. The staff need to be very familiar when making policy, increasing targeted rates what effect each added \$ has on the rate demand. No more funding should be put towards iwi/hapu or Te Tiriti principles/participation You need to find other ways of funding projects or just stick to your core activities.
LTP24_2837	Alyssa Thomas Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	Generally agree with these policy changes, particularly the Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Māori
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	Maori partnerships need to be with the land owners as hapu do not own the land yet they have the say over our land.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Sorry haven't read them
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	It's important that work continues on policy updates to ensure NRC can respond to the needs within this very fast growing region
LTP24_2910	Sean Cahalane	stop the partnership with Maori we are all new zealanders no one group should hold favor
LTP24_2993	Azriel Ritchie	protect te tiriti relationships.
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Spend the money on implementing projects, not just writing about them. Be flexible and solutions focussed not black and white rigidity that doesn't serve the population you serve.
LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	Rates remission policy: Disabled people in Northland face an increased risk of living in poverty largely due to lower incomes and extra resource requirements compared to non-disabled people. Statistics also show that disabled New Zealanders are grossly over represented in unemployment rates; two-thirds of disabled people earn less than \$30,000 per annum, increasing the likelihood of poor socio-economic outcomes. . Recommendation 9: that NRC make their rates rebates process more accessible for disabled people to apply.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	I presume ratepayers are rated in actual money for depreciation. What actually happens to this real money.
LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	This is supported

LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a concerned member of the public, it is encouraging to see updates being made to policies that govern important aspects of council operations. The revisions to policies such as the Revenue and Financing Policy, Rating Policies, Significance and Engagement Policy, and the Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori reflect a commitment to ensuring that these guidelines are relevant, effective, and aligned with the needs of the community. Access to the policies and proposed changes in the Supporting Information Document on the council's website, nrc.govt.nz/futureplan , is vital for public transparency and engagement. Being able to review these documents allows residents to understand the proposed updates and provide valuable feedback, ensuring that the policies accurately reflect the interests and priorities of the community. It is essential that policies governing revenue, ratings, community engagement, and Te Tiriti partnerships are regularly reviewed and updated to meet evolving needs and uphold best practices. The council's commitment to transparency and public involvement in policy development is a positive step towards fostering an inclusive and accountable decision-making process that serves the best interests of the community.
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	Please include the disabled in your planning
LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	In regard to Regional Council plans and policies, Te Ūkaipō expects to be consulted when these are prepared, reviewed or changed. Te Ūkaipō encourages the Council to read and understand the Iwi Environmental Management Plan to ensure its policies are in alignment with the strategic objectives of the Iwi.
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service - Northern Region	NPHS supports NRC's proposal to grow capacity to deliver on Taiki e, as well as the updates to the Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Māori
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	I have lived with, worked with, played with, and done military training with the part maori of my life time, and enjoyed it. I just wish those who "WANT MORE" could acknowledge the huge number of conveniences available to them today.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Fine, except for Significance and Engagement as think the threshold \$ for triggering engagement/consultation should only be raised to \$1mil \$1mil is closer to the rise in costs since it was last revised ie, being closer to 50% than the proposed 65% increase
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	This can wait for at least a year until the new Government rolls out the changes it may want to make otherwise the policies may need to be reviewed again.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	Policy on Te Tiriti Partnerships with Maori - do not make the proposed changes and retain the current policy, with the absolute bare minimum of changes, only to comply with current legislation to the least extent allowable. Many of the changes proposed divide services into tiers by race, fund one population segment by race, cost ratepayers for the benefit on one segment, and degrade democratic principles.

User Fees and Charges 2024/2025

Some submissions emphasized the need for cost coverage, while others questioned the fairness of certain charges. Concerns were raised about affordability, staff charge-out rates, and the impact on ratepayers. Suggestions included streamlining processes, reducing red tape, and ensuring transparency in communication. Overall, submitters noted the importance of balancing costs with value for money and equitable service delivery.

61 submitters responded to this question:

- 18 comments supported the proposal and/or the user-pays concept
- 18 comments were against the proposal and/or urged costs be kept to a minimum
- 2 comments were neutral with a sentiment that costs must be covered
- 11 comments were of general negative sentiment, particularly questioning costs, charges or service delivered
- 9 comments were non-specific or referenced the wrong council or a different issue
- 3 comments didn't oppose or support but introduced specific ideas/suggestions.

ID	Name/ organisation	Comment
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	no comment
LTP24_24	Waiora Wihongi	The rate payers would receive more value by cutting the money paid out to members of council. That would be a great start
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Users pay
LTP24_35	Sarah Granich	No comment.
LTP24_467	Calum Mckenzie	Thank you , my first thought is are you being serious 20% do we see an increase price in milk ? No we now have to find 40\$k for no water discharge and you are looking to kick us in the teeth on the charging. We have had to stop production on one of our dairy's as the cost keep on going up but the income keeps going down. Why can't you increase productivity with the current funds that you receive. I understand that the user pays but what do we get from our 55k local and regional rates , yep you get sweet f all There is no fat still to trim please get your costs under control Regards Calum mckenzie
LTP24_413	Maree Saunders	Surely these increased charges should cover staff increased costs.
LTP24_574	Rosalyn Ingram	Increase consent fees
LTP24_287	Amber-leah O'Neill	If a fee increases I expect a faster and better service for it
LTP24_469	Jarrold Halse	Hi Jonathan I would like some recognition for compliant consent holders. A idea : Discount 1 to 5 years 10% 5 to 10 years 15% over 10years 20%. Put any proposed cost on the non compliant and the significant non compliant. Why don't you put the inspection monitoring work out for tender. The sampling test cost is way too expensive. I can take in water samples to Whangarei District Council, Ammonia (ISE) \$16.52 Phosphorus \$19.13 solids \$22.61 PH \$13.04 for a total of \$71.30. Can you please provide a cost of your samples.? We can no long put up with unjustified charges. This country needs to be more productive, I am sure you could find a more cost-effective solution. Many farmers are finding that it is too costly to carry on with Dairy farming is this the direction NRC want us to go? We have contacted companies doing testing on farm already like Assure Quality and QCons, why can't they test the ponds etc, we are already paying for the farm visit that are performing. Regards, Jarrod
LTP24_439	Ericka Lashbrook	The council needs to make processes more streamlined and cut so much costly red tape. It needs to get more efficient and reduce consultation fees. More automation.

LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Please go ahead with the proposed changes. The cost of living also extends to Council's staff, and if their salaries are unable to keep up, the Council will lose experienced staff to the private sector, who will meet the market to continue business.
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	Increases in costs are often higher than people's increased wages
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	Your charges are already ridiculously overpriced for the terrible service provided
LTP24_1002	Lynne Haselden	Field test and permit fees. I think they're already expensive enough.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	Fees and charges need to be kept as low/affordable as possible, but must be cost covering.
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	There should be NO increases here
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	As well as reviewing in relation to costs it's also important to review to ensure the charges are equitable and represent value for money for services delivered
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	It's appropriate to review charges to ensure they remain fit for purpose and provide value for money for the service rendered.
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	As per my above submission. Cash budgeting. Focus on core business.
LTP24_961	Sharee Carr	Time management needs a big overhaul. The far north council is pathetic when a response is required
LTP24_1105	Carolyn Smith	With the cost of living crisis these need to be kept to a minimum re increased costs
LTP24_1272	Fay Drake	Serious thought needs to be made over the decisions made by council using the rate payers money. If we vote "No" don't go ahead with it anyway, eg Hundertwasser. Also if you live out of town you shouldn't have to pay for buses etc
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Looks appropriate
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	User pays is supported
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	Focus on productivity, not on passing on costs.
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	To be fair to your own people they need to provide a quality service and understand the service they provide - with many new New Zealanders there are challenges and cultural adjustment - too many times have I seen RFI relating to the lack of peer review and applied common and cultural sense - to justify charges you need to commit to fixed fees and where there is variation be more willing to look at your own internal staff training needs that impact on costs for consents etc -
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	We fund council to operate with our rates levies, costs should be kept to absolute minimum, as staff time, administration, building rent/lease, etc are part of day to day business, fees should be set as low as possible to encourage regional growth. Change your mindsets on what your role is, and who you serve.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	No more extra charges across any of the fields. We can barley put food on the table.
LTP24_1437	Melissa	Probably change all charges
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	See above and below.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	Your staff charge-out rates are eye-watering. You have stated that the large percentage increases are to catch up with and keep up with inflation. Interesting - my salary certainly doesn't come anywhere close to your staff rates.
LTP24_1622	Carolyn Phillips	Keep this at a minimum.
LTP24_1958	Robyn Dey	No comment on specifics, but am supportive of passing on increased costs to users.

LTP24_1648	Dean Smith	The user fees for marine biosecurity activities and navigation safety bylaw charges is incredibly unfair when it comes to charging owners of maritime facilities/moorings. There are a significant number of users of watercraft in our region, and the entire concept of claiming that this is a user charge when a significant portion of boat owners are not contributing cannot be seen as anything but unfair. Currently trailer boat owners and visits of smaller vessels contribute nothing under these charges, and owners of moorings/marinas do. Both users have equal benefit from the NRC activities these charges contribute towards, but only a select group are making a specific contribution. There needs to be a basis for charges that is fair and equitable, and it is very evident that the current system is neither of these things. It is disappointing that the feedback NRC has received on these charges has not resulted in a rethink of the mechanism in this LTP.
LTP24_2006	Alan	Hi Johnathon, we are a complying dairy farm for 25 years. I understand your costs have gone up and you can pass them on but alas we cannot. therefore I suggest when we return to making a profit we will pay the increase, regards,Alan
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Adjust fees and charges annually to meet inflation
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	Please keep these to a bare minimum. We don't want, for example, rubbish strewn around the countryside if the price is hiked too significantly.
LTP24_2369	William BERRY	Focus on USER Pays - for as much revenue as is possible.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	We live in a world of "user pays" and these charges do need to keep up with increased costs.
LTP24_2403	Margaret Haines	Charges need to keep pace with inflation to protect the quality of service provided.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	Fees and charges need to be set at rates that cover costs.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	Page 40 of this document under heading 3.2.12 refers to ten National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry. This legislation has now been updated to the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry. Likewise reference to monitoring charges should include regulation 9 (Afforestation).
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	Fees and charges need to be cost covering.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	No comment.
LTP24_2279	Maxwell Sinclair	How are these increases understood when considering the inflation across all areas, average wages for all, for Māori, and how that impacts on whānau. We can't keep up!
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	Wages are too high paid to council staff, should be market as paid in the area to save costs.
LTP24_2471	Robert N	These costs are already out of hand. The proposal to increase inspection monitoring and compliance fees by 20% is too much. Consultants should not be increasing their fees in this environment. Has the consultant contract been tendered recently? Surely there is a smarter way to optimise compliance with more random visits, lower fees when all is compliant and higher fees and penalties when there is an issue.

LTP24_2170	Ponui McConachy Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	I want to work as a paid lifeguard over the holidays so you had better fund our club. Lifeguards are an essential service over summer, especially on busy beaches. If California funds paid lifeguards why shouldn't Northland?
LTP24_2811	Fiona king Elbury Holdings Ltd	You need to look at the ability of your ratepayers to pay any future increasing of rates , user charges and fees .You will rate them off their land .
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	Remember Northland is NOT a wealthy area.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Try and ensure that NRC staff pay one co-ordinated visit to a site not many! Share the transport and reduce the costs.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	Fees and charges need to be kept as low/affordable as possible, but must be cost covering.
LTP24_2834	Pamela-Anne Ngohe- Simon Te Puna Aroha Trust	Accepted
LTP24_3278	Zoe	You pay council Staff way too highly for a northland wage
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a concerned member of the public, it is essential to stay informed about changes to user fees and charges that may impact the community. The proposed adjustments to user fees and charges, including updates to staff charge-out rates, equipment hire fees, field test and permit fees, and other charges, are crucial for keeping pace with increased costs and ensuring that services are adequately covered by fees. Access to the detailed list of changes outlined in the Draft User Fees and Charges document on the council's website, nrc.govt.nz/futureplan , is valuable for residents to understand the rationale behind the adjustments and how they may affect them. Transparent communication about fee changes allows for public awareness and input in the decision-making process. It is important that user fees and charges are periodically reviewed to reflect current costs accurately and sustainably cover the services provided by the council. Through open access to the proposed changes, the council demonstrates a commitment to financial transparency, accountability, and engaging the public in decisions that impact the community.
LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	Support review
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	We farmers have to live within our means, NRC must do the same. The draft user charges for 2024/25 is a good example of a pig at the ratepayers TROUGH!!
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	No feedback, will not make a difference.
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	[Tick]
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Fine with these as long as they can be fully justified
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	Any increases need to be kept to a bare minimum.

Overall rates increase

What do you think?

Option	Count	Percentage
Our proposed option: 11.05%, or \$58 per rates bill on average for the coming year	345	56.10%
An alternative option: 2.9%, or \$13 per rates bill on average for the coming year	183	29.76%
None of the above	87	14.15%
[No response]	1660	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 615 submitters responded to this question, with 345 choosing our proposed option, 183 choosing the bare minimum option and 87 choosing ‘none of the above’.
- 30 did not select an option (‘no response’) but still made comment. Overall, 228 submitters made a comment on the proposal.

Submitters who selected our **proposed** option acknowledged the financial strain it may cause but recognised the necessity for maintaining and improving essential services. There was a common sentiment that while no one enjoys rate increases, they are seen as necessary for the future well-being and development of the region. Submitters emphasized the importance of wise spending by the council to ensure that ratepayers’ money is used effectively and efficiently. Transparency and accountability in how funds are allocated was also highlighted, along with concerns about ensuring that any increase in rates would result in visible improvements to services and infrastructure, reflecting a desire for tangible benefits.

Submitters who selected the **bare minimum** option expressed concerns about increasing rates solely to employ more staff or consultants and that people are already under significant pressure, and there should be a reduction in unnecessary work and unnecessary expenses. Some submitters mentioned that they would be willing to pay more in rates if it directly assisted emergency services. They noted the need for council to scrutinize spending carefully and suggested increasing other fees rather than burdening struggling working-class ratepayers. Some submitters highlighted the impact of rate increases on pensioners and struggling households during a cost of living crisis and the importance of environmental protection, flood prevention, and prioritizing emergency services.

Submitters who chose **‘none of the above’** expressed support for a minimum rate increase of 11.05%. They emphasized the direct benefits they perceive from the work council does in their diverse region. These submitters were willing to adjust their family budgets to accommodate the proposed increase. Those with concerns about affordability felt that an 11% increase, being almost twice the current inflation rate, was unaffordable for many people. Some highlighted that not everyone is receiving pay increases, making it challenging to cope with such a high rate hike. Several submitters proposed a middle-ground approach, recommending rates increases between 5% to 10%, aiming to balance necessary services with financial feasibility for ratepayers. Concerns were raised about inefficiencies within council spending and management priorities, and some requested transparency in how rates are utilized.

Submitters who didn’t choose an option expressed strong concerns about affordability and financial strain of rates increases creating a burden on ratepayers, with tough times and recession mentioned. Others acknowledged the importance of rates for essential services if spent wisely, prudent spending and the need for investment in specific areas. Climate change initiatives were criticized and suggested trimming expenses, and “fostering relationships” was also questioned.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
Our proposed option: 11.05%, or \$58 per rates bill on average for the coming year		
LTP24_30	Sheree Margaret Putt Home School	because us disabilities need to be heard
LTP24_88	Erin Howell	Would like to witness wiser spending with the rate increase we all have to tighten our belts so should council
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	I consider the bare minimum option reckless and irresponsible, given the huge challenges we're facing now and in the future. \$45 more for the coming year to keep up our chances of a liveable and enjoyable future in Northland for us and our descendants have to be worth it to us. Please do not consider proceeding with the bare minimum option, even if a majority of submitters ask you to. Many of us feel some pinch (or are happy to claim that we do), but we property owners who pay rates have also seen enormous tax-free capital gains over the past decade, and most of us will not have any problem finding the money for the rates increase needed for the proposed option. The time to act is now. Please also consider doing a bit more in the climate resilience and emergency management and public transport areas, as I have suggested in my comments.
LTP24_123	Roxanne Rehm	I would rather pay more to ensure my children can perform in sport, that I have ambulance available if we need it
LTP24_112	Clare Williams	Quite frankly our rates are too expensive but if we need infrastructure in our community we need it. Just a shame our roads chip our cars and cost us more. Seems like not much is actually getting done that the community sees as most of it must be in the background. Cancelling the medical emergency services are completely bonkers!
LTP24_287	Amber-leah O'Neill	It will be REALLY hard for some rate payers but IF Council are delivering good results and IF Council actively looks to lower other costs through their making their systems and processes and people more efficient and effective then it will be easier to accept
LTP24_295	Alesha adkins	Such a small price to pay to ensure that our emergency services and things like life guards ect still get funding to save lives. To cut this is is risking lives of our people
LTP24_318	Pete watts	Have you looked high enough with the increase. A small amount for rate payers can achieve a lot for the Council
LTP24_391	Sandra Waddell	Happy to pay more to get good services.
LTP24_586	Trailequip Ltd	I know plenty of people who would pay more quite happily IF - IF - it's spent on delivering core services and on projects with direct benefit, not climate alarm and treaty bollocks.
LTP24_618	Tui McCaughey	No one wants rates to increase, but if they have to then the Council needs to make sure that the money is spent wisely and on things that will actually improve the region, not just look good on paper. My biggest concern is money spent on people (salary, bonuses and perks) who don't deserve them, whilst those actually doing the work and going above and beyond get exactly the same as those who don't.
LTP24_608	Robyn Bint	As long as the portion needed per rates bill is allocated to keeping emergency services funded
LTP24_636	Anne Kathryn Groufsky	Whangarei and Northland is a growing area. Infrastructure needs to be kept up to date with staff and expertise to carry out the work. My view of the role of the Council is to provide what is necessary and needed. The 'nice to have ' ideas can be put on hold. Funds should be spent sensibly.
LTP24_650	Bob Drey Russell Protection Society	We need adequate regional services

LTP24_699	Michael Batchelor	Maybe somewhere in-between. Cut out the 'nice-to-haves.
LTP24_856	Tracey-ann Hodgkinson	You can't live in a dream world if you want good services you have to pay for them. The increase will not be popular as many people in our community are struggling financially but I believe is necessary to meet demands. However the council does need to be fair with how they spend the rate payers contributions and staff should not be seen to be benefiting with perks not readily available to the majority of the public.
LTP24_602	Edward Raymond GROUFSKY	Foolhardy to take a short-sighted view on "maintenance" - always comes back to bite you a few years down the track. Neglected maintenance always ends up costing more to fix in the end and it is not as if the region is magically going to have extra funding at some time in the future to address this.
LTP24_878	Raewyn Luxton	I don't believe we can fall further behind than we are already. There is already too little investment in core infrastructure and services.
LTP24_865	Michelle Cowie	As much as it seems crazy to pay more, when they are already high, I'd pay more to increase funding for emergency services!!
LTP24_928	Bryn Hughes	Happy for rates to rise if money is used for areas that benefit the majority. Keeping the funding for sports and recreation is an absolute must, ditto key services. Staff increase, compliance, health and safety, biodiversity are all nice to have but not need to have in current environment. You need to actually look at current productivity and whether you are getting value, if you need more for staff salaries then pay the good ones more and get rid of the dead wood like other areas of government are having to.
LTP24_1049	Rolf Mueller-Glodde	This increase is stiff and probably hard for many rate payers to stem, but decreasing the environmental works due to inflationary pressures is not advisable. However, there must also be effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness of using existing staff, rather than increasing the numbers every year.
LTP24_1001	John William Hare	The proposed rate increase is fine so long as the level of service is improved at a similar rate. In Russell, we seem to lack any attempt by council to keep roadside weed populations down or a general state of tidiness around town that is far more obvious in Kerikeri for example. We are contributing to the rating base often at a higher level but we see very little to show for our contribution. Potholes at the entrance to the Robertson Street carpark are a typical example.
LTP24_905	Sandra Peterson	I want to pay more for better services and infrastructure. Northland is facing massive increases in people moving here from Auckland. It has huge underserved and vulnerable communities further north. We need to spend money to pull the region up in line with the rest of the country - it has been underinvested in and forgotten about for too long.
LTP24_788	Maggie McGrath	\$58 a year is pennies compared to the value these services provide. Especially emergency services! Where exactly are we meant to spend that extra \$58, a day's worth of groceries?
LTP24_778	Lesley Griffiths	Unless we increase the rates the services provided by the NRC will get worse.
LTP24_1227	Jason Matthews Grit Engineering Ltd	Happy to pay increased rates contribution provided its used sensibly. i.e emergency services support and recreational facilities etc.
LTP24_1194	Mark John Hill	Do not stop funds for air ambulance. This would have minimal savings but could cost lives, especially with the lack of investment in infrastructure in Northland.
LTP24_1301	Liz Woodward	Also keep funding for the Emergency Services
LTP24_1302	Davinia Thornley	Please make sure you fund all emergency services for our region!!

LTP24_1406	Hildegard Krollmann	I am unhappy with an "ambulance at the bottom of the cliff" approach and will happily support preventative measures.
LTP24_1402	Jodi Jackson	\$58 increase for the year should be manageable for most
LTP24_1199	John Bell	I have no problem paying more for value delivered. We sadly live in a world where the tendency is to spend more on central salaries than front line delivery. Doing the basics well would serve our community the best.
LTP24_1412	Fiona Guest	I think the rates increase should be higher than the bare minimum in order for the Council to be able to complete the tasks they have set. \$58 increase per rates bill for the year is not a huge amount.
LTP24_1122	Dianne Eileen Daniels	Although any increased rates burden is unwelcome, it appears inevitable, but I would ask for better balance of programmes and action for the Far North, and not such a Whangārei-based focus.
LTP24_1448	Diana Sandifer	We have to fund things somehow so every rate payer will have to front up. Just over a dollar a week is not a huge challenge. If it increases a bit to keep funding the emergency services then so be it. I would not like to see an increase in council staff bureaucracy at the expense of climate change and fresh water initiatives. Work smarter not harder. There are a lot of feel good words in this document. I would have liked to see more concrete specifics. Basically, focus on clean waterways, flood mitigation, reducing deforestation, and emergency disaster management.
LTP24_1539	Andrea Panther	no one wants a rates increase - however no one wants to lose essential services in our remote areas of Northland either - you can't say no increase and expect the services to continue or grow to meet the growing needs of our people and community.
LTP24_1568	Doug and Vonnie France	sad but true the cost keeps rising maybe able to pay in smaller increments may be an option
LTP24_1386	Kristy Louise Lawton	I am fine with rates increases where necessary to fund things of value but I don't believe that the council is being run efficiently and the proposed options in this form don't align with my values and how I would like to see money used in the community.
LTP24_1787	Vicky Binedell	\$58 average increase per rates bill PROVIDED EVERYBODY IS EXPECTED TO PAY THEIR RATES and rates are collected from EVERYBODY - as I have expressly stated earlier in my feedback would be acceptable. EMERGENCY SERVICES MUST BE MAINTAINED AND COULD EVEN BE IMPROVED - THIS IS ESSENTIAL. Council is here to provide services to the people - not to engage in and fund political rebranding, and kowtowing to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
LTP24_1812	Tracey McNamara	Rates increase necessary to continue to fund and improve the region
LTP24_1540	D-J Williams	I would like NRC funding of emergency services particularly to continue. Given the remote and water surrounded aspects of Northland, which is also part of its huge appeal of economy supporting tourist and holidaymakers - as well as those call Northland home - having these services well supported in any and all funding avenues brings greater confidence of safety, fast response in times of emergency, and proximity to core emergency services if and when needed. Please continue to fund.
LTP24_1908	Robyn Smale	This needs to be used wisely and efficiently.
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust supports the proposed option on overall rates increases.
LTP24_1918	Helen Curreen	You can't do more with less. An extra \$58 seems great value.

LTP24_1960	Ana Bercich	Council needs to do this vital work.
LTP24_1959	Susan Alves	Spread over the region, this is not unreasonable.
LTP24_1943	Merrick Bull	Get the job done.
LTP24_1704	Sheryl Clinch	Happy to pay a rate increase if the extra money is spent on funding that will benefit the whole community, for example the emergency services and sporting facilities.
LTP24_1950	Philip Giles	Include support for emergency services and fund general cost of living increases for staff to maintain a quality staff base.
LTP24_2088	Danielle Hancock	If we do not keep ahead now we will always be behind.
LTP24_2151	Ursula Buckingham Manulife Investment Management	It is important for Council to recognise the contribution the primary sector contribute to the Region economically, environmentally and socially. It is therefore that Council continue to support the Primary Sector Liaison Group and the Northland Forestry Environmental Working Group.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Provide a simple guide of where these improvements are required before setting it out to receive feedback from rate paper. Send an email and mail about asking about what areas they see require it and how much they would like to see to contribute in that field. Use this data as a guide as a reflection on the region feeling heard about where their money is going to mitigate fallout.
LTP24_1863	Sandra Drinkwater	The efficiency of how rates is spent needs review. We gave first hand experience of three people attending to a minor matter that required one person or possibly a phone call.
LTP24_2177	kevin mackenzie	I dont mind paying more IF you are supporting cycling , BUT if there is no benefit to me or my hobby , then why pay ?
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	ok to increase rates so long as focus goes on climate change mitigation and adaption
LTP24_2240	Stacey Maree Beattie	Although none of us want to see our rates increase this is the best way to continue to assist the region in rebuilding and being more resilient in the future. If we all contribute, it benefits the wider region making Northland a place of growth and attractive to the rest of the country and tourists.
LTP24_2300	Richard Cole Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association	Sometimes we have to ' bite the bullet'
LTP24_2273	Margaret Rose Gurney	I do NOT agree with deferred rates, well intentioned though that may be. It is a false economy. All that happens is deferred essential maintenance and services that end up costing a whole lot more several years later by which time the situation is critical. Example - Wellington's water pipes! Worse, deferred rates eventually lead to sudden huge rate increases for which many ratepayers are unprepared. I agree to rates rising annually in line with a formula that would eliminate the peaks and troughs. Crises do occur, and unfortunately I'm no economist. However, wouldn't it be possible to find a formula that would smooth the path to enable ratepayers to better plan their finances?
LTP24_2361	John Bent	I support the proposed option, plus rating necessary to continue to fund emergency services and regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_2352	Stacey Sharp	Proposed option, with the exception of continued funding of emergency services and regional sports centres.
LTP24_2405	John Fowler	I support rates increases. They drive activities and initiatives that benefit us all. I'm not against higher rate increases than the one proposed.

LTP24_1781	Andrew Lawrence Wordsworth	Ensure use of public money is not wasteful, that employees are paid at market rate and not dream rate - living wage, or a salary that increases above inflation for no extra productivity are not a right for the public service. Especially with money charged from those who cannot just increase their income with a flick of a pen. Council serves the public, not the other way around. Therefore, make sure that the council belt is tight like everyone else's and then dont be scared to charge what you need to charge to cover the services you provide.
LTP24_2468	Andreas Thirling	11.05% if smaller sports facilities are still supported
LTP24_2434	Kate Trendall	The work NRC does to mitigate the challenges of climate change is so important, it must be appropriately funded or we will all experience far more cost than just a rates rise in the future. Also, my whanau have experienced a need for the rescue helicopter and not having this service available when needed is unthinkable - it provides such a valued service to all of our communities.
LTP24_2460	Ayla Wilson	I have no issue with increasing rates to ensure that funding provides vital emergency services such as Surf Lifesaving, NEST, Hato Hone St John's, Land SAR, Coastguard & Far North Radio & Sea Rescue to our community.
LTP24_2521	Kurtis Kain	We held back previously - we knew a big increase would be required later.
LTP24_2524	Dr Carla Gemeinhardt	Yes we can pay more. As long as rate hikes are also placed onto VAPES and ALCOHOL and FASTFOOD and CIGARETTES and PROCESSED FOODS such as fries and pies and meat. We should absolutely pay more to keep these things going. It only makes sense. But then increase the levy to do things that are detrimental to our personal and environmental health and put that money into things that make us healthy.
LTP24_1964	Aubrey Gifford	Plus what is needed for funding emergency services and regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_2432	Rolf Mueller-Glodde Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch	We expect NRC to work more efficiently and effectively to avoid constant increase of staff numbers.
LTP24_2669	Dr Terryann Clark	I am happy to pay increased rates and support collective interests, safe and engagement - and future-proof our communities.
LTP24_2660	Rebecca Roycroft	We need to keep the sports and emergency funding
LTP24_2489	Bruce Copeland	Although the economy is in recession, it is vital to keep investing in our civic amenity
LTP24_2676	Sheryl Mai	Nobody likes increased costs to their budget, and you will be hearing from people who will struggle with any increase to rates. The cost to future generations of NOT maintaining and increasing the work the council does for our environment and economy would be too great. Your identified community outcomes reinforce that the work you do is vital. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.
LTP24_2502	Andrew Wech	An increase in bill is nothing if it means that we can better protect and preserve our environment, serve our communities and save lives now and in the future.
LTP24_2717	Vision Kerikeri	This increase is stiff and probably hard for many rate payers to stem, but decreasing the environmental works due to inflationary pressures is not advisable. However, there must also be effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness of using existing staff, rather than increasing the numbers every year.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Rates rises are fine, don't mind if we know that it's going towards helping basic needs like water, health and accessibility.
LTP24_2864	Kath Manning Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club	Rate what you need to keep Emergency Services, Sporting facilities funded

LTP24_2926	Richard Charles Douglas Smith	I would support an increase of somewhat higher than this, perhaps in the 12% to 13% range. If we want a healthy community we need to be willing to put sufficient funding into the communal good.
LTP24_2715	Jodie Rogers Taupo Bay Land & Coastal Group	I would agree to the higher cost on rates if at least the current Biosecurity and biodiversity projects were left to continue, or more funds directed to this important area, as your own vision is: Nurture the environment, weave the people together.
LTP24_3079	Dylan Scott Murphy	required, its the only way to keep all things moving
LTP24_2341	David Scott Chapman	It needs to happen. No point waiting.
LTP24_3178	Julie Ann Widger	To do the work it is needed
LTP24_2993	Azriel Ritchie	The people will pay more rates if it means better outcomes for more. We love northland and want to see it flourish.
LTP24_3281	Gina Iggo	I would happily pay the extra 11% if the essential emergency services continue to be funded. However if their funding is cut then I don't want to have an increase to my rates at all - rates are meant to help pay for services to the people and the community - not to fund new buildings while there are so many empty offices and shops etc.
LTP24_3265	Anahita Djamali	I think there are still a lot of efficiencies that could be made at Regional Council. I don't believe the council should have a poplar nursery and providing subsidised poplars to the community. I believe there is far too much funding for Land Management especially as there are no measurable positive environmental outcomes to the benefits of this investment.
LTP24_3278	Zoe	Our community needs the work to be done. We don't mind paying if we see results and not red tape.
LTP24_3277	Chris Richmond Bay of Islands Maritime Park Incorporated	Subject to the qualifications and suggestion elsewhere in our submission.
LTP24_3076	Ingrid Ebersohn	I'm happy to pay provided there is a visible result.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	It's an increase of \$1 a week. It's doable
LTP24_3184	Keremete Tom Pickering	As a member of the public, the option that best serves the community is the proposed option with an 11.05% overall rates increase, or an average of \$58 per rates bill for the coming year. This option prioritizes high-priority work, addresses new challenges, fosters partnerships, and meets legislative requirements, ensuring that important initiatives can be sustained and community needs can be effectively addressed.
LTP24_3280	Alan Dawn	Supporting the proposed option, plus funding for minor sporting facilities.
LTP24_2987	Lynnette Cochrane	Only if you spend it on the things that matter to us not yourselves.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	I think that you have answered your own question here with the consequences given if Governance go with the Bare Minimum I understand that for many rising costs are making life and the ability to get ahead extremely difficult. However There is plenty of scientific evidence to enable us to be confident that if we do not keep upping the anti to look after and change the way we use our natural environment we will lose critical and precious taonga forever. This coupled with the impact and consequences of climate change means to me that we need to press on with the necessary and proposed rate increase/s If we don't it will (as we should have learnt from past experience) cost current and future ratepayers even more in the near, medium and long-term future when we have to play catch up The alternative option given of a 2.9% increase has been touted as the inflation only option. Inflation in NZ is currently 4%. 1-3% inflation is a target for the country that may or may

		not be reached and it is well known in local government and central government circles that costs for local governments are always higher due to the type of specialised work that they do The bare minimum option from my perspective is an irresponsible option to give rate payers. I think that with some spreading out of timeframes and the inclusion of the Emergency and Sporting rates you could reach somewhere between a 12% and 14% rate increase which I would find acceptable and necessary
LTP24_3087	Antoinette Pot	Plus the increase to continue to cover emergency services and sporting facilities
An alternative option: 2.9%, or \$13 per rates bill on average for the coming year		
LTP24_386	Kate Burdekin	Again don't increase rates just to employ more staff or consultants
LTP24_436	Pamela Joan Gleeson	People are under huge pressure, scale back unnecessary work and claptrap
LTP24_642	Alayne Jones	I would happily pay more in rates if it assisted emergency services. But otherwise we see absolutely no benefit as a rate payer from increased rates.
LTP24_624	Sharla Tangney	Really look hard at what you are spending your money on people ...increase your other fees ...I live rural no public transport ,[redacted] roads, ooo I get rubbish collection and that's all thank you...no I go to town and see an unsafe city for my children and our older people money wasted on weeding roundabout and planting gardens .money wasted on houndervasa. Put up your fees for new build . compliance, parking, make up your found from other areas not us struggling working class who pay more and more for less and blood less
LTP24_721	Robyne Bell	Our rates are already very high in comparison with other areas, for the level of services we receive. For example: we are on a privately funded road, tank water, no public park or council funded community centre close by,
LTP24_525	Fiona McNab	Don't cut the funding for emergency services
LTP24_902	Kylie Travers	I resent having a rates rise and seeing the flashy new council building when so many buildings in town are empty. i will be super angry if rates rise and emergency services get reduced funds. Emergency services are essential.
LTP24_961	Sharee Carr	So much Māori land in the far north has unclaimed rates bills. Stop putting penalties on those who try to pay their bills on time, and put pressure on those that don't pay a cent.
LTP24_1020	Moana Young	There is a cost of living crisis. Stop increasing our rates and giving yourselves pay increases. People are struggling too much
LTP24_1108	Janice Smith	Reduce but add back emergency services
LTP24_1176	Melanie Wilson	Stager the work you want to do. Prioritise it. Remember you work for the people not yourselves, its not about getting your idea/project done but about making Northland better. Look at wages paid to management and the work actually completed by them. Do you have the correct number of leaders to actual workers (think like a bee hive) What costs can be cut that would not effect the people of northland (business/personal cellphone, paper wastage, how green is the NRC) If you work on having less impact on the environment then you will be leading by example.

LTP24_1211	robyn drake	I cant afford a rate increase at all. It is some stupid decisions from council that we having to now pay for. Don't go into town apart from groceries so I'm paying for things never used. The art galley was a stupid expense, cant even afford to visit it even if I wanted too. Car parking would have gathered more income for rate payers as that's expensive in town if you can find one (as I found out when on Jury service last week).
LTP24_1272	Fay Drake	Please finish the projects underway before committing to new ones.
LTP24_1347	Karen Traill	Simple. If a business/company is suffering you do not increase staff numbers and salaries. Keep salaries the same as they are currently.
LTP24_1337	Wayne Sydney James Ryder	Living on the pension is hard enough now. Dont cut back on helicopter payments.
LTP24_1009	Kim Povey	Should only be in line with inflation at the most
LTP24_1617	Allan Kerrisk	I support only the minimums set out in my submission. Must not go above 11.05%
LTP24_1622	Carolyn Phillips	Keep rating at minimum whilst people cannot afford food.
LTP24_1681	Rochelle Dewdney	If the overall consensus is to keep rates to the bare minimum, then what must be maintained and held as a priority is to keep and continue to develop/ increase Emergency Services. And continue work on flood protection. Again, we need to keep going forward with ensuring protection of life - whether through emergency services, environmental/ climatic conditions....but policies only go as far as the actioning of/ implementing of those policies - we must work to a base response of worst case scenario and local knowledge rather than hope for the best and be caught out at the expense of people's lives and livelihood.
LTP24_1712	Kevin Evans	Rates and levies are just another form of tax, the purpose of paying tax is so all New Zealanders (kiwi's) benefit, as NRC is a regional tax, your focus needs to continue to be what is good for all Northlanders.
LTP24_1719	Erin Corble	If rates increase much higher, rent and housing becomes even more out of reach for people, likely leading to an increase in crime- which we are already struggling with.
LTP24_1763	Aroha Louise Chase	It would be best to find money elsewhere to fund projects. All proposed rates rise is unachievable to find the income to pay for the increased bills. The cost of living crisis has resulted in the working population to struggle to pay basic necessities. There is no fun money to spend in the community, there is barely money to cover food and mortgage payments.
LTP24_1804	Garth Roy Binedell	If EVERYONE pays their rates and taxes, this should do it. Go and dig out those that are not contributing to the Far North Council. There are hundreds of them hiding under so called sovereign laws.
LTP24_1794	Bruce William Mauchline	With inflation still affecting communities throughout Northland, increasing rates beyond CPI only exacerbates inflation. Let the economy balance itself before charging ahead with all of the policies that are in the nice to have basket. More efficiencies within the existing framework would go a long way to achieve what the councils sees as its goals. Sometimes bureacracies just need a wake up call.
LTP24_1437	Melissa Northern rescue helicopter	Lower the rates so not money hungry and to be fair with the cost of living especially the low income earners.
LTP24_1881	Ian Potts	my current rates bill is over \$4000, so an increase of 11.05% would be an increase of over \$442 by my maths, this on a 2 bedroom home, pretty tough for superannuitants

LTP24_2319	Bella Ria Thompson	I do not agree that as a ratepayer we are required to pay more in our rates, when central government do not pay rates on any land or for facilities. Please look at this. Central government is not paying its way!!, and thats wrong. All Doc land, reserves owned by Government, and facilities. As a pensioner I cannot afford rates increases. It will rate me off my land.
LTP24_2292	Sophie Blackwell	I think 2.9% is a lot easier to digest then 11% , especially in times of hardship
LTP24_2308	Shaun Ridling	all councils need to live within there means like us bloody rate payers are at the moment we are not an endless cash supply.
LTP24_2506	Christopher Willemen	Work with in your means I'm sick of rate payers been used as cash cows I've had a small pay rise which has already been eaten away by cost of living and insurance rise's my rates bill is starting to get out of hand I'm going to get rated off my land
LTP24_2471	Robert N	This environment needs cost savings and prioritisation. Particularly less use of consultants.
LTP24_2685	Grace Le Gros Naumai Marae	We would like to see how rates are going to help us as ratepayers.
LTP24_2528	Julie Graydon	No more rate increases. People are struggling.
LTP24_2915	Helen Ruth Chegwidan	Northland is poor enough with serious inequities without adding more to the community in the form of rate rises. Bad management and poor decisions over the years have led to the council wanting to absolutely screw over the average worker.
LTP24_2912	Norma de Langen	As a ratepayer, I have no hesitation in paying the additional contribution to continue the funding of emergency services. In all other respects, I would prefer to keep the rates bill increase to the minimum, especially in light of the difficult and uncertain times we are in.
LTP24_2741	Mervyn Rhys Williams	everyone in the community needs to live within restraints NRC should do so to not just be adding extras on
LTP24_2920	Noeline Margaret Wright	I understand the rates increases are going to be hard on everyone but we don't seem to get much for our money
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	Present what rates are currently spent on in a public meeting and ask for feedback as to whether the community's priorities align with Council's or not
LTP24_2811	Fiona king Elbury Holdings Ltd	NRC has a total rate increase 23/24 to 24/25 of \$6,117,257 , see page 127 supporting info . Seems excessive When you add the FNDC rate increase proposal of 16.5% to your 11.05% = 26.55% in one year. This is not sustainable especially in the rural area when rating is on a land value. The farm land is hit hard, grass is not a crop like forestry or avocados which have their crops excluded from their land value. Rating needs to have a big review across the district.
LTP24_3060	Jennifer Catherine Marie Price Mangawhai Estates	Our losses from the weather bombs and Cyclones in 2023 are about \$450,000 spread over the next 4 years. We grow food, avocados, they are trees, we receive no carbon credits. We live at the end of a short unsealed road that floods at high tide. This is how our exports leave the orchard. Do you do zero based budgeting? Sometimes past centres of work are no longer necessary.
LTP24_2988	Naomi Morgan	Be prudent we are making up for losses on the art centre so don't do a repeat
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	keep it low
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Until you lift the efficiency of your administration you do not deserve any more rate payer funding.

LTP24_3040	Delwyn Osborne	Charge the emergency services fee in addition to this. Rate increases (both local council and regional council) should be limited to annual cost of inflation. For most households wages are not increasing at the rate of inflation so you are putting a financial burden on ratepayers. How do we collect revenue from people who live in Northland but don't own land. It seems unfair that some cover services available to all.
LTP24_3159	Deslie Gravatt	Any increases will impact on ratepayers given the cost of everything else, therefore my choice is the alternative option of 2.9%.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	We are in a recession, our incomes are not high, but you want to spend lots more of our money on things we do not need.
None of the above		
LTP24_18	Stephanie Membroy and Marcus Smillie	Based on my selected options chosen I think the rate increase will be more than 11.05%. I support a minimum of 11.05% . I support the work of NRC more than WDC. I think as landowners and residents in Te Taitokerau we get direct benefits from the work that NRC are doing in our region diverse region. I am willing to pay more for my feedback options chosen and make adjustments in our family budget to accommodate them.
LTP24_37	Martin Ruddick	The rise in rates should be somewhere in the middle of the two options. 11% is almost twice the current inflation rate and unaffordable for many people who aren't getting any pay increase, let alone an 11% pay increase.
LTP24_34	Julie Barlow	No increase, people and business are struggling. Cut costs like everyone else has too.
LTP24_47	Paul Ahlers	By paring back on some options but still retaining the Emergency Services Fund, it should be possible to keep the overall rates increase under 10%.
LTP24_89	Janet Macdonald	Instead of increasing rates at a time where most people are financially struggling, how about NOT making things worse and leaving them alone?
LTP24_62	Rachel Smith	The increase that will match the level of service I have outlined in my responses.
LTP24_100	Heather Lane	Perhaps somewhere in between? 11.05% during a recession is a bit steep, but most people can afford \$13 or slightly higher if it's going toward important things. Perhaps a 6% increase which will allow work to continue but won't hurt as bad as an 11% increase.
LTP24_67	Rhys McCullough	Stop funding nonproductive changes and pouring millions into contractors and consultants that are slow nonproductive and don't use council money effectively. Start funding the critical infrastructure Northland needs, your roading is an absolute joke and the worst in New Zealand by a clear margin to name one. Council is exceptionally inefficient at managing costs and appears to have strange priorities when it is widely considered that the primary purpose of council is to maintain and provide adequate and efficient infrastructure and essential services to the people of northland, yet this appears to be the last priority for council and has been for decades.
LTP24_96	Sylvia Nugent	There has already been a massive increase in rates this year with no updates on whether they are correct. In the Far North we don't get as many of the services available in Whangarei, yet we will receive a rates increase with no increase to our community services provided by Northland Regional Council.
LTP24_166	Yvette White	Why not a third option in the middle. After the costly new Whangarei council building and having to buy the silly art building in the town basin which everyone knew was a money pit I don't think the regional council deserves to increase its rates for unrealistic dream projects

LTP24_373	Jen Green	Not when we've finally been informed that we're in a recession should rates increase.
LTP24_265	Bronwyn May Williamson	Stop the gravy train. It is about the way the money is spent not how much money. There are too many people feeding off the system nothing is being spent at the coal face.
LTP24_345	Ann Reina Cabrera	How about this! cut some of the jobs that are getting paid huge amounts and all the behind the scenes things that are costing heaps and you will have enough money to fix everything!!! we have had enough of rates increases and for what!!! what you need to do is put out a document to show what you do in a year!!! I am unsure what my rates cover, I have to pay for rubbish, my road never gets fixed, I am sure I am not the only one in saying if you are going to ask for more money then explain why you need it?????
LTP24_540	Amanda Turner	Why not go halfway between the two? Say 7%
LTP24_564	Jo Hughes	Somewhere in between
LTP24_610	Glenn Pope	Go further and fund all the good stuff you need to to support Northland!
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	The proposed rate increase, I assume has been calculated by increasing every avenue proposed? There are areas here where this can be re-evaluated to prioritize funds in a more achievable manner.
LTP24_795	Susan Barriball	Is it not possible to aim for a middle way? I favour an increase of around 5%, \$25 approximately raise.
LTP24_946	Juanita Bassett	I think this SUX, Rates are just ripping us off! Taking more and more money and what are we getting for it! Dog registration fees RIP OFF! Charge the actual offenders not those of us who are actually GOOD dog owners!
LTP24_1027	Shannon Gurnell	There should be no rates increase. Your region is struggling people are struggling & moving away due to cost of living being unmanageable in our area. You increase your costs & wages on the backs of families & kids that aren't being fwd & clothed for services that are to no value for most & don't even exist to others. You lie in your questionnaire options stating don't have this levy & opt for rates decrease then Boom at the end overall rates increase. The deceiving way in which your questionnaire is worded directs people to unknowingly push funds away from critical services like emergency services to wage increases & hiring for your already over paid and non achieving staff at NRC.
LTP24_955	Michael James Pratt	You provide only high or low here. Given each option above also provides high or low It's reasonable to interpret that the final result could be somewhere in between.
LTP24_862	Karl Wilson	My rates were increased for flood work in Kawakawa and have seen no work done apart from Moerewa but still seen mild flooding in the last weather event. So increasing the rates again wont do anything as the council is consistent with miss allocation of funds. Get the basics right with what you all ready bleed from us!
LTP24_981	Lance Richards	I think council needs an audit to identify where costs need to be cut as per my submission. Agreeing to one of the above would go against my submission as your proposal about budgets for items I disagree with.
LTP24_1002	Lynne Haselden	I think you guys waste enough of our money as it is
LTP24_1331	Tim Davidson	Keep Emergency Services Fund and fit other options around the remaining budget.
LTP24_1080	Michael Pratt Resilient Russell Charitable Trust	The options assume going to either extreme on your proposals. A modified set of proposals could be developed which would both deliver essential services and keep rate rises at least below double figures.

LTP24_1368	Alexis Wheeler	I think there is a more suitable middle ground to be found. Something around 5 to 6% is more affordable. A number of your suggestions making up the 11.5% are not priorities for the people who live in our communities and the ones your propose cutting are. However you have not offered a middle ground in terms of a rates increase. Hopefully you will consider the submissions and not go ahead with what you want but rather what the people want.
LTP24_1166	Les Sykes	Based on my comments a % somewhere between those proposals
LTP24_1495	Crispin Middleton	Restructure and cut exec at council
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	Things cost what they cost, and WDC needs to obtain sufficient revenue to deliver key functions. However there should be a major focus on productivity gains. This is hard mahi and requires a commitment from management. The easy road is to allow cost to rise with or above inflation and just pass that ineffectiveness on to the ratepayer. WDC should require substantial productivity gains. Also WDC should avoid expensive forays into non-core projects at least until income and expenses are under better control. The private sector manages to achieve real cost reductions when it has to - there is no reason that WDC is unable to, barring motivation. The idea that councils and government can simply refer to the CPI or LGCI and then put hands in the air and pretend to be powerless in the face of cost increases, is a big problem. This may be unfair and an easy stone to throw from outside the tent. However it is based on a lot of experience. The key is not to ask for big rate increases or suggest that big cuts to core functions will be needed. The key is instead to have a long term focus on improving productivity by 2 or 3% every year. That eventually gives room for project and salary increases etc.
LTP24_1198	Lesley McNab	Need to get a figure somewhere in the middle of these 2 options.
LTP24_1218	Richard Sharp	Your proposed option plus continuing the emergency services fund.
LTP24_1694	Alison Shrigley	I would suggest an INDEPENDENT AUDIT done within ALL Councils by an outside Business Group. An AUDIT into salaries, people - Time & Motion within Administration. As business owners we have all had to make cut-backs - Has the COUNCIL done this - NO!! A 17.5% Rate Rise by the WDC is STEALING - we don't get anything extra from this - our wages ARE NOT going up at the same Rate - so WHERE does the COUNCIL think the money is coming from? The Hunderwasser is a waste of our money - Whoever thought that visitors would come to Whangarei - just to see that was DREAMING.
LTP24_1523	Maygan Holland	I think there is refinement and efficiency to be gained within your organisation and the roles some people undertake - while there are gems there are areas which are ineffective and or wasteful- I am not aware that these considerations have been made in how the work will be undertaken going forward - what is the looking glass being applied. For none of us It's business as usual so what are the basic changes and tweaks being made for NRC
LTP24_1844	Shari-Lee Purdon	I really think people need a \$for\$ breakdown of what we actually pay for in our rates. It would be great to have a vote to prioritise what we want/need to pay for.
LTP24_1910	Julie Akroyd	I disagree with an 11.05% or 17% increase in rates which the council is proposing. With the rising interest rates, food/petrol prices, people are already suffering financial hardship and will not be able to cope with such an increase.
LTP24_1916	GLADYS SANDRA ROWSELL	I think a rate increase of 5 - 7% would be a more suitable option.
LTP24_1534	DJ Gillming	Keep funding the rescue helicopter! But make other cuts as necessary
LTP24_2124	Pani Hauraki	Hoha with subsidising affluent areas. What are you doing for Hokianga?

LTP24_2182	Tamara Hayward	I'm happy with rates increase as long as you aren't buying new vehicles especially PHEV or electric staff not using work vehicles for personal use or getting pay rises. Staff expenses need to be cut drastically
LTP24_2259	Harley D	Rates are all ready one of the highest in the country and we don't see anything from it. Show us you can spend the money all ready properly and we wouldn't have an issue with an increase.
LTP24_2353	Adam Clark	I think anyone old enough to have lived through the Stan WDC years has seen the folly of bare minimum. I know it doesn't mean much, but my own (quick haha, but I'd like to think maybe like 90% accurate) analysis of keeping what I feel is necessary for the current economic climate while allowing for important structural improvements is closer to 7% or \$37. There is wiggle room within each of the areas.
LTP24_2181	Nicola Puharich	As I support the continued funding of the emergency services, I believe this would result in a rate increase a bit above the 11.05%. I am fine with that if that is the only way to continue to provide these essential and life-saving services.
LTP24_2450	Josie Boyd	Given the challenges being faced by councils, and the need to deliver tangible outcomes, I would support a higher increase than 11% (e.g. up to 15%). Providing the council is focussed, ensures value for money and doesn't get sidetracked on nice to haves. Keeping rates at 2.9% is unrealistic.
LTP24_1853	Vanessa Rolfe	Increase of 7% -10% with some items slightly cut back from proposed option
LTP24_2356	Ben Pearce Hikurangi Conservation Society	Rate increase to support the above preferences.
LTP24_2636	Joseph Bruce Cann	Rate increases are not affordable for most ratepayers.
LTP24_2379	Joan Bridge	Not everyone wants rates increases as low as possible! Some people realise that you have to pay for what you want. We could do a better job of taking ownership of our region. With this in mind, I think there should be a minimum 5% option and a maximum 15% increase in rates option. You might be pleasantly surprised with the response to choice.
LTP24_2730	Mary Joanne Sawers	Our rates should, at the minimum, cover maintaining and improving momentum on all aspects listed above. They should also be sufficient to meet the needs of our older Northland population to access emergency services. And the younger generation should have access to sporting facilities. Both are critical services.
LTP24_2513	Rebecca Everest	Why would you hike rates by 11.05% when many families are struggling to put food on the table. 2.9 is a better compromise, however I dont think rates should change at all as they are already high during a cost of living crisis and a recession
LTP24_2752	Peter Hames	Having read through your draft plan I think you could do more than bare minimum in some areas as I have indicated and still keep the percentage increase under 10%
LTP24_2668	Angela Christine Stolwerk	I believe the proposed option (a rate increase of \$1.12 per week) is insufficient to meet demand.
LTP24_2985	Pete Bond	Whatever is required to continue on with supporting the ESR and RSF.
LTP24_3090	Cherry Hermon	I support your proposed option, plus the \$2.7M for emergency services and regional sporting facilities.
LTP24_2913	Katy Simon	I support a higher rates increase than the proposed 11.05% to fund increase climate resilience services, emergency services

LTP24_3089	Nan Pullman	I think some cuts could be made to keep rates down but do not want to see any active biosecurity or biodiversity projects that enable, encourage and support landowners and communities to participate reduced just to ensure more reports can be written.
LTP24_3002	J and S PRESSDEE	The increase should be between the two options, bearing in mind that as inflation decreases some families are still struggling with their costs.
LTP24_3283	Guy Francis Robinson	An interim % rates increase, that will cover the "bare minimum", continued support for NEST, and some investment into the rather vaguely put "important mahi" and "many issues and opportunities", as mentioned above.
[No response]		
LTP24_64	Tony Hayward Hayward Family Trust	Stop wasting money on "Treaty Obligations " As central government has said there are no obligations.
LTP24_678	Amanda Roberts	In theory, I support the alternative option. However, I understand that in some circumstances, more than the minimum is required. I would support a figure between minimum, and proposed.
LTP24_559	Lynda Cate	Can not believe that rates here are average \$700per annum. If no services offered do not charge rates at all. It is a fraud anyway. No contract and offers many Northlanders nothing.
LTP24_1192	Lesley McNab	Why is there such a big difference between option 1 and option 2? \$30-\$35 would be a more realistic figure (and then we would also keep the emergency service \$12 going)
LTP24_1238	M Vegar	Dear NRC, I'm writing to express my dismay at the above [Proposed 18 percent increase in NRC Rates]. You no doubt consider that your services are worth what the ratepayer is increasingly being demanded upon to pay for. I disagree. You have a burgeoning beurocracy which is fully engaged in promulgating climate change initiatives which are costly and, in my opinion, serve to do little if anything at all to mitigate the climate disaster that you are warning us all about. The "settled science" on this matter is nothing more than a political publicity stunt acted out on a local level by a fraudulent UN globalist agenda. You are supposed to serve us, not dictate to us and charge unaffordable fees in doing so. I strongly suggest that you trim down your council expenses. You can begin by cutting the salaries of the CEO and other highly paid staff. Then you can review the enourmous budget that goes to consultants. And while you are at it, dispense with these nonsensical climate mitigation initiatives. I'd much sooner see my money used to clean up our polluted rivers, lakes and coastlines. It's for your own survival that I make these suggestions. Many ratepayers have already had enough of this millstone around their necks and are withholding payment of their rates. I imagine that many more will follow in the wake of such an absurd rate hike. No rates will mean no income for NRC. Change is coming. What do you want that to look like? Yours sincerely Fed up ratepayer.
LTP24_1501	Hannah Prout Whangārei academy of gymnastics	I don't know how we can afford to pay such a huge increase when the battle for police wages hasn't even hit 4%. Are we supposed to magic the money? It's making it impossible to survive - government needs to sort out the constant increase in minimum wage which just increases the circle of increases.
LTP24_1644	Cherie McGregor	Rates are essential for the functioning of our community. A rates increase seems fair, if spent wisely - on essential emergency services, roading and other infrastructure that is essential like water/waste water

LTP24_1230	Rachael Walkinshaw	Sick of paying rates for Dargaville when get sweet f all benefit in the community for them. Money gets sucked up in admin or diverted to other areas. Dargaville gets treated like the poor relative, it's an awesome wee town and deserves better than it's getting.
LTP24_2312	Peter Gordge	You cant continue to fleece rate payers with increases more than the CPI, we are all on limited income, most can only get and increase rarely and then limited to CPI. Councils have to live within the means. Northland is not a wealthy area it is vast as we know but it does not give council free range to fleece the public to suit a few who sit behind a desk and dream beyond its means.
LTP24_2680	Rosemary Rowan Lister	First, think very carefully and re-asses all decisions with a fine tooth comb first. Rates should not prevent food going on the table or a house roof over the head. Perhaps even a less beautiful Consultation Document book on less beautiful paper could be a start.
LTP24_2798	Adrian and Viv Lamb	We also oppose the 17.2 % rate rise. This is an extremely high rise which is unattainable for the majority of Northlanders. We are in a recession. There is a high poverty rate in Northland, and we are disadvantaged in many areas ie health. We do not agree to this rate rise. Yes services are needed to grow our community, but that is too excessive, and not attainable as said earlier. More people will have mortgagee sales, more businesses will close re reduced spending (as shown in the Northern Advocate), the list goes on. We are already disadvantaged with the Brynderwyn's closure from February to May, in fuel costs which are passed on to the consumer and less tourists. Our petrol prices are much higher than Hamilton, Rotorua and many other cities. (Even though we are half an hour drive from Marsden Point!). We also pay for toll roads unlike the Auckland-Hamilton expressway. This is just some of the spending affecting Northlanders on top of rates to take consideration of.
LTP24_3026	Anthony Ward	Objection to rates increase and funding for the Long Term Plan (LTP). [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3018	Jan Francis	Kia ora koutou, Please do not put everything down to money and affordability now. If we do the bare minimum now we will end up in a worse position than we are now, where investment has been little and we are reaping the costs. Not funding the work needed now will only result in higher costs in the future and future generations will have to fund our neglect.
LTP24_2922	Brenda Smith	Rates should be increased to a level that you are able to maintain existing work as well as respond to growth in the community and the resulting increase in costs to keep pace with demand
LTP24_3197	Natasha Copeland	Rates keep going up like everything but I don't feel like I am gaining anything
LTP24_3290	S Murray, SE Murray, M Murray, T Lerew, M Grant	Objection to rates increase and funding for the Long Term Plan (LTP). [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]

LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	In respect of the two options presented, on being the Council's preferred option of 11.05 percent increase in rates and the second option being the bare minimum approach of a 2.9 percent increase in rates, Federated Farmers is unable to support the preferred option. Inflation and rising fuel and food prices are causing financial strain for families, businesses, and especially farmers. Now is the time for prudent spending and essential services, rather than expanding staff and resources. Federated Farmers supports the idea of reviewing existing programs to reprioritize work and potentially halt non-core business activities to mitigate rate increases during high inflation. However, they express concern about the Council's proposed option, which would result in an 11.05% rate increase. Federated Farmers opposes removing funding for emergency services and suggests that the Council reevaluate essential works and restore funding for emergency services to protect ratepayers in remote areas [staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3322	Alan Agnew	I do not agree to the proposed rates increase of 17.2% from the Councils for the next year. This would be too much of a burden to ratepayers, especially in a recession, I submit that I do not agree with your proposed substantial rates increase. Many residents are struggling with living costs already, and a major increase such as this would be brutal. It will also effectively push rents up, as well as costs of businesses and therefore costs to the public. Other Councils are reducing their costs, NRC should be too, especially with regard to optional extras such as business developments, to reduce the burden on ratepayers. A 'recession' is a shocking time to increase costs to ratepayers, or for Councils to make extra developments or investments a priority.
LTP24_3330	Ron Ford Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association	Submission raises general concern about the proposed increase, particularly when combined with WDC's proposed 17.2%; submission acknowledges that increases are inevitable, and urges an ongoing commitment to ensuring value for money, and in particular, good collaboration and co-ordination with other councils to avoid duplication and realise efficiencies. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	Overarching comment: 6. Currently there are a range of significant issues impacting on our communities and with the cost-of-living crisis we are well aware of the financial pressures facing our iwi, hapū and Māori landowners. In lieu of this Te Kahu o Taonui is expecting NRC to be fiscally prudent to minimise these financial impacts.
LTP24_3288	David and Kay Baldwin	Objection to rates increase and funding for the Long Term Plan (LTP). [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3378	Sabina Egertz-Murray Bream Bay Collective	Objection to rates increase and funding for the Long Term Plan (LTP). [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3320	Zoe Caroline Bowden Tawapou Conservation Trust	See above comments. Support higher rates where needed to facilitate important conservation and biodiversity projects.
LTP24_2787	Daniel Leef	What on earth do you mean by "foster relationships". For what part of an 11.05% rates increases is needed to foster relationships? I will only in good faith vote for the 11.05% increase because there are some vital actions and plans that I want this council to maintain. For example the Rescue Helicopter, FIX the roads!
LTP24_2796	Martina Tschirky	Overall rates increase: Times are tough but a \$58 increase over 52 weeks does not seem much at all This is NOT the time to take the foot of the pedal

LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	We have concerns about the current cost of living and the affordability of high rates increases and the impact this will have across the region. Where there can be savings or efficient use of rates we encourage this. Communities are currently feeling the pressure and any mitigation of further pressures is of utmost importance to Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa [Staff summary, please see attached feedback for full details]
LTP24_3326	Gillian Bruce Maungatapere Village Inc	There are areas where we think we need to invest sufficiently to address the issues - as indicated.
LTP24_3340	Kelly Stratford	[Tick on the text for our proposed option] Note it is in addition to the district council increases.
LTP24_3285	Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)	See attached the LTP submission from Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)
LTP24_3349	David Alexander Lourie	Affordability - fund the high-priority Support the higher budget option.

Any other comments

Option	Count	Percentage
Response provided	121	5.32%
[No response]	2154	-
Total feedback forms received	2275	100%

- 60 people responded to this question by leaving a valid comment.

Submitters noted concerns about increasing rates and the financial burden on ratepayers, suggesting that policies should be updated within existing budgets and without adding bureaucracy. There were also calls for more public consultation on policy amendments, with a focus on ensuring policies are relevant to unique communities. The topic of Te Tiriti partnerships with Māori elicited varied responses; some submitters supported enhancing these relationships, while others argued against race-based policies or any changes that could lead to division. There were recommendations for reviewing the rating process to make it fairer and also general support for policies and the changes proposed.

The table below has been divided into subcategories of topics raised.

ID	Name/Organisation	Comments
District Council Matters – grouped feedback		
LTP24_455	Cathie Draper	Greetings I believe nrc needs to combine with wdc to ensure our environment is being cared for by building new waste water treatment plants throughout northland. Pretty certain these waste water treatment plants are all near the sea. They are for Ruakaka and Waipu and a strong possibility why algae bloom is happening on the coastlines. The population growth calls for this. All waste water treatment plants should use wetlands to create cleaner environment. Not seeping through sand into the sea. No point in flood prevention if our waste waters are flooding because capacity is compromised. Future proofing Cathie Draper
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	FNDC's Waste Management Policy needs to be revisited. With FNDC only carrying out littler control in 'selected parks', and not near road sides, or footpaths. Large areas of our community are being blatantly neglected and polluted with waste. How can you fund the collection of 'illegal dumping' but not the daily litter being left on our streets, clogging our storm water drains and congregating in our fields, parks and playgrounds where our children play? Why should I as a rate payer have to do a weekly litter collection and place this rubbish in my Waste Management bin whilst I continue to pay my rates? Other Councils fund this, why is FNDC failing us on this?
LTP24_902	Kylie Travers	Fund emergency services. Put fluoride in the water so everyone's teeth stop falling out. Less money wasted on sports which is just recreation for the few, not important.
LTP24_1211	Robyn Drake	Dog rego should be a cheaper. My dog never leaves the property but yet pay \$100 a year to register her. That's \$1000.00 over a 10 year period. What do I get for this money? Paying for all the irresponsible dog owners in town.
LTP24_1568	Doug and Vonnie France	With regard to sewage and water rates. User pays only, those with existing sewage systems (which costs us to empty / clean) and those who collect their own water Should not have to pay sewage and water rates. Also a head up to the mayor for standing up to Simeon Brown, on crossings, cycle ways etc, well done

LTP24_1840	Adam Mansbridge	Stop dicking around with artistic non essential shit like hunder twatter just because a few well off elderly people think its a good idea, and serve the people of the region who pay the rates and your wages back to an acceptable standard 1st. You know the things we actually expect out of all that money handed over, because paying nearly 3k a year to be on tank water, bio septic and have the shittiest metal road (think graded once in the last 12 months) that if i crash on i have no support due to cutting of emergency service funding backed up with a recycling pickup that turns away a bottle because it has a lid on it, is a pretty bitter pill to swallow
LTP24_2633	Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	Submission makes general comments on roading: - procurement of local contractors for roading repairs and tree risks. - Northern roading alliance - unsealed roads. Specific roads/examples provided. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_2684	Craig McKernan	Would have been great to have included a strategy to eliminate rubbish and litter from streams, roadsides etc.
LTP24_2818	Jonny Wilkinson Tiaho Trust in Consultation with Disabled people	Improvement of safety and inclusiveness for Hatea Walkway Reserve and Central Park: To address inclusiveness of accessibility for elderly and young who wander or run when taken out. Proposal is to allocate an area of Hakea Walkway to be fenced, and provide a basketball hoop with concrete pad to allow for young people to have a safe space to expend energy, particularly Takiwatanga children who may be prone to taking off, but whose families and caregivers realise the importance of fresh air and exercise in a safe environment. The exercise element complements the outdoor gym equipment that is already in place in the area. Install fending around Central Park as it has a large grassed area, accessible toilets, parking and a playground. These initiatives would improve the lived experience of people with disabilities including autism, challenging behaviours, and spatial confusion.
LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	Please purchase the Kauri farm north of Whangārei Heads as our fist regional park and possibly an education centre for climate change. And please support Sustainable Kaipara in the absence of KDC support.
LTP24_3035	Sam Newton New Zealand Recreation Association t/a Recreation Aotearoa	The submission supports investment in active recreation facilities and services. This includes playgrounds, green spaces, and active transport infrastructure. The submission emphasizes the importance of accessibility for people with disabilities. It encourages ongoing collaboration with the disability community during project development and maintenance. The submission urges the council to prioritize green spaces within Northland. These spaces provide health benefits, stormwater management, and climate resilience. The submission suggests incorporating Te Whai Oranga (the pursuit of well-being) as a Māori approach to recreation. It highlights the interconnectedness of well-being, community, and the environment. The submission cautions against deferred maintenance, cost escalation, and rapid changes in demographics. It recommends activating recreational assets to maximize their impact. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]

LTP24_3038	Patti Poa Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand Inc.	<p>It is essential that disabled people can have input into the decision-making processes of projects that impact on our health and wellbeing. Recommendation: that disabled people can have input into the decision making processes that impact on our health and wellbeing. DPA asks that all council decision-making bodies consider the needs of disabled people and that engagement processes consult with disabled people and their representative organisations. Partnership of Māori disabled in the space of mana whenua and kaitiakitanga is key as Northland is the birthplace of our nation where Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed. Recommendation 11: all council decision-making bodies be required to consider the needs of disabled and Māori disabled people and that engagement processes consult with disabled people and their representative organisations. Recommendation 10: that NRC improve the safety and inclusiveness for Hatea Walkway Reserve and Central Park and address accessibility for older people, disabled people and children. [Staff summary; please see original submission]</p>
LTP24_3039	Mary-Anne Celeste Poa	<p>Improvement of safety and inclusiveness for Hātea Walkway Reserve and Central Park: To address inclusiveness of accessibility for elderly and young who wander or run when taken out. Proposal is to allocate an area of Hātea Walkway to be fenced, and provide a basketball hoop with concrete pad to allow for young people to have a safe space to expend energy, particularly neurodiverse children who may be prone to taking off, but whose families and caregivers realise the importance of fresh air and exercise in a safe environment. The exercise element complements the outdoor gym equipment that is already in place in the area. Install fencing around Central Park as it has a large grassed area, accessible toilets, parking and a playground. These initiatives would improve the lived experience of people with disabilities including autism, challenging behaviours, and spatial confusion.</p>
LTP24_3049	Tessa Mackenzie	<p>There are currently a few plug in points for Electric Cars, which often provide a source of frustration when they are not working or there is a queue. Work in conjunction with Electric car suppliers to meet the demand for parking charge spots. There are currently no publicly accessible 240V accessible charge points for Mobility Scooters. Please look at providing some at strategic points around town to ensure disabled people can use CBD and suburban facilities without worrying about running out of charge. HOUSING. Be more solution focussed around options for multiple small dwellings on multiply owned land. Initiate a pro rata consenting and permitting fees based on size of home and encourage off-grid, regenerative builds with innovative grey water plant filtration and waterless composting toilets. Encourage builds that reduce the carbon footprint with subsidised fees according to the offset they create through their choice of materials, energy and water efficiency. Encourage self-builds through provision of solution focused appropriately skilled compliance officers who appreciate being able to work outside the square rather than trying to force all builds in to the same square when that square is not fit for purpose to support affordable solutions to a housing affordability crisis.</p>

LTP24_3322	Alan Agnew	I am submitting as an individual ratepayer, and would like to speak to my Submission. I would like to see the Council build a three story building to accommodate the disabled and elderly together with an indoor sporting facility. A car parking building next to it would enable all weather access to the services and facility. Indoor Bowlers have been trying to get a shared Indoor Bowling Hall for years, nearly succeeding between 2010 and 2012, but that was ruled out. I would also like to address subjects such as the proposed Ruatangata airport replacing the Onerahi Whangarei Airport. I have copies of the fog days here to show with regard to the unsuitability of the site. I would also briefly address some issues of the bad side of daylight savings. May I have 15 minutes please to address these concerns while speaking to my submission [Staff note: please see attached feedback for further details]
Kauri Mountain land purchase – grouped feedback		
LTP24_45	Wendy Bown	Fund a regional park at Kauri Mountain. Most important look after, protect any existing mature native forest. Above all else.
LTP24_2869	Peter Bruce-iri Climate Action Tai Tokerau (Climate Change Tai Tokerau Northland Trust)	Please purchase the Kauri farm north of Whangārei Heads as our fist regional park and possibly an education centre for climate change. And please support Sustainable Kaipara in the absence of KDC support.
Hundertwasser and Oruku – grouped feedback		
LTP24_1807	Marcelle Wilson	The Hundertwasser building was a beautiful idea, but it has cost way too much and is now in trouble, and Councils should NOT be bailing this out as I believe has been done already at the cost of the rate payers. This money is much better spent on keeping emergency services going - because that can determine life or death for the people of this town which is what we pay our rates for.
LTP24_1840	Adam Mansbridge	Stop dicking around with artistic non essential shit like hunder twatter just because a few well off elderly people think its a good idea, and serve the people of the region who pay the rates and your wages back to an acceptable standard 1st. You know the things we actually expect out of all that money handed over, because paying nearly 3k a year to be on tank water, bio septic and have the shittiest metal road (think graded once in the last 12 months) that if i crash on i have no support due to cutting of emergency service funding backed up with a recycling pickup that turns away a bottle because it has a lid on it, is a pretty bitter pill to swallow
LTP24_2476	Hokianga Resident	Dont fund the proposed Oruku landing project...fund our environment and people in need.
LTP24_2506	Christopher Willemen	No to any future funding for the hunterwaser don't throw good money after bad it'll work out and pay it's own way
LTP24_3298	Michelle	To whom it may concern I totally oppose the granting of \$6million to the Oruku Landing centre. Time and again, the community has opposed this development and yet councils are still pushing it. There is a perfectly good building already that could be modified, if needed, to become a great events centre - which is what it was partially built for - Forum North. Why develop some thing that 46% of your submissions disagreed with? And more have disagreed before. If you have \$6million to put towards something, put it towards our emergency services. Something that will save lives and decrease injury, death and suffering. This is a huge part of communities and community resilience. I, personally, will be incredibly disappointed if my rates money goes towards an unneeded and unnecessary building. Keep the visitors in the town centre which, in turn, may help the businesses that need support.

LTP24_3327	Jill Mutch	SUBMISSION RE: 2) \$6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ORUKU LANDING. This Must Not Be Done. Of great concern is the decision to apportion \$6million to Oruku Landing, a private development and convention centre, for fit-out. How does that serve Northlanders?
Twin Coast Cycle Trail and Northland Regional Trails Project 2024 – grouped feedback		
LTP24_1922	Tracy Dalton Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust	That the NRC continues to support the development and funding for the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail, which is recognised as a regionally significant piece of infrastructure creating economic development, improving regional tourism and community well-being with the provision of free access to the natural environment.
LTP24_2792	Amanda Bennett Northland Regional Trails Project 2024	LTP Submission from Northland Regional Trails 2024 Kia ora koutou, Please find attached a submission to the draft NRC Long Term Plan 2024-2027 on behalf of the Northland Regional Trails Project 2024. We believe the implementation of this 2024 Project and 2018 NRC Strategy will result in more people visiting Northland Taitokerau - more people moving to our region and therefore more residents and rate payers to disburse costs. In time this will help to counteract the current fiscal situation councils are facing and the current increases in rates that residents are facing. As a region we have an incredible opportunity to focus on collectively delivering the Strategy and we need support from NRC to do that. Ngā mihi Amanda This submission has 2 key outcomes: 1. Co - fund the Project Lead role for the next 3 years alongside other Councils supporting the regional strategy/2024 Project. 2. Support the implementation of walking & cycling trails across the Northland Taitokerau Region [Staff summary, please see attached submission for full details]
LTP24_3289	Annika	Walking & Cycling submission Support of the Northland Regional Trails Project and the development of Walking and Cycling Trails/Shared Paths in Northland Taitokerau In 2018 the Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy was created. Due to staffing and lack of funding this strategy has not achieved the outcomes and very little collaboration has occurred across the region. The 2024 Northland Regional Trails Project has been initiated by 5 Community People with the desire to see the outcomes agreed in the 2018 Strategy becoming a reality. This group of people approached prospective funders and were successful in appointing a Project Lead - however to continue the Project needs Council support. This submission is asking you as our District/Regional Council to: - Co-fund the role of Regional Project Lead so the Project can continue. - Support the development of trails in the Northland Region including Paper Roads, Forestry Blocks and Road Reserves - Provide funding in this LTP to support council led and community led projects. - Support funding applications to the Central Government to assist in construction of trails. The Northland Regional Trails Project has 3 priority outcomes: 1. Enhance and extend Northland's only Great Ride - Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai to both East and West Coasts Northland 2. Link Bream Bay to Mangawhai, The East Coast Trail and Shared Paths 3. Complete Kaihu Valley Trail Stage 2 and connect with The Northland Great Ride (1) This submission is asking you as our District or Regional Council to support these priorities. Based on the experience of other regions, walking and cycling should be seen as a product in Northland Taitokerau that can deliver tremendous regional opportunities including community well-being improvements and significant economic benefits. The Northland Taitokerau community needs support from our Councils and Central Govt to help make this happen.

LTP24_3291	Sue Curtis	<p>Support of the Northland Regional Trails Project and the development of Walking and Cycling Trails/Shared Paths in Northland Taitokerau In 2018 the Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy was created. Due to staffing and lack of funding this strategy has not achieved the outcomes and very little collaboration has occurred across the region. The 2024 Northland Regional Trails Project has been initiated by 5 Community People with the desire to see the outcomes agreed in the 2018 Strategy becoming a reality. This group of people approached prospective funders and were successful in appointing a Project Lead - however to continue the Project needs Council support. This submission is asking you as our District/Regional Council to: - Co-fund the role of Regional Project Lead so the Project can continue. - Support the development of trails in the Northland Region including Paper Roads, Forestry Blocks and Road Reserves - Provide funding in this LTP to support council led and community led projects. - Support funding applications to the Central Government to assist in construction of trails. The Northland Regional Trails Project has 3 priority outcomes: 1. Enhance and extend Northland's only Great Ride - Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai to both East and West Coasts Northland 2. Link Bream Bay to Mangawhai, The East Coast Trail and Shared Paths 3. Complete Kaihu Valley Trail Stage 2 and connect with The Northland Great Ride (1) This submission is asking you as our District or Regional Council to support these priorities. Based on the experience of other regions, walking and cycling should be seen as a product in Northland Taitokerau that can deliver tremendous regional opportunities including community well-being improvements and significant economic benefits. The Northland Taitokerau community needs support from our Councils and Central Govt to help make this happen.</p>
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Use of chemicals – grouped feedback		
LTP24_2784	Asha Andersen Flora Fauna of Aotearoa	Flora and Fauna of Aotearoa Incorporated Society Feedback for Long Term Plan Dear Northland Regional Council, (Staff, Councillors) Last week we published the Submissions Catalogue, a document of

		<p>submissions, testimonies, interviews and other video and photographic evidence of harm that was shared with the citizen-led People's Inquiry into the impacts and effects of toxic chemicals and poisons. Each submission makes for sobering reading. Many include scientific reports and studies, as well as expert and eyewitness testimonies, but many are the heartbreaking personal stories of harm and chronic illness from chemical exposure. Many of the submissions come from people living in Northland (a simple search for Northland will show which ones). It's an indictment on the unintended consequences of a wide range of chemical poisons including pesticides, herbicides, vertebrate toxins and more, that are affecting our health and are going unacknowledged. We are passing on this information to the NRC and other relevant organisations so that you can be informed, and begin to address the lack of adequate policy protecting the public, the environment and wildlife from such harms of exposure. Under the RMA, Regional Councils are charged with the integrated management of the natural and physical resources of a region, including making effective regional policy and plans. This includes, air, water and land pollution, biodiversity, monitoring and identifying contaminated land etc. Responsibilities also include creating sustainable regional well-being. On the NRC's website, it is stated: "As your regional council, we're working with you to create a healthy environment, a strong economy and resilient communities." So, we are asking you to walk the talk, and make this issue a priority for discussion and action in the Long Term Plan. In particular, there's a huge opportunity to include sustainable, poison free biodiversity management as a focus for the future benefit of our region. We know the information provided within these submissions (which are heavily weighted with people harmed in conservation, especially from aerial 1080 poison) gives ample reason to reassess the current status quo in regards to chemical poisons and to look for truly sustainable, healthy approaches. We also believe that recognition of and adequate protections for the public from "chemical trespass" urgently needs to be a topic of discussion for the NRC's Long Term Plan. Please reply to let us know that you have received and read this email. It will understandably take some time for staff and councillors to look through the submissions material presented and to consider how to deal with this difficult information. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss any of this information. For now here are some quotes, one from former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Helen Hughes and some from the submissions below. "The inability to prevent the imposition of unwanted pesticides may affect mental if not physical health, certification for organic growers, and the ability of tangata whenua to exercise kaitiakitanga. " - Helen Hughes, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (1987-1996) Kind Regards, Asha Andersen On behalf of Flora and Fauna of Aotearoa Inc. Society & The People's Inquiry Committee</p>
LTP24_2930	Asha Andersen Flora and Fauna Inc. Society	Please see the information provided in the People's Inquiry submissions catalog regarding the harms from chemical exposure. Policy, monitoring and enforcement of chemical trespass as well as chain poisons used in biodiversity conservation work need immediate reassessment. Non toxic methods supported by Hapu and communities need support.
Rate setting – grouped feedback		
LTP24_2560	G. Benne	Start calculating rates over capital value instead of land value, so the strongest shoulders will carry the most weight! All those owners of multi-million dollar baches & houses should pay their fair share
LTP24_3299	Jo-Anne Cook-Munro Federated Farmers of New Zealand	UAGC Submission notes that council does not set a uniformed annual general rate (UAGC) and that it has the ability to collect up to 30 percent of total rate revenue in this manner (excluding charges for water and wastewater). The use of the UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district or region. Its effect

		will assist in rectifying the impact of property value rates on higher value properties, while ensuring lower value properties pay a little more. Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30 percent provided for the UAGC under s21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. It is seen to be a fairer and more equitable way of addressing rates rather than the use of general rates. Submitter recommends that Council sets a UAGC as close to thirty percent as possible to ensure that the collection of rates revenue occurs in a fair and equitable manner. Community outcomes Federated Farmers questions the community outcome related to a sustainable, innovative, and equitable economy. They believe that the proposed rating options disproportionately impact the rural sector. Submits that Council would be better to focus on a lesser number of community outcomes and achieve these well rather than spread funding across more outcomes with less positive results. [staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP consultation process – grouped feedback		
LTP24_97	Oliver Krollmann	Thank you for putting together a well-written and easy-to-understand LTP consultation document.
LTP24_1307	Kylie Horsfall	This survey is incredibly hard to understand. It should be rewritten in plain language so that everyone can understand it. I have a university degree, but this is so terribly written that I didn't have much clue what I was voting for each time.
LTP24_1616	Derek Slatter	The format of this survey and process is useful and to be applauded, assuming it is acted upon.
LTP24_1847	Shani Ludlow	Spread more awareness of these surveying by emailing them to rate payers and businesses to ensure you get sufficient feedback. Not many people would be inclined to search for it themselves or have no acknowledge of this happening. I stumbled upon it accidentally but its important for people to have their say in their region/district and the future of their towns. Talk to hapū and Iwi leader to get their feedback as well as farmers and established agricultural businesses as they bring a weather of knowledge and money into the community. Give them a chance and they will help back you guys in decisions for our communities.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Please use the English language only so everyone can understand your wording. [submitter has circled all Māori terms used on the submission form].
LTP24_2811	Fiona king Elbury Holdings Ltd	It was very disappointing to have the only information sessions in the far north at Marae on a Saturday morning. This is a sports morning for all kids who play sport and families to attend. Please change this in the future.
LTP24_3187	Jillian Secker	We appreciate the important mahi you do, and thank you for the helpful information to inform our submissions.
LTP24_3192	Stephen Hansen	It is hard to plough through your documents, with so many words that mean nothing to me, and many others.

LTP24_3294	Alyx Pivac Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	Submission makes other comments including: - Supporting the continuation of the Māori Wards - Referencing IEMP and noting that little to no prior consultation occurred and Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa (submitters) were treated equal with community members, a direct breach of obligations under Te Tiriti. - The process timeframe is too tight, one month to have submissions in is not long enough when there are many hapū and community groups living within the rohe. - notes the LTP is light on detail about monitoring and enforcement of policies, particularly concerning the marine and coastal environments of the Far North district. As kaitiaki of Whangaroa submitters are disappointed at the absence of any commitment to enhance the protection and restoration of our marine environments - the Whangaroa Harbour and coastal areas. - Submission includes detailed table of comments on NRCs proposed Levels of service and KPIs. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
Diversity and equity – grouped feedback		
LTP24_3035	Sam Newton New Zealand Recreation Association t/a Recreation Aotearoa	The submission supports investment in active recreation facilities and services. This includes playgrounds, green spaces, and active transport infrastructure. The submission emphasizes the importance of accessibility for people with disabilities. It encourages ongoing collaboration with the disability community during project development and maintenance. The submission urges the council to prioritize green spaces within Northland. These spaces provide health benefits, stormwater management, and climate resilience. The submission suggests incorporating Te Whai Oranga (the pursuit of well-being) as a Māori approach to recreation. It highlights the interconnectedness of well-being, community, and the environment. The submission cautions against deferred maintenance, cost escalation, and rapid changes in demographics. It recommends activating recreational assets to maximize their impact. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3334	Megan Howson National Public Health Service – Northern Region	NPHS notes the complex decisions before NRC regarding investment in several areas that are core to upholding public health and community wellbeing. These include environmental, biosecurity and biodiversity management, climate resilience, public transport, sporting facilities and emergency services. NPHS recommends that the decided mix of investments be distributed with equity as the leading priority. Submission notes that promoting equity is crucial for local government and public health. An equity lens recognizes that different people require different approaches and resources to achieve equitable health outcomes. Key health equity issues in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland include Māori health inequity, socioeconomic deprivation, rural access barriers, and poor oral health outcomes. Data collection and transparency are essential for monitoring progress and addressing inequities. NPHS recommends: - an equity-focused accountability framework be adopted to monitor and measure progress, including best-practice use of data. - investment in internal systems for managing and promoting good quality engagement with diverse communities to ensure that the voices of Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people, rangatahi/youth, refugees, new migrants, the LGBTQIA+ community, and other diverse communities are heard and reflected in its decision-making [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_3383	Glen McMillan Disability Advisory Group New Zealand	I run several disability rights organisations I would like to see more effort being made in connecting with the disabled community. I am able to provide guidance unhindered by organisational competitiveness I did a 12 month contract with CCS Disability Action as the Northland Disability leadership intern which exposed the inherent weakness organisations have in connecting with the community I provide training manuals for professionals
Individual feedback		
LTP24_946	Juanita Bassett	As you can tell I dont feel very good about our council! Do more for your community where it counts!

LTP24_961	Sharee Carr	More transparency as to where our rates are being spent. As they just keep going up with out much to show for it in our local infrastructure.
LTP24_1930	Piet Nieuwland	Staff of NRC are great
LTP24_2177	Kevin Mackenzie	sort out access to onerahi forrest and do not sell it to make profit.(Phil to provide comment)
LTP24_2369	William BERRY	We are rate payers in Kaipara and Whangarei District so expect to be heard.
LTP24_2401	Te Uri Clarke	Demand a higher standard of work and maintenance of all the sub contractors or get new contractors. Don't renew contracts for work that does not get done well.
LTP24_2662	Shirley Peterson	Address the leadership of your councillors. Recent behavior is awful. Your staff are generally knowledgeable and effective. Maximise their capacity.
LTP24_2758	Alex Macmillan	Pine trees! NRC's total lack of action on the devastating effects these are having on our countryside.
LTP24_2808	R Christopher	I have read in the media that there has been an effective takeover among the regional councillors, whereby 5 councillors have formed a voting bloc which basically excludes the other 4 councillors from all decision making & has also excluded them from various roles which they had held before & were highly skilled in. I strongly believe that council should reinstate those councillors to their former roles & move back to a truly democratic voting base which reflects the wishes & needs of all constituents.As a ratepayer I feel that my voice has been lost in council decision making.
LTP24_2832	Sarianna Crook	Think 5 generations ahead. What can we do now that will benefit the people of Northland when our great, great grand baby's are walking.
LTP24_3028	Anna Murphy	Thank you to all staff for doing the best job with the funding they have.
LTP24_3030	Penny Smart Aoroa Farms Trust	Personally, I would shorten the new atement to “Nurture the Environment and the People” (the meaning of nurture being to care for and protect) which to me is a more accurate description of what NRC has done in the past and should be doing into the future Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit I hope that my comments have been helpful NRC has excellent staff and CEO NRC Governance, please unite and work as a team to enable you to better fulfil on your regional leadership roles regarding the protection and care of Te Taitokerau’s environmental, tangata whenua and community mandates and responsibilities (I did attempt to submit using the online option last weekend. When I came to fill in my name however, I was locked out (via some red crosses) from doing so and also could not use the save and review option - hence this emailed word document)
LTP24_3110	Tony Phipps	Water Resilience Fund: continue to provide this fund and suggest increasing it to \$1M/yr. There are still many in Te Taitokerau that do not have access to adequate fresh water (a basic human right and essential to community resilience). The NRC WRF has proven success in cost effectively providing basic water infrastructure to vulnerable water short communities and improving their water resilience.
LTP24_3319	Tania McInnes GBT Ventures Ltd	Submission outlines support for reform of local government, and notes this as an opportunity for Tai Tokerau, particularly in enabling smart, efficient and effective policies. Submission cites increasing costs in local government as a reason for change. Submission encourages political leaders to negotiate a regional deal for alternative local governance [note, submission includes link to an LGNZ article]. Submission includes three proposed actions, being to negotiate a regional deal, focus on food production, and ensure young people are included in mahi. [Staff summary; please see original submission]

Contextual information only		
LTP24_2685	Naumai Marae	<p>Please consider the Kaipara/Wairoa River through all of these new and future initiatives.</p> <p>Naumai marae has 1000 members registered and over 2000+ unregistered with multi levels of education.</p> <p>The area is built on agricultural, horticultural and fishing industry.</p> <p>Official apologies from Anthony Blundell from Kaipara Kumara LTD– has sent his questions to Grace who addressed them. Questions related to Helicopter Emergency services.</p> <p>Naumai Marae are having negative experiences with Kaipara District Council and would like to know what/how Northland Regional Council can support them.</p> <p>People should come first – not govt direction. Departments should feed up to the people. The top should be flipped and listen to those people on the ground. Put money back into communities and seek aspirations from the ground up.</p> <p>We need regional council and if we work together, there will be better outcomes – coming back to grass roots. Councils underestimate the intelligence of their communities. The marae is the ‘university’ and council should come and learn from there.</p> <p>Sale of alcohol act is worded in a very racist manner, working towards updating this with Govt (over a 2yr period).</p> <p>Support for the recycling centre that is going in. But where is it going? NRC has control over a lot of management and Naumai needs their help and support – they cant do it on their own. We need to work together and be involved as much as we can.</p> <p>Sentiment that Ruawai is always missing out and that people in the community are having to fill the gaps.</p> <p>Raised the idea of having a single council worker dedicated to a project that can tie all community in and become the voice back into council.</p>
LTP24_2737	Helen Moodie Whangarei Heads Landcare Forum	<p>We have limited our comments to areas that the WHLF committee feel it is appropriate to comment on. Thanks for the opportunity to make this submission.</p>
LTP24_3323	Jim Sephton Whangarei District Council	<p>Whangarei District Council (WDC) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Northland Regional Council on your Long Term Plan 2024-34. Whangarei District Council is a territorial local authority within the jurisdiction of the Northland Regional Council. We recognise the challenges faced by regional and local authorities in balancing programmes and initiatives in a times of increasing living costs for our communities and inflation.</p>
LTP24_3338	Kiri Sloane - Hobson Te Kahu o Taonui	<p>Preamble: He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni and Te Tiriti o Waitangi were some of the enabling frameworks, outside of Te Ao Māori, that our tupuna envisioned would support the development of our nationhood as Aotearoa/New Zealand. This submission is an ongoing part of that continuum to realise and reassert the aspirations of our tupuna to facilitate intergenerational equity whilst recognising and upholding Te Mana me te Mauri o Te Taiao. 1. This response is made on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui (Te Tai Tokerau Iwi Chairs Forum). 2. Te Kahu o Taonui was established in 2006/07 and is now a collective of Authorities in Te Tai Tokerau namely Ngāti Kuri Trust Board, Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto, Te Iwi o Ngāti Kahu Trust, Kahukuraariki Trust / Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Te Runanga-À-Iwi-Ō Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine Health Trust, Ngātiwai Trust Board, Te Iwi o Te Roroa and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua. 3. The aim of Te Kahu o Taonui is to advance the collective aspirations of Te Tai Tokerau iwi and hapū. 4. Please note that this submission does not usurp the mana of iwi and hapū who wish to provide their feedback directly to the Northland Regional Council (NRC). Te Kahu o Taonui provides the [following] comments on NRCs LTP 2021 - 2031. Please note that they are generic in nature and that we would have liked to provide a more detailed and fuller response but was unable to, due to the conflicting submission dates with the Fast-</p>

		track Approvals Bill, which requires a priority response Summary: 11. Te Kahu o Taonui generally supports NRCs LTP 2021 - 2031. 12. Te Kahu o Taonui supports all mechanisms that reflect Te Tiriti partnership obligations and provisions whilst supporting He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and (existing and future) Treaty Settlement Legislation outcomes.
LTP24_3348	Jennifer Chivers Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities	Kāinga Ora Interests and Scope of Feedback Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities (“Kāinga Ora”) at the address for service sets out below provides the following feedback on the Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 (LTP). 1. Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities was established in 2019 as a statutory entity under the Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities Act 2019 (“KOHC Act”). Under the Crown Entities Act 2004, Kāinga Ora is listed as a Crown entity and is required to give effect to Government policies. 2. In reviewing and providing feedback on policy documents, Kāinga Ora has an interest in how local authorities are supporting integrated urban growth. Kāinga Ora is also the Government’s delivery entity for public housing and urban development. 3. Kāinga Ora manages approximately 2,200 existing homes in the Northland region, housing families (including large numbers of children) and individuals. 9. Kāinga Ora welcomes the opportunity to speak to the submission and be heard at the hearing of the LTP.

Late feedback

Council maintains a policy of accepting feedback after the official closing date where it does not impact on decision-making timeframes, unfairly disrupt the process for other submitters or decision makers, or until it is no longer administratively practical to do so. There were approximately 27 feedback forms received and registered after the consultation deadline of Friday, 19 April, and staff have incorporated these into the process as they arrived. However, from 10am Tuesday, 23 April it was considered no longer administratively practical to receive feedback as it would likely impact on timeframes and unfairly disrupt the process for other submitters.

At the time of creating this report, the following submitters provided feedback after 10am Tuesday, 23 April and at the hearing on 7 May 2024, the council agreed to the recommendation of not receiving these as per council’s submission policy. All of these were received via email, except for one hardcopy letter.

- Celeste Healey (email)
- Te Moana Nui A Kiwa (email)
- Pani Hauraki (email)
- Karen Matich & Cheryl Polwart (email)
- Lesley Coleman & Chris Greive (email)
- Jen Wickline (email)
- Jennifer McNab (hard copy)
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board (email)
- Brian Ross (email)

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