

# Long Term Plan for Northland 2021-2031

## User Fees and Charges 2021/22

### Feedback form

**The closing date for feedback is Friday, 16 April 2021**

#### Giving your feedback

We encourage online feedback to keep costs down and reduce our impact on the environment:  
**[www.nrc.govt.nz/futureplan](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/futureplan)**

Otherwise, complete this form and return it by:

- **Mail:** Freepost 139690, Northland Regional Council, Private Bag 9021, Whangārei Mail Centre, Whangārei 0148
- **Email:** [submissions@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@nrc.govt.nz)
- **Delivery:** to our main office at 36 Water Street, Whangārei; or to any of our regional offices

#### Come and talk to us

We're holding a series of 'Have your say' events around the region from 23-27 March. This is your chance to talk to councillors and staff, and give your feedback in person.

- **Whangārei:** Tues 23 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm 36 Water St (NRC building)
- **Whangārei:** Wed 24 March 9am - 11am 36 Water St (NRC building)
- **Kerikeri:** Thurs 25 March 11am - 1pm Cornerstone, Kerikeri Road
- **Otiria:** Thurs 25 March 4pm - 6pm Otiria rugby club, Kingi Road
- **Waipū:** Fri 26 March 11am - 1pm Surf lifesaving club, Cove Road
- **Dargaville:** Fri 26 March 4pm - 6pm Town Hall, Hokianga Road
- **Kaitaia:** Sat 27 March 11am - 1pm Te Ahu Centre, corner of State Highway One and Matthews Avenue

**NOTE:** If we move beyond COVID-19 Alert Level 1, we'll hold online events instead – check our website for details.

#### Your name and contact details

For your submission to be accepted, please provide your name and at least one other piece of contact information

Full name:

Organisation (if giving feedback on behalf):

Mailing address:

Email:

Phone/Mobile:

#### Important notes

- **Privacy statement:** Please be aware that submissions are part of a public consultation process. All information provided will be made publicly available, including submitters' names and contact details. Please see our Submissions Policy on our website.
- **Consultation Document:** The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Long Term Plan Consultation Document, which can be found on our website.

## 01. Natural environment

The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Long Term Plan Consultation Document, which can be found on our website.

### What is your preferred option for addressing water health?

- Our proposed option:** Do the essentials (implementing Te Mana o te Wai; more resourcing for lake monitoring and water analysis; modelling and mapping groundwater, land use and swimming sites; creating systems to manage the increasing quantities of data we must gather; and contributing to the Far North Te Hiku Water Project)
- Another option:** Do the essentials + some extras (all the above plus investing an extra \$500k/yr in implementing Te Mana o te Wai)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for managing our water catchments?

- Our proposed option:** Do all of this work (fund our share of the Kaipara Moana remediation programme; continue expanding our Flyger Road poplar nursery; do more soil monitoring and mapping; support landowners around upcoming compulsory freshwater farm plans; and increase our Environment Fund to support landowner efforts to protect our waterways)
- Another option:** Do the work and make extra funding available (all the above plus increase funding via our Environment Fund and our contribution to the Kaipara Moana remediation programme to support landowners)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for protecting our biodiversity?

- Our proposed option:** Do the essentials (develop a regional biodiversity strategy and action plan; employ new staff)
- Another option:** Do the essentials + some extras (all the above plus start funding iwi-based kaitiaki rangers to work in their own rohe)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for land-based biosecurity?

**Our proposed option:** Do the essentials (establishing a low-incidence pest plant programme; supporting our community pest-control groups with more resources; investing more in possum control through the Predator Free Taitokerau programme and our other pest work; tackling the issue of feral deer; and contributing new funding to tackle kauri dieback)

**Another option:** Do the essentials + some extras (all the above plus boost funding to develop and maintain more high-value areas, put more resource into growing our community-led pest-control programmes, and begin to establish a pest-free corridor between Mangawhai and the Kaipara Harbour by expanding on our existing work)

**None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for marine-based biosecurity?

**Our proposed option:** Do this work, funded by rates (boost our marine biosecurity work, and fund the full cost of new incursions through rates)

**Another option:** Do this work, partly funded by user charges (boost our marine biosecurity work, but fund new incursion work through an increased charge paid by the owners of moorings, marina berths and ports)

**Another option:** Don't do this work (this would risk years of work on inter-regional marine pest management, and reduce our ability to respond to marine incursions)

**None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

## 02. Community resilience

The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Long Term Plan Consultation Document, which can be found on our website.

### Do you agree with our proposed option to undertake the following flood protection works?

<p><b>Awanui River flood scheme upgrade:</b> Accelerate this project to be completed in three years instead of eight</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	Please comment:
<p><b>Otiria-Moerewa flood mitigation spillway:</b> Construct a spillway that diverts floodwater away from the town</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	Please comment:
<p><b>Kawakawa flood mitigation stopbank:</b> Build a stopbank to deflect floodwater from shops</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	Please comment:
<p><b>Whangārei flood mitigation project:</b> Build a flood wall and earth bund along Tarewa Road</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for upgrading our tsunami warning system?

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Our proposed option:</b> Do this work (replace the current sirens now with verbal communication electronic sirens)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Another option:</b> Don't upgrade the sirens (continue expanding and maintaining the current system – this comes with risks)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None of the above</b> (tell us what you think in the comments box)	Please comment:
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### What is your preferred option for building a new emergency coordination centre?

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Our proposed option:</b> Do this work (build a multi-agency emergency coordination centre for the region, starting in 2022)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Another option:</b> Don't build the centre (this limits our capacity to coordinate during emergency responses)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None of the above</b> (tell us what you think in the comments box)	Please comment:
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### What is your preferred option for climate change resilience?

- Our proposed option:** Do this work (undertake adaptive pathways planning, write and begin implementing a zero-carbon transition plan)
- Another option:** Don't do this work (assist district councils with technical advice on climate change, and don't put extra resources towards reducing our carbon footprint)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for improving water resilience?

- Our proposed option:** Set up and fund the proposed grant scheme (put \$500k/yr into funding and grants to those most in need so they can buy water tanks, guttering and spouting)
- Another option:** Do not support the scheme (only respond on an emergency basis)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for harbour safety and navigation?

- Our proposed option:** Do all this work (replace our harbour boat and ageing beacons, and share the cost of dealing with abandoned boats 35/65 rates/users)
- Another option:** Do the work but don't share the cost of abandoned boats (leave this to be 100% covered by users)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### What is your preferred option for increasing CityLink services?

- Our proposed option:** Increase the frequency of bus services from 2022/23
- Another option:** Maintain bus services at current level
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

### 03. Regional leadership

The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Long Term Plan Consultation Document, which can be found on our website.

#### What is your preferred option for Māori partnerships?

- Our proposed option:** Do this work (implement programmes across council to increase our cultural competency and provide support to iwi/hapū to build their capacity and capability so they can address opportunities and challenges themselves and engage meaningfully with council activities)
- Another option:** Don't do this work (this goes against our values as an organisation representing the people of Northland)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

#### What is your preferred option for supporting work across council?

- Our proposed option:** Do this work (invest in better IT systems; employ more staff; develop a regional disability strategy; meet the growing demand for the EnviroSchools programme; etc)
- Another option:** Continue with the current level of resourcing (this will have serious consequences including potentially losing access to government funding for major projects, being unable to properly serve our communities, and inability to operate due to outdated IT systems)
- None of the above** (tell us what you think in the comments box)

Please comment:

## 04. Other decisions

The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Long Term Plan Consultation Document, which can be found on our website.

### Do you agree with our proposed options on the following matters?

<p><b>Oruku Landing:</b> Contribute \$14M to the internal fit-out of the Oruku Landing conference and events centre</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<p>Please comment:</p>
<p><b>Funding economic development:</b> Change the name of the Regional Infrastructure Rate to the Regional Economic Development Rate and apply it to activities that support economic wellbeing and community infrastructure; close the infrastructure facilities reserve; re-name the community investment fund the economic development reserve</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<p>Please comment:</p>
<p><b>Changes to rates:</b> Combine our land management and freshwater management rates; re-name the civil defence and hazard management rate and expand the purpose of this rate slightly; re-name the regional infrastructure rate as the regional economic development rate</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<p>Please comment:</p>
<p><b>Reviewing financial reserves:</b> Make changes to our Infrastructure Investment Fund Reserve to broaden the purpose and re-name it as the Regional Project Reserve</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<p>Please comment:</p>
<p><b>Updates to policies:</b> Make updates to some of our policies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue and financing policy</li> <li>• Significance and engagement policy</li> <li>• Policy on fostering Māori participating in council processes</li> <li>• Rates collection, remission and postponement policies</li> </ul> <p>(The policies and proposed changes are available on our website)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<p>Please comment:</p>

## 05. Draft User Fees and Charges 2021/22

The questions in this feedback form are designed to be read in conjunction with the Draft User Fees and Charges Statement of Proposal, which can be found on our website.

### New fees proposed

We're proposing to increase the annual navigation safety bylaw fee by \$22.71 (incl GST) per year for:

- individual swing, pile and jetty moorings;
- swing and pile moorings owned by one person or organisation, comprising 10 to 24 moorings.

Please comment:

### Amendments and changes proposed to fees, charges and policy

We are proposing amendments as follows:

- changing the amount of fee time from 30mins to one hour for providing information under the RMA
- minor amendments to account for changes to the RMA and Regional Plan rules
- adding a staff charge rate category for 'Group Manager/Harbour master'
- clarification around requests to change a consent holder name
- updates to annual charges for moorings and marina berths
- updating the fees structure for annual charges for coastal structures
- increasing pilotage and shipping navigation safety services fees by 5%.

Please comment:

For more information on any of the questions above, please see our Consultation Document and other useful documents: [www.nrc.govt.nz/futureplan](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/futureplan)

### Other comments

If you have any further feedback for our Long Term Plan or User Fees and Charges, please comment here:

If you have more to say, feel free to attach more pages to this feedback form.