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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Please do something about boy racers doing burnouts at marriner street Highbury. They are driving like hell at night and waking up everybody at night. I'm totally against the increase of rates if I have to go through rough nights in my suburb in Highbury.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Dave Finegan

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

Outrageous you need to balance out the ridiculous increase in property valuations impact on the distribution of rates. I'm looking at an increase of over 24% . The property value increase hasn't made any change to my financial position as no intention to sell. Presumably there will be rate reductions for some?

What changes would you make?

Limit the actual increase to anyone's rates to a fixed % Perhaps 10% Even that is high when have had no increase in wages over recent years

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Tracy Kersel

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I'm disappointed to see a proposed rates increase that outstrips inflation by over 40%. Palmerston North has a wide range of household income but I would suggest the average rate payer is already struggling with rising living costs. Matching a rates increase to prevailing inflation would be more palatable for rate-payers and still provide a reasonable increase in revenue. I would like to see less investment in "making Palmy pretty" and more in community safety (CCTV cameras that work and are monitored would apparently have been useful in several prominent anti-social behaviour incidents and assaults in the central city); investment in things like the Memorial Park playground have a huge impact on families and community, painting the street by the Square does not. I'm also interested to note that there is capital expenditure earmarked for rubbish and recycling and water, but those fixed costs are decreasing? This seems counter intuitive.

What changes would you make?

See above. Additionally, in terms of revenue, again it seems Council is counting on income from penalties like parking fines. There were so many great suggestions from the public when parking rates and times were consulted on. Thankfully nothing changed, as opposed to the Council proposal, but parking in the city remains ridiculously expensive. I'd like to see parking with 30min free and then rates - if Council's stated aim of charging for parking is truly to encourage turnover in parks, rather than revenue, then a free period would achieve this and encourage shoppers back to the city.

Do you have any other feedback?

Rather than trialling free rubbish bags, why doesn't council just bite the bullet and issue wheelie bins to all residential properties for rubbish? Bags are messy, and in a city this windy make no sense.

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Name
Clare Corboy

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think its disgusting my proposed rates hike is nearly an extra \$1000 per year. The councils spending is quite frankly gross. People are living tough! We are barely making ends meet and we are a high income family. Cut costs. Get rid of the frilly shit and focus on the basics

What changes would you make?

Focus on the basics. Do not raise rates!

Do you have any other feedback?

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DAVID J WHITE

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

Not happy with the proposed increase. Like wage and salary earners you need to hi back and fit your spending to the income you had not simply increase the income. We cannot do the same

What changes would you make?

No increase in the total rate take

Do you have any other feedback?

Stop revisiting things the public have said they do not want. Fir example another review of parks and reserve use. Less than 10 years ago the message was clear leave the parks alone yet here you go again wasting time and money review agsin. Same for the Huia st reserve, the message was clear leave it alone yet council are again wasting money trying to re zone it again.

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Wayne Whittingham

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
The proposed 8.3% increase to rates is far too high during this financial crisis. PNCC needs to display financial constraint during this period until the strain on ratepayers is more favourable.

What changes would you make?
Non-essential projects need for 2022-23 need to be placed on hold, and reviewed during the next budget period.

Do you have any other feedback?
The general public tends to voice their opinions on social media, as they don't know other ways of voicing their opinion. Only people who are truly motivated by a topic will go out of their way to attend meetings face to face or by other means; which often provides a skewed view from the public. PNCC needs to integrate social media feedback and responses better into their decision making processes.

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I've just calculated my rates increase, a 21% increase for my property in Awapuni! I see that some residential ratepayers have a proposed 30% increase to their residential properties. This is completely unacceptable. I have contacted the ombudsman for further advice, this does not seem like something that is constitutional, let alone acceptable by a public department when financial restraint has been directed to occur

What changes would you make?

Significant jumps in rates cannot be allowed, particularly during a financial crisis. It is acknowledged that PNCC needs an operational budget that can combat inflation, but this needs to be done with the interest of ratepayers (and renters) in mind. That rates increase should be capped at your proposed AVERAGE increase (8.3%) and phased in over time (once the cost of living crisis has eased).

Do you have any other feedback?

Voting at the next election will be very interesting, many of us will make sure that the voters know who inacted and supported decisions within Palmerston North (both good and bad).

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Rebecca bremner

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That the increase is massive in one go, you don't fix things that need fixing. Our road as it is a dead end hasn't been fixed so pot holes everywhere, as soon as it rains it floods, the street grass dosnt get looked after. I work in town, having the parking raised for a day's work plus our mortgage going up with interest rates, people just can't afford to live

What changes would you make?

Smaller increase

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Name
Deborah mackintosh

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

With a young family, our rates are increasing by over \$1000 dollars, close over 25 percent up on last year. 8 percent we could cope with but \$1000 will mean kids miss out on outside school activities, which in turn takes money away from our local community.

What changes would you make?

A flat 8 percent, instead of increased valuations and adding 8 percent

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Name
Laura Bennett

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
Ridiculous. The roads are terrible and repeatedly 'fixed' and there are many free things that could be user pays.

What changes would you make?
Use covid as a reason to stop free community events not hike rates. We've all done it tough. We see no progress from the rates we currently pay eg a road relaid but the tar tipped over the current road so it's bumpy and terrible within a day. See fernlea ave...

Do you have any other feedback?
See above

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Name
Claire Wedlock

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

The rates increase is far too high with people like myself seeing an increase of roughly 15%. For a low socioeconomic suburb which is also classed as a heritage area, it is hard to comprehend where another \$500 is going to come from in order to pay these increases. We all understand the impact that the last 2 year has had for future planning but with the price of living increasing rapidly and wages not increasing at the same rate it is becoming significantly stressful and hard for residents. Our land value has increased with the latest valuations however we are not utilizing our property any more than previously. Our property is in a heritage area which we like and appreciate however there has been very minimal input into maintaining the heritage features and environment surrounding us.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

There are a number of government/social houses in our neighborhood which are sitting empty and have been empty for over a year now. The plan states that funds are allocated for social housing plans such as the Papaioea Place, however it seems wasteful to not be maintaining current social housing options.

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Name
Campbell Ayres

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
This rates increase is ridiculous, based on your proposal my property rates are increasing by 31%, how do you expect people to afford that kind of increase when we are getting hammered with everything else increasing.

What changes would you make?
The increase should be a flat out percentage increase not based of CV, a increase of 10% tops would be easier to swollen than a massive hit of 30%

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Simone Laing

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I have no problem with the budget overall, the increase in rates to cover this is inevitable due to long term under funding of infrastructure coming to a head while people's expectations of what services they receive staying the same. In order to make the city more sustainable and resilient in the future there needs to be investment in city design and making the city more accessible for everyone.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Gareth Saunders

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think that although rate increases are inevitable, a 30% increase for my property is insane. This is another kick in the guts to all who are facing uncertain financial situations with the cost of living raising fast than wages and salaries which are not increasing. Simply this increase will force more into the poverty line with added to the increase in costs of living with no rise increase and no wage increases.

What changes would you make?

Cap all increases to 4 which will enable a small increase to all and still enable people to live and not worry about they will feed their family and continue to provide a roof over their families head.

Do you have any other feedback?

The council needs to really engage better with rate payers as this really in just another government department justifying the increase without any concern for those that are actually paying it and the impact to them and their families

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Charlotte Bolwell

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

Ours is going up 18%. This is extortionate based on the current economic climate. Land value does nothing to our daily bank balances does it? Most of the examples in the draft budget are very low land values such as 230k and these all have rates that go down. Why are we paying the price for the averaging out of costs?

What changes would you make?

Forget about the planter boxes issue. What were they aiming to do anyway. Do we need to change the Albert Sr T river entrance? Do we need to widen Ferguson Street or make changes to the square. These are nice options but perhaps not as necessary in current economic times. I love what you do for the city recreationally but perhaps a time of higher costs and interest rates these could be scaled back for a few years to focus on essentials and keeping rates lower so that people don't suffer further.

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Deana Garstang

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
A huge increase when services remain the same. Cost of living has increased etc so a 25% increase is very rough for families

What changes would you make?
Lower the rates. Find ways to reallocate funds rather than taking from ratepayers

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Kirston Mierd

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
Increasing rates at a time like this is absolutely disgusting. I think the proposed budget is totally insensitive and unfair to those already struggling.

What changes would you make?
Decrease rates!

Do you have any other feedback?
Stop spending money wastefully on stupid things such as cycle lanes and do something that will benefit the rate payers

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Name
Kirsten mu5

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
Why state an average of 8% increase when most residential homeowners are facing at least a 20% increase due to land value increases. These rate hikes are massive and at the worst possible time!!

What changes would you make?
Change the way rates are calculated when land value increases. Ensure homeowners are not facing upwards of 20% increases to their rates.

Do you have any other feedback?
Don't increase our rates!! Times are tough as it is and this is completely unacceptable.

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Amanda Ayres

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

It all looks in order.

What changes would you make?

I would be having a much better look at how to provide a fairer rating system. Why am I going to pay significantly more than someone else in a different suburb who uses the same services.

Do you have any other feedback?

I can honestly not fathom why we are looking at a 30% increase. That is a mammoth amount and will be potentially causing hardship for a lot of Palmerston North families. I am also wondering why rates are based off our land value and not capital value. I have compared our proposed increases to other areas. We live in central Palmy in an area which can be deemed as non-desirable at times. However, if we lived in a more affluent area, our rates would be significantly less. How is this fair? It's not fair at all and it's a disgrace. Why hide behind an 8% figure when it's actually 20%+ for a lot of us. This proposed increase is going to be a huge shock and stress for a lot of Palmerston North families. My family understands that due to rising costs, rates need to increase, but why increase at such a huge cost. I suggest the council thinks about what financial impacts this may have on families and those vulnerable members of the community who just want to have a roof over their heads.

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Brigs Holmes

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Increase is excessive and unjustified at time where most people are struggling with the cost of living - council spending is wasteful and targeted in the wrong areas

What changes would you make?
Fix the basics. The conditions of our streets, parks and maintenance is making the city look shocking. Weeds growing everywhere, gutters are no longer cleaned, streets are not being cleaned up after storms branches and debris everywhere the city is looking so run down. Stop spending money on surplus items when you can't service the minimum essentials.

Do you have any other feedback?
Stop wasting money on 'temporary' trials - paint on square edge that wears off in a few months, illegal planter boxed by the new cycle bridge that get taken out, dangerous planter boxes, embarrassing marketing campaigns promoting our city as boring. The council is going backwards lost their view on what is important for our city have some pride - keep the city clean for a start!

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Emma Keay

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

It's misleading. Advertising an average annual rates increase of 8.3% doesn't account for the extreme increases that some ratepayers are facing. I am facing an increase of around \$900, which is absolutely excessive. What percentage of ratepayers are actually facing an 8.3% increase or less? Surely it would be the minority. I don't have an issue with an increase of 8.3%, but that's most definitely NOT what I am facing, mine is approx 30%.

What changes would you make?

Take a break from the additional extras that you have been spending on, the plantar boxes, the painting of the roundabouts, the sculptures, park and recreation projects, recycling bin clips, all the nice to haves but that in times like this are unnecessary. Dare I suggest you also keep any payrises for council staff in check instead of offering excessive increases. The Albert St River Entrance can be postponed surely?

Do you have any other feedback?

Honestly, how on earth can you consider the plantar boxes to be a success? I get the idea behind it, but not only are they an eyesore, they are so low to the ground that they are actually dangerous. Get rid of them!

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Jenny Richards

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I understand the prices of everything are increasing, however, I feel that is more reason not to increase rates as so many of us are already struggling to get by as it is. It will cause so much extra stress on families.

What changes would you make?

Please keep rates as is

Do you have any other feedback?

Surely there are sacrifices in spending the city can make to help with keeping the rates as is. Not to mention rent is so expensive already for many people and surely landlords will increase their fees even more if this goes ahead. Please don't call me, email is ok, thx.

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Katie Cronin

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I feel that the proposed increase in rates of 8% and the increase in RV is not appropriate when families are struggling with inflation expected to rise to 8% this year. Families are finding it difficult with low wages and the increase in inflation. I feel that with the increase in RV this year that should be suffice of an increase for the City Council. I feel that I dont get value with my rates compared to similar sized council and population overseas.

What changes would you make?

Not to increase the rates. With the RV doubling for most homes our rates will have increased suffice for this rating period.

Do you have any other feedback?

Make living in this city easier by having more cycle ways and pedestrian areas. I feel that there should be a better bus service. I also feel that decreasing the speed limits around the city would be far better. Also protect green areas. Please also have more community gardens per so many blocks or several per suburb that is accessible and affordable. Also please stop allowing people to build on good fertile land and instead we need to start going up.

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Name
Teri Lauder

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Hello, thank you for giving the community an opportunity to express their thoughts. I expected our rates to increase its a fact of life, but when I see the percentage of how much it is going to increase I feel dread. During these times of uncertainty it feels like the council want to continue on as normal and not take into account what is happening around them. People are just trying to survive.

What changes would you make?

I would propose that the council seek to prioritise what is essential for this year and anything that is not be delayed. I am not saying don't raise the rates as I know that they do have to go up but the amount it's been raised by just feels like the council are not taking into account we are still in a pandemic! People are really struggling to make ends meet.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The budget should only include absolutely essential items at this tough time. This would require less spending and allow rates to stay lower at this tough time for us all in the real world.

What changes would you make?

Do not increase rates. We, middle and lower class, are struggling. Maybe you on your big salaries are still living comfortably, but the rest of us are struggling week to week to afford to live. Stop spending money on stupid things such as the planter boxes that created more accidents than it avoided, I drive or bike the pioneer highway route each day and I have only seen a handful of bikes use it, in fact I have seen more cars crashed due to these planter boxes than bikes using the lanes

Do you have any other feedback?

Remove the mandates all together or at least on council funded attractions. I was told medically not to get vaccinated, but chose to get the 1st jab so I could attend events and ended up in hospital as a result. Even the hospital have since refused to give me the 2nd jab so now I can't attend any events, but after getting covid, I now know the reaction to the vaccine was 10 times worse than the actual thing. It's time to follow other councils and remove all mandates

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Bev McKay

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think we have already seen a reduction in the value of properties since the 2021 QV figures were redone. Properties are not worth this which is clearly shown by those on the market. This level of increase is not okay. The increase in land value makes no difference to the costs incurred on infrastructure so are therefore not justified to pass on to the homeowner. My increase is 12%.

What changes would you make?

The only increase that should be borne by rate payers is the increased cost to services, ie rubbish collections and the increased costs of infrastructure. nothing else

Do you have any other feedback?

People are struggling - my son cant even feed himself so an increase in rent which will occur as landlords will pass this directly on will put more people on the streets and costs more in emergency housing which is up to almost 4K a week in some instances

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

Having seen the proposed rates increase which is based on the increase in land values I want to loge my concern and disagreement with this. As we are already seeing the values of properties are dropping so the QV valuation done in September of last year is no longer current and is also subjective with no consideration for the numbers of people living in the dwelling. I do not believe rates should be based on your land size or locations. They should be based on the services each household uses and this can only be done by knowing the number of people living there. I own a large home but have only myself and my 4 yr old. We put out a rubbish bag once every 2 to 3 weeks and our water consumption is not that of my neighbours who have 4 adults in the home. This needs to be a fair user pays system. We all pay for the power we use so this shouldnt be any different. Has any consideration been given to perhaps charging for water useage to keep overall rates % increase down. This is a user pays country so maybe this helps those little old ladies living in their 60 years old family home they cant bare to leave but can no longer afford to stay with the proposed increases. We shouldnt be punishing people for working hard to get ahead and being successful which this also does.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Francesca Harrison

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

PNCC are you serious! I bet you were sitting back rubbing your hands with glee when the new valuations came out, thinking you could rip off property owners like there was no tomorrow. My rates have the potential to go up close to \$300. For what?? What will that get me?? Sod all is what it will get me. You've got a damn cheek asking what you do for kerbside recycling when we can't put half the recyclables out anyway. Oh and I expect a refund on the rubbish collection fee – I pay for a wheelie bin. Believe me when I tell you I haven't had a significant pay rise for a very long time and yet you expect me to line your incredibly deep pockets with money I haven't got.

What changes would you make?

Stop wasting money on absolutely ridiculous items like those stupid planter boxes, equally stupid sculptures and city rebranding. I'd be interested in seeing the stats for cyclists hurt prior to those eyesores going in, the cost of replacements since they went in (because the general population hate them and took it upon themselves to get rid of them) and the resulting insurance claims for damage done by the eyesores since going in. Start putting money into fixing footpaths/roads/streets – oh that's right PNCC took the open cheque book away from Higgins (who were bloody hopeless anyway) and the state of our footpaths/roads/streets has deteriorated beyond belief. Grant Smith – I challenge you and your council cronies and Heads of Departments (or whatever fancy pants names they call themselves) to get off your shiny backsides and actually take a drive or walk around ALL the footpaths/roads/streets or a walk along the footpaths and see how truly awful some of them really are.

Do you have any other feedback?

Here's a suggestion.... It's about time you brought back the arborists – the kerbside trees are in an appalling state because of a lack of attention. Bring back the street cleaners for the suburbs, not just in the Square. We are coming into winter, the leaves will fall, the rains will come, the drains will block and you won't give a fat rat's arse about it, because it doesn't affect you directly. Ever heard of maintenance planning???

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prevents piss poor performance. You won't do any of these things, you're too lazy and out of touch with the community. Don't blame COVID for PNCC's shortcomings, the COVID horse is well and truly dead, so stop flogging it.

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Lisa Toms

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I think the proposed budget and the increase in rates is going to cripple people financially at a time when the price of everything is going up and the cost of living is becoming too much. My street floods when it rains, the street lighting is not very good down the Tremiane Ave end of the street, so I do not currently see my rates going to improvements now. Families are already struggling and this increase is just going to make things harder.

What changes would you make?

Not increase the rates or if you have to make only a slight increase. Do things for the people, improve the roads and not just the main roads. Improve the lighting in the streets, maybe offset some of the increases by providing families with a set amount of free rubbish bags every year.

Do you have any other feedback?

Before any submission is passed you really need to think about how this is going to affect the everyday family and the stress and strain this is going to place on people. Its always been the kiwi dream to buy a house and have your own piece of land, however it is starting to become out of reach with house prices and now we have to factor ever increasing rates into the picture.

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Jo Scott

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What do you think of our proposed budget?
This is not my issue.

What changes would you make?
A fairer spread of the rates increase.

Do you have any other feedback?
My rates are increasing 38%. 30% above the average. Yes I'm sure land values increase but it's far too much in one go for us. It's unsustainable in a time when people are trying to get back on their feet.

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Name
Aaron Hall

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

Think it's pretty silly to be aiming to increase 8%pa for a 10 year plan. That is not affordable, flat out not affordable... You're meant to provide value to the community not steal from them.

What changes would you make?

Rates increases should be no more than CPI increases. Reduce unnecessary spending ie all the arts projects that are just a nucense like the planter boxes.

Do you have any other feedback?

Personally dealing with an 16% increase is going to be hard to deal with on top of all the other cost of living increases this year. My land value has not increased by nearly as much as my CV thinks and has further reduced now. Thanks a bunch! (Satire if you couldn't tell)

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Name
Karen Adrian

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The council are profiteering from the inflated increase in values.... our properties are not worth that much to be fair - no-one earning a basic income can afford property in the current climate let alone survive the increases in cost of living. Maybe the council wants us all renting state owned property - that's where we are heading if something doesn't change soon and this does not help the additional taxes being imposed by council. What will horizons increase be - that goes up without anyone questioning it. Those taxes should have remained together - like we didnt notice the split - if you add them both together -that is simple extortion

What changes would you make?

trim council spending. eg stop paying for flouride in our water its a drug - go the doctor if you need it. get more that one tender in on jobs stop spending on such things as the ridiculous \$ spent on the abomination that is roading outside the plaza take a pay cut ask the tax payers before you spend money

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Andrea Molony

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think your current rates increases have been skewed to provide relief to those in the higher income areas, relief paid for by those of us in lower income areas. There is no way my 2 bedroom house in Awapuni uses more of the councils resources than a 3 or 4 bedroom up the hill, especially given the lack of response we get whenever there are issues in our area. How much grass I have in the back yard does not impact how much resource I use either, unless the grass in the back yard is whipping out for a sneaky trip down to library, driving on the roads and hitting a couple of planter boxes on the way home. The uniform rate charge which is designed to "ensure each property contributes a minimum amount of the general rate and moderates rates" has been lowered, doing the exact opposite of what it was intended to do to your benefit . I do not have a problem paying my share of the rates, I have a problem paying YOURS, my land in Awapuni is not worth more than land up the hill, and definitely not worth more than those new subdivisions still paying rural rates while still using all the resources we subsidise with our rates. I guarantee a \$30 per week rates increase for a tenant in Awapuni or Highbury on minimum wage means a lot more than \$30 means to someone in the top tax bracket up the hill so how about you use the uniform rates charge for what it is designed for and make EVERYONE pay their FAIR share.

What changes would you make?

- Increase the Uniform Rates charge so everyone pays there fair share of the rates, before charging out the remaining based on values. - Base rates on dwelling size, NOT land size, a 6 bed 3 bath uses a lot more resources than a 2 bed 1 bath, regardless of the number of trees in the back yard. - New (non-farming) subdivisions with access to council amenities should be paying the same rates as everyone else, regardless of whether they were historically used as farmland.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Emma Waters

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Criminal. My rates will increase by 21%. I am a single mum. My salary has increased on average 2.5% over the last few years. The service I receive from the council has not changed, and I find it hard to believe that they're experiencing such massive operating cost increases.

What changes would you make?
I used to work for the council. There was a large wastage of money including ineffective structure, low productivity, over-reliance on consultants. I would look at how money is being spent. The way things are done would never stand in a private entity. It is galling to see how wasteful the council is, and how they expect ratepayers to pick up the tab.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Melissa Rangiwānanga

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Atrocious! The reduction of uniform rates charges has resulting in extreme disparities - our rates are increasing by 20.7%, while other larger, more highly valued properties have had rates reductions. There is no equity in this system. How you expect us to pay is beyond me, we do not live in an affluent area and do not own a high value property.

What changes would you make?

Rates should be assessed through a combination of market and capital value, and dwelling size that accounts for the number of bedrooms and bathrooms.

Do you have any other feedback?

I would like to oppose the new rates structure as this appears to have resulted in particular properties being burdened with excessive rates increases, while other properties have unfairly benefitted from substantially smaller increases, and in some instances rates decreases. Our house is 121m², has 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and is situated on a 792m² property. The estimated market price of our property is currently \$640k, which is relatively consistent with our most recent RV – our capital value sits at \$600k and land value at \$490. This breakdown highlights that according to your assessment our land is worth substantially more than our actual dwelling – perhaps an accurate assessment. In reducing the uniform rates charges and shifting costs to land value the proposed changes will increase our rates by 20.7% - from \$2696 in 21/22 to \$3254.6 in 22/23. We have five neighbours surrounding our property. Two of our neighbours have similar sized sections with estimated market values of \$625k and \$640k. You have assessed their capital value to be \$590k and \$600k, and their land value to be \$525 and \$480 respectively. Like us, the value of their dwellings in comparison to land has resulted in substantial rates increases, 25% and 27%. The first of these properties has a small dwelling of 86m². It is a 2 bed/1 bath home situated on 860m². The second property has a slightly larger dwelling of 104m². It is a 3 bed/2bath situated on 702m². The effect of proposed changes has meant that it is the smallest dwelling and cheapest property will attract the highest rates charges – the first neighbours can expect

their rates to increase from \$2727.75 to \$3403, while the second can expect their rates to increase from \$2537.25 to \$3212.2. Our other three neighbours are on subdivided sections. All of these properties have estimated market values much higher than ours and our neighbours with similar sized sections. The first of these has 140m² dwelling with an estimated market value of \$895k. The second has 115m² dwelling with an estimated value of \$760k, the third is 107m² and estimated to be valued at \$740k. All of these properties have 3 bedrooms. The first two have 2 bathrooms. The third has 1.5 bathrooms. These properties have a proposed increase of between 5-7%. The first will be paying \$2449, while the second will pay 2251.50, and the third will pay \$2406.60. Inexplicitly, the property with the smallest dwelling and lowest market and capital value will be paying the most in rates. At the other end of the scale, the property with the largest dwelling and highest market and capital value will be paying one of the lowest rates. At this point it feels as though the proposed changes are geared toward more expensive properties, while those of us with larger sections in low value areas are being punished for resisting subdivision and the high-density housing that follows. Shifting the rates structure to be costed upon dwelling size, including the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and a combination of market and capital value would be more equitable than the current proposed structure. To illustrate I chose a random property in a more affluent area that had recently been sold. 122 Pacific Drive sold for \$1.28m in September 2021. It has a very large 352m² dwelling with 6 bedrooms/3 bathrooms and is located on 1150m² of land. You have assessed their capital value at \$1.2m and land value at \$505k. While the actual value of the property far exceeds our own, the changes to rates structure has meant this property will benefit from a rates DECREASE in the next period, going from \$3331 to \$3318.20. That's \$69 more than our proposed rates increase and \$84.8 LESS than our neighbour with the 2bed/1bath. Please explain how a property worth as much as both of our properties together is paying about the same rates as one of us. It appears illogical that such a large property would use less resources than our neighbour and only slightly more than ourselves, yet the proposed rates structure suggests that we are equally paying our 'fair share' of the rates burden. Please explain how this is possible. The disparity of the rates burden is further highlighted by the expansion of the city and the resistance to reclassify areas that have historically attracted rural classification – new non-farming subdivisions with access to council amenities. 2 Turitea Road sold in July 21 for \$950k. This has a dwelling of 184m² with 4 beds/2 baths and is situated on 2023m². You under assessed the capital value at \$590k. Its land is valued at \$525k. Because this property is classified as rural and semi-serviced, it attracts a lower factor cost of 0.002577 in comparison to our 0.00424. Appropriately, it is not charged for services it does not use – water supply or wastewater disposal. This property can expect a rates increase of 2%, going from \$1513.43 to \$1585.69 in the new period. Although this property is approximately the same distance from city parks and council facilities as other urban properties, its historical rural classification means it will be paying less than half of our expected rates in the 2022/23 period. Moreover, the absurdity of this classification is brought into the foreground when compared to much smaller properties well within current urban limits. One section down the road from us a single dwelling property was subdivided and now has 5 townhouses on it. One of these is a 49m² freestanding dwelling with 1 bed/1 bath. The other four homes are split into two duplex buildings, each with 2 beds/1 bath. Their estimated market values range from \$490-\$545k, about half of the recent sale price of Turitea. Their capital values range from \$450-\$510k, and their land values range from \$175-\$185k. The duplex dwellings are 70m² – 17m² smaller than my neighbour with 2 bed/1 bath, and yet they are paying substantially less with a proposed rates increase of \$1919 for the next period (up 7.25% from \$1794.30 on the current period). Ironically, it is the smallest one-bedroom dwelling which has the highest rates increase of approximately 8.5%, from \$1819.7 to \$1961.40 in the new period because it has a larger land size. All of these properties already pay

higher rates than the one in Turitea, and can expect to pay even more in the coming period. Please explain how the changes to rates structure have addressed the disparity created by urban/rural classification for non-farming properties and how this result in a system where we all pay our 'fair' share. The rates disparities also occur among urban properties of approximate market value to that of Turitea. 20 Kentucky Way sold in November 21 for \$930k. It has a 225m2 dwelling with 4 beds/2 baths situated on 724m2. You assessed its capital value at \$900k and land value at \$545k. Fortunately for this property, they can also expect a decrease in their rates from \$3489.75 to \$3487.80. As a reminder, this means that our substantially lower valued property which is about half the size will only be paying \$233.20 less in the proposed rates changes than this property. However, comparing like with like – 387 Albert Street has an estimated market value of \$910k. It has a similar sized dwelling of 220m2 with 4 beds/2 baths and is situated on 729m2. You have assessed their capital value at \$850k and land value at \$725k. Unfortunately for them they can expect a rates increase of 10%, going from \$3870.75 to \$4251 in the 2022/23 period. Please explain how it is possible for properties of approximately the same worth, with similar sized dwellings to be paying such a difference in rates? While the situation with our immediate neighbours suggests rates are related to meterage of land, this is assumption becomes muddied when comparing properties in other locations and raises questions of arbitrary manipulation – when compared to the rates costs of the much larger and more expensive property on Pacific Drive, and those that attract the historical classification of rural, such as Turitea, the properties in Kentucky and Albert also appear to be paying either more than their fair share in comparison, or the properties on Pacific and Turitea are paying well below their fair share. After looking through various properties and your proposed rates changes it seems that those located in lower value areas with smaller dwellings are paying more than their fair share of rates in comparison to properties with large dwellings and higher market values. And yet, even among larger, more affluent properties there appears to be disparity. If rates are about use of resources and access to services and facilities, then the current rating system is flawed. Also, if we are account for the ability of property owners to meet the financial burden of rates, then we need to recognise that those who own larger, high value properties are more likely to be able to accommodate a 20%+ increase in rates than those who own smaller, lower value properties. To create a more equitable rating system I suggest that the council restructure rates costings in a way that reflects a combination of market and capital value, and dwelling size, adjusted to account for the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. FYI To rub salt in the wound, our rates increase come on the back of the council brushing off our concerns. Our neighbour and ourselves have been waiting on the council to fix the footpath outside our driveways since June last year. In my last conversation with a council employee in February I was told the area that needs fixing is inside our boundary and we need to repair it – it is not, the boundary peg and photos we sent proves it. It has been a month since that conversation and still we haven't heard anything. In truth we don't expect to, we expect to be living with a broken footpath for years to come. If only we lived in an area the council valued, it may have been fixed already, along with the footpaths that are crumbling all the way down the street. If only we lived in a higher value area, we may have been paying lower rates in comparison to the value and size of dwellings on our properties. Instead, we are looking at a 20%+ rates increase and no action on the footpath.

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Name
Jonny meredith

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

A 36% increase of rates on my property is no more than an attack on my ability to provide for my family. An increase of \$20 a week means nothing to you in your ivory towers, but will take food off the tables of those on average incomes. I also note the increases are less for our more wealthy suburbs. I suppose they're the ones the people who make these decisions live in

What changes would you make?

Lower the increases for those that Lear's can afford them. This is nothing more than an unfair regressive tax

Do you have any other feedback?

You must be rally out of touch with the financial difficulty faced by those on lower incomes

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Name
Shane Simpson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Too expensive

What changes would you make?
Low or none increase in rates

Do you have any other feedback?

Would be nice if the pncc could work to its budgets instead of over spending and having to take more money out of the community for there own out of control spending

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Name
laurie wells

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think the rates increase stinks. Mine is going up 14%. Just because my land value has doubled. I love my yard space. I have fruit trees and grow my own vegetables. I compost most of my own green waste, and I love looking out my kitchen window into the beautiful green space I have. These days it seems that any spare land is gobbled up by developers to turn into housing. I could subdivide my section, but I have absolutely no interest in doing so. All you do is spend money on dumb shit like scupltures and murals, that only seem to please 5% of the Palmy population. So I object to the rates increase.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Kathy Geange

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We bought our .318 ha section in 1993 and moved a 1905 villa onto it, renovated it ourselves and raised a family. Now our land is apparently worth a ridiculous amount of \$740000 - possibly because of it's development potential (which will never happen while we own it) and our house is worth a pittance - we think rates should be based on capital value not land value. We are a nurse and a gardener who now have to pay \$4300 a year to live on our property - and we're on the section of XXXXXXXX street that still has open drains and substandard roading! We only just got a footpath last year - I really don't think we get \$4300 worth of value from the pncc (we're already paying \$2900) and would like the council to reconsider this unbelievable rates increase please. Thanks.
Kathy

What changes would you make?

See above.

Do you have any other feedback?**File uploads**

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Name

Natalia Rangiwananga

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Unfair! Sections in the rich areas of town with larger houses and more amenities are paying similar, or even less, rates than same size sections in poorer areas. If this rates increase is to cover the changes to waste water systems, people who use the most amenities day to day should cover more of the cost

What changes would you make?

Wealth tax. Wealthy people also includes those who hide their incomes in their businesses

Do you have any other feedback?

Rate increases based on section sizes is inequitable. Feels like People in poor areas that have decent size sections are being pushed to subdivide in order to pay less rates. The wealthy are less likely to be so negatively affected by rates increase that they have to choose between bills and food. Don't try to force us to turn our suburbs into slums, living with people on top of each other.

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Name
Josh Stewart

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think these proposed rate increases are unjustified, excessive, and unfair. I think the Council need to limit their spending over the next few years to what is necessary. I would like to know how much was spent on the rebranding of the PNCC and how that is justified given the current circumstances.

What changes would you make?

Review how rates are portioned. The current rate increases are unfair and inequitable. Cut spending to what is necessary over the next few years. Get rid of the Planter boxes.

Do you have any other feedback?

I do not feel that the decisions around financial spending and rates are in the best interests of the public. I honestly feel that the Council are out of touch with the public.. if they are aware of the current spending and rates increases, and think this is justified. Have they looked at the comparative rates? Taking the piss!!

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Name
Melanie Bedford

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think this proposed budget is an absolute joke and financially irresponsible! My proposed rates increase is 21.2% that is 3.5 times the rate of current inflation. My house may have slightly increased in value but it does not mean I have any more money to give, if anything I have less now than I have ever had! I have a 661 sqm section which you claim is worth \$645k up from \$300k only 3 years ago, our house is split level, it would cost any developer upwards of \$200k+ to remove the house and level the land to rebuild on it and its not even sub dividable therefore who would realistically spend up to \$900k before they can even build on it! I also know someone who's home is on a 2000sqm sections in Summerhill but has received a new valuation stating their land is only \$500k, which is absurd considering sections in Summer Hill for only a quarter of the size are selling for \$500k+! The person with the 2000sqm section has only recieved a rates increase of \$110 per year, yet their house is worth over \$2.5m, the increase means nothing to them but you say my house after you take the land value away is only worth \$185k and I'm expected to stump up \$700 extra per year, how on earth is this in any way fair! My parents house is 12 houses away from mine, their home is worth at a minimum \$500k more than ours and yet because their land is 200sqm smaller at 450sqm their rates have reduced by \$150 per year. I have also looked online at some other huge properties in PN and one that stands out is in Pastoral Lane (probably the most expensive street in PN with some of the wealthiest people and their rates have gone down by \$2000 per year which is a decrease of almost 15.5%, WTH????!!!! Your Consultation Document Annual Budget 2022-2023 states "The rating system has been designed by the Council to try to allocate rates between ratepayers as fairly as possible.", do you think we are stupid, this has not been designed fairly at all. Give us a break PNCC, middle working class NZ can't take much more!!!!!!

What changes would you make?

Cut back all unnecessary spending, as the saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it! We need to have patience, we can 'beautify' our city in a few years once inflation drops and people have some money again.

Do you have any other feedback?

First of all the Councillors need to stop spending money on all of their 'nice to haves' like new cycleways which only benefit a very, very, very small percentage of the city (even though everyone is expected to pay), wasting money on unnecessary overpriced and extremely ugly planter boxes down Pioneer Highway. Your pie in the sky ideas to redevelop the Square will only destroy the already dying businesses in town, any more disruption to trade will surely end in closure as they will no longer be able to survive. This so called 'upgrade' to Cuba Street for pedestrians adds no economic value to our city, there is a footpath there already surely it is sufficient for now remove it and re-look at it later in years to come! The sculptures that are popping up all over the city (possibly aesthetically pleasing to some but an eyesore to many more) are again just wasteful spending! I would love to hang a beautiful painting in my lounge but I can't afford it so I don't! Why on earth do we need a nice entrance to the walkway at the end of Albert Street there is adequate access this certainly is not a priority, there are already multiple access points and there is nothing wrong with the one at Albert Street, it's not fancy but does it really need to be?! I would love a new entrance for my house but my budget won't allow for it so therefore I have to wait until I can afford it after prioritizing necessary household spending and saving up for a few years. People are getting financially squeezed in every direction, its about time the council starts acting responsibly. I understand certain infrastructure can not wait to be upgraded and that should still go ahead but we certainly could have held off a few years before doing up the entrance to the Esplande and putting lights in on Park Road, no one was dying at that intersection, some fender benders and a few near misses don't justify the exorbitant spend!!!! I also feel it is financially irresponsible for our Council to be investing rate payer dollars into social housing, it may make the socialist woke Councillors feel better for 'doing their part' but this should be a government issue not a council issue!!! The way this council justifies its spending is absurd! To include \$2m for wage increases at the council is great for your staff but the rest of us are not getting pay rises therefore it comes across as a bit obnoxious to rub it in our faces that we will be paying for that too! Please listen to the people, we cant afford these rates increases or this unaffordable rate of spending which provides no economic benefit to the city! Personally under the current economic situation I am worse off than ever before and the same can be said for a huge majority of all ratepayers in PN! I have to look for cheaper options at the supermarket, drive my car less, make personal sacrifices every day to get by in order to ensure my kids don't go without the essentials they need, why isn't the council trying to do the same!!!!!! I cant wait for the next election, i can promise i will not vote for anyone who is currently serving as a council member and I know many others in this town who feel exactly the same way!!!!!!

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Name

Grant Spiers

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

You Council members need to take a step back and consider things differently:- 1 You are elected - A lot of you mainly from the Labour and Green parties do not consult or listen to those that elect you and think like the Gov't you can just spend and spend. I can assure you that us ratepayers are watching your habits very closely and if you pass this substantial increase you will not be re-elected. 2 I have spoken to over 150+ ratepayers that I have associations with - We are all struggling to pay bills, Inflation is hitting away at our hard earned money and many of us don't get paid as much as you council members. Property expenses that are increasing are Insurance, Repairs, Gas & Electricity without rates, while our incomes are falling. Many of us are middle class New Zealanders and have not had any pay rises for 5+ years. We need financial assistance. 3 Some of us have lost our business, jobs and the ability to pay property out-goings - Ratepayers are struggling 4 Rates are a property owners biggest expense. Everyone I have spoken to agree that rates need to be pinned back in these hard times 5 Council expenses, senior salaries and your own salaries need to be adjusted down to the living wage so that you know how we are suffering. 6 The Council is not in the business of providing housing. It is a Gov't responsibility and expenses - Not ratepayers. Look after those that pay the actual rates.

What changes would you make?

1 Look at reducing top council pays to the minimum wage as well as your own 2 Do not spend on more housing - It is a Gov't responsibility 3 Do not buy into this climate change bullshit, We won't make any difference to the World, We are already a green City. Reduce any or all expenditure in this area 4 Maori spending - Needs to stop - How much do the local Iwi put into projects? 5 Make Rachel Bowen and Lorna Johnson repay the waist full \$30,000 spending

Do you have any other feedback?

Remember Ratepayers come first, We are the ones that pay. Failure to listen to us means you won't be re-elected Have Rachel Bowen and Lorna Johnson re-paid the \$30,000 the

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Council had to spend on their personal vendetta? They should both be held accountable for this waste of money spending. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300377613/city-council-spent-30000-on-unsuccessful-bid-to-stop-public-meeting>

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Name
Matthew Hook

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Over the last 2 years there has been talk of increasing rates and it was mentioned that rates could rise on average around 8%. So when I looked online at my proposed rates increase of 30% I was quite shocked. Needless to say, rates overall have increased dramatically and are expected to rise year on year for everyone because of the wastewater disposal. In the meantime, frivolous projects such as planter boxes, painted streets, street upgrades have been commenced or now finished. All of them have caused considerable disruption and no real benefit to Palmerston North except possibly looking nice. We don't need it and we need to get back to ensuring the basics, not nice to haves. This is no time to be spending money on nice to haves. It is my belief that the you should charge more for a service to someone you think based on a flawed idea of wealth is not a fair system.

What changes would you make?

1) Cut all superfluous spending. We cannot afford it! It's upsetting to ratepayers. 2) Change the rating calculation to be more fair, it should be based on services provided and load on those services based on bedroom count and number of bathrooms, toilets and sinks. Here are some examples that show how unfair this system is. Example 1, my parents old home, XXXXXXXXXXXXX Street. It's worth slightly more than my property but has 2 bathrooms, 2 showers and 4 bedrooms. It's modern, fully insulated and warm. My home has one less shower, almost no insulation and is old. Proposed rates 22/23: \$3,233.40 (a decrease from this last year \$3,426.25) Example 2, 24 The Strand, Fitzherbert A \$2+ Million Home. 400sqm, 2000+sqm property, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Proposed rates 22/23: \$4,823.40 (a decrease from this last year from \$5,490.00) What am I going to pay? \$4,526 ! (a massive increase from this last year of \$3,458.00, over 30%). And all because the land I sit on is deemed valuable. Although I can tell you it would not be easy to subdivide. I hope that illustrates how crazy your rating system is. I'm paying almost as much as a 2 million property, but all because the perceived ability of peoples wealth based entirely on land value and not on services and load on those services. It's wrong and needs to be addressed to make a fair system for all.

Do you have any other feedback?

I hope you can appreciate the rating issue. It is just unfair. I feel sorry for older people who have lived in their homes for years and although some of their homes are old and run down they are wanting to stay there. How can they afford to pay exorbitant rates simply because of location and perceived value?

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Name

Sue Tattersfield

Organisation

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The council is totally out of touch of what is going on in the community. Times are tough for most people with the cost of living hugely increasing and covid making life more difficult. What we need is the basics done right. Roading, rubbish collection etc. Stop wasting money and spending it on making things look pretty. Keep it simple and practical and within budget just like the rest of have too. The rates on my property are proposed to increase by over 20%, I am a single mum on limited income, this will probably mean selling my house as I will not be able to afford the rate increase.

What changes would you make?

Stop any increase to rates, work within the budget. Minimise all wastage and excessive spending on unnecessary things like planter boxes, murals, making things look pretty, new parks etc and concentrate on maintaining existing parks.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Rachel Potter

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The overall proposal of an 8% rates increase to support the proposed budget in these financial times seems reasonable and broadly speaking I agree with the spread of funds to different activities, with the exception of a couple of notations, commented on in the 'changes' section below.

What changes would you make?

The proportion going to 'active communities' seems to high, in times of financial pressures I would expect the proportions going to 'essentials' like transport, storm water, water, wastewater to be highest, with the 'nice to have' more evenly clustered, e.g. why are 'active communities' worth twice as much investment as 'arts & heritage'. Under operating costs the increase to 'remuneration' is eye-watering. It would be helpful to know what percentage increase this represents, along with more detail of how much is additional roles/services and how much is increased salaries. At a time when government departments are operating with pay restraint and the private sector has hugely impacted profits it seems odd council is proposing such a significant annual increase? The H&S expenditure increase also seems unusual, especially being an on-going cost rather than one-off. Again what does this represent? Although the contamination of recycling cost is relatively small it's a bit of a bug-bear. I don't like the proposal of giving free rubbish bags out to try and reduce this, it seems like a band aid more than a solution, same thing with the increasing costs of picking up illegal dumping. The cost is falling in the wrong place and not really solving the underlying issues. What about things like linking free waste removal to community services holders, increased service charges within rates for property owners in streets such as Ada Street where regular dumping and damage occurs- e.g. alternatively can you incentivise landlords to manage their own properties and tenants more robustly in these problem streets. Surveillance is another option, cameras in hot spots, on recycle trucks etc.

Do you have any other feedback?

The imbalance in the average rates increase is a significant concern to me, both personally and because you state it is skewed towards traditionally lower value areas. The increase for my household is in the 25-30% range and will be \$770, which appears entirely due to the land value having more doubled. For our household we will shortly be shifting to one income with a baby coming in April/May. We both work in Government, I have received a 2% pay increase in total across the last 5 years and my partner around 1-2% per year (we're in different salary brackets). Obviously our cost of living has significantly increased during that time. Having land that is worth more makes no difference to our finances day-to-day. It's not something we asked for, nor can we control it. We feel more isolated as a home owner having to prop-up

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city spending in some questionable area's (as previously outlined). I'm no finance expert but I assume Council would consider the growth and value increases across the city a success and a sign of a good economy? It's a bit stink really that the city's growth and success comes back to bite the citizen in the bum. If only our income follows the increase of living, which it doesn't then your proposed increase maybe justified, but I'm left feeling that our area's increase of 25-30% is unacceptable. I've lived in PN my whole life and we don't plan to move anytime soon so we certainly won't be making any 'capital gains'. The proposals to off-set this uneven impact don't really make sense to me, if everybody gets \$200 off the uniform general charge then how do those who've taken a much greater percentage increase get any benefit or relief? I also don't really understand why rates are tied to the value of land, shouldn't we all be paying the same as we all get access to the same amenities of the city? I'm excluding rural and commercial here as clearly their impact/benefit on/for the city is different. If we are going to have an intentionally biased system where those with higher land values pay more than shouldn't be their some type of cap when traditionally low values areas somehow become high values areas. Otherwise the rich are still getting richer and the poor are still getting poorer. Kudos to you for making all the rating assessments available to everybody. Unfortunately the downside of that is we can see many properties in the traditionally higher value areas experiencing minimal rates increases, and in some cases they are recieving a rates decrease. I don't know really how else you can work this out more fairly, but that's what we elect and pay you for right?

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Name
Not Happy

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Good luck in October at the elections if you increase rates to the level you have proposed. You WILL get voted out.

What changes would you make?

I get that the land values have changed the proportion that pays rates between residential and business. However the proportion of rates that should be paid for from the commercial sector should not change.

Do you have any other feedback?

Do not increase the rates income by more than 4%.

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Name
Jill Cheer

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

As I have no influence over the proposed budget because of my "senior" status, I have no comments to make at this stage.

What changes would you make?

It's time that the ever-increasing number of truck and trailer combinations stayed well out of the inner city. They are a major contributor to the poor state of the city's roads, and Vogel Street in particular. However, they are still traveling up Victoria Avenue and Ruahine Street to name just two of many instances. The way they bounce over dips and potholes creates excessive noise, especially when they're on the road in the early hours of the day. Does PNCC have any say in who's allowed to use it's roads?

Do you have any other feedback?

Vogel Street has without doubt one of the worst surfaces in the city, and yet other streets get new surfaces (Limbrick and Jickell) when their streets are perfectly adequate. Why would they get priority over streets such as Vogel? I know there will be major disruption to residents when it is eventually underway, but I think we're at the stage where it's definitely time to take action, PNCC .

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Name

Graham Wootton

Organisation

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Its an absolute disgrace. How can you justify my rates rise for next year going up by \$550.00, will we be paying \$10000.00 in 5 years time? Year after year after year, its out of touch with reality, just like this ripoff Government! Just because the value of our house goes up does not make me any more wealthy, we have been here almost 9.5 years and are not planning on selling, and even if we did, what is the correlation between whatever capital gain I make and the PNCC providing ongoing same or similar services? It has nothing to do with you, Its nothing more than theft! Its not the publics fault our house values are going up, should they dip down will you lower your rates? I think not. And...we wait for another ripoff entity the Horizons Regional Council to announce their next round of Extortion, putting further strain on the population of the Manawatu.

What changes would you make?

Clean out the overpaid swamp and tighten the belt!

Do you have any other feedback?

After the changes above, do us all a favor, and turn off the traffic lights and put in more roundabouts, there must be more traffic lights here than in New York, as a result I avoid the CBD full stop like so many people I know.

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Name
Andrew Wellwood

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Sorry haven't looked at it yet but don't want to miss out on having a say in what's happening so did this 1st.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Murali Nair

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I know things have gotten expensive but this is ridiculous. You already put up my rates in 2021 by 10%. And now you want to increase it even more by \$700. In effect, I will be paying \$1000 more for the rates since 2020. I'm incensed that the rates are tied to the housing valuation prices - that has gone up only within the last 2 years. Will my rates go down \$1000 when the housing valuation prices go down again? Not very likely. I still remember how the council wanted to jack up parking rates on Saturdays. Look, this is not sustainable for me and a lot of people because we still have to pay other bills like power, groceries, petrol, etc which also have been mercilessly jacked up at the same time. Please have some thought for the middle class proles who are stuck between a rock and a hard place.

What changes would you make?

Stop charging for the green plastic bags for rubbish and allow the use of cheaper black rubbish bags. And I am also amazed that you have to pay to recycle things when you bring them to the recycling centres. Especially since the recycling companies can resell a lot of the stuff brought in again at double or triple the original cost! Really?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
ROB TURNER

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Pure rubbish.

What changes would you make?
Sack the Councillors

Do you have any other feedback?
PNCC need to learn how to live within a budget, and stop using the rate payer as a ATM cash cows.

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Name
Michelle obrien

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
I think it is very unfair as 1 side of town you increase by less than \$10 and the other side of town nearly \$500 This is totally unacceptable when we all use the same services
Please explain how this is fair

What changes would you make?
Only raise all rates by 2 or 3% Max

Do you have any other feedback?
I think it is very irresponsible in today environment

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Name
Thomas F Ranford

Organisation

Hearings

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
When setting the new rates have the council taken into account the effect of the proposed new railhub on property values. My front gate is fifteen metres from where earthmoving will start.

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
MARION ADSETT

Organisation

Hearings

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

With inflation increasing, asking your rate payers for such a huge increase when wages don't cover the basics of living seems very unfair. I will have to decide what to cut down on such as heating, healthy food or driving my car to see my adult daughter who lives in another town. I work full time as a factory worker so I don't qualify for the rebate scheme. If I could subdivide my land I would but there is no access to my back section for a car. I did not ask for my land to double in price and it has not worked in my favor. It will make life harder for low to middle income people.

What changes would you make?

Look at what really needs fixing. Prioritize just like a family who are low to middle income workers do. Ask your rate payers what they would like to see fixed first to keep the rates down. Do a online poll to keep costs down so you are not sending out paper mail.

Do you have any other feedback?

I voted for the councilors who said that they would promise to keep the rates down and this is rather disappointing. Listen to your rate payers who are struggling to meet everyday living costs.

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Name

Nicola Larsen

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Hi there, I don't know if this is the correct way to do this. I am writing in regards to the potential rates increase on my property. I have called the rates team and they have told me to contact QV which I have but I am also wanting some traction around this. I have been advised that the rates increased is based on the land value. From last year my land value have gone from \$260,000 to \$735,000. That is an increase of around 182%. This is something that surely needs to be looked into. This is also saying that my house is only worth \$65,000. There is no way people (especially my family) are going to be able to easily cope with. My rates are going up by \$1708 a year, again this type of increase is not acceptable. I would like to discuss this further and more in depth with someone.

What changes would you make?

Have a serious look at the increase you are putting on people solely due to land value, it is not acceptable to have such a high increase.

Do you have any other feedback?

I would just like someone to contact me

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Name
Monica Burnard

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I don't agree with the steep rates increases to my and presumably many other people's households. I feel as though they are unfair with already with the increased cost of living and other factors as well- I live by myself therefore I am not using the council facilities and amenities anymore than I did last financial year.

What changes would you make?

Either don't increase the rates or make the changes more gradually, not just a big steep hike in price.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Suzanne OHara

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Well considered in light of the current economic climate.

What changes would you make?
Planned expenditure on the Arena is by far the largest cost contributing to the rates increase. IF the majority of ratepayers indicate that the proposed rates increase will be financially difficult, perhaps the plans for the Arena could be pared back or done in stages over a longer period. This item should not be a priority at present, particularly while COVID & potential new variants remain.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

An increase of 16% in rates (for my property) at this time is another kick in the gut to go along with inflation. Understandably the council is also paying more at the current time due to inflation, but this should be a sign to reduce or at least pause/delay unnecessary spending. When inflation eventually subsides, will you lower rates?

What changes would you make?

Accept that due to inflation and covid, the 10 year plan will have to have delays and pause spending on things that aren't core to what a local government should be providing. Temporarily switch to a maintenance mode approach until inflation subsides.

Do you have any other feedback?

I know the easiest way to calculate rates is by land value, but me paying an extravagant amount more for a lawn slightly larger than my neighbour is ridiculous. According to the consultation document "Properties with the largest percentage increase are those with large sections that are capable of subdivision". I'm paying a large amount more and my land is definitely not sub-dividable so I feel like I'm getting the raw end of the deal here.

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Name

Katherine spiers

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

It's stupid! I love the projects the pncc have done over the last few years. But there is a time and a place: these projects need to be put on hold. As a newly first home owner less than a year in my home and a huge increase is now going to take money out of my child's mouth. My first child born this year I have to go back to work after 6 months because we can't afford me to have a year off. Let alone a rates increase makes me going back to work pointless:

What changes would you make?

Projects put on hold. Cloverlea park doesn't need a upgrade yet this is also used by the school Why isn't the school paying for it.

Do you have any other feedback?

Covid has hit everyone very hard over the last 2 years and it's not going away any time soon. We need a break! You have excluded unvaccinated rate payers for a selected time from the library, lido etc people are paying for these and they can't access them. (I am vaxed) I'm sticking up for the choices you have taken away from people: people who help pay your wages it's not fair. We all need a break! I hate living week to week choosing to buy fresh produce or gas in my car. Just give everyone a break! No one is going to support this increase, we just need a break! Time to refuel our savings that have been drained, time to spend some money on family etc. you will be taking food out of childrens mouths, gas in cars undue stress on lots of people! We just don't have the money!!!!!!!!!!

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Name

Limoni Manu

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Hi, I think the rates hike is ridiculously high. My new rate is a difference of \$791.70. The council is penalizing hard-working New Zealanders who are struggling to provide a better future for their families. Already, the interest rates have doubled on mortgage loans and now an increased burden with the hike in council property rate. I think having such a massive rate increase is unjustifiable.

What changes would you make?

I rather the council stop wasting the ratepayer's money by doing unnecessary experiments like the boxes around the city for bicycle tracks and use the money more wisely. These kinds of projects are a waste of public funds.

Do you have any other feedback?

The council also needs to look for ways to decrease expenses for ratepayers and not depend on rates. If rates continue to increase disproportionately to wages increase, many hard-working kiwis will be forced to sell off their properties. The council needs to see how they can diversify investments to make money for their projects and not depend solely on increasing city rates.

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Name
CHRIS LARKING

Organisation

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Bit of a laugh , consultation/have your say. What a load of crap, these are set and wont change ,u know it and we know it .You guys are just ticking the boX to say u have consulted!!!!. Pity u couldn't spend the same amount of time and advertising money on 3 waters consultation just shows how much u guys are sucking up the LABOUR SPIN!!! Bring on local election , hopefully we can kick some of u LABOUR LACKIES OUT !

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Lindsay Gray

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Tues 10 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 12 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Fri 13 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

My submission relates to the proposed Rate increase as it relates to my property. The PNCC proposed increase is 8.3%. However for my property the increase will be 10.3%. I have lived in this property for 20years. The rates in 2004/05 were \$1119.14, for 2022/23 the Rates will be \$3148.60. This represents 281% increase, whereas the CPI over the same period is approx. 138%. I urge the Councillors to consider the long term historic impact of rates on properties.

What changes would you make?

Disclaimer. I was employed by the PNCC for 27 years as a GIS Analyst and Asset Analyst, retiring in 2021. Councillors need to understand that constructing new assets (Capital New) which are "little extras that make Palmy a great place to live", costs rate payers more than just the Capital spent. An established principle of asset management is that it costs 3 to 6 times the capital cost to operate and maintain an assets over it's lifetime. Asset lifetimes can range from 5 to 150 years (more or less). Capital Renewals (the replacing of old or exiting assets) will also incur operating and maintenance costs. However, this will be offset by the fact that the operating and maintenance costs of the replaced assets will no longer occur. In the past the Council has often cut back on Operational budgets as a means to contain spending. From an asset management perspective this is false economics. If assets are not properly operated and maintained they are likely to fail earlier than their expected life and thus costing rate payers more earlier. The "little extras" have a continuing long term impact on Rates. In short, building more new assets has a compounding effect on the cost to Rate Payers. Note the example of my property rates. Going forward Councillors need to ask the question "Is this new asset a need to have or a nice to have?" A need to have should take priority over a nice to have.

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Name
Haddon

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Tues 10 May 9am to 11am
Thurs 12 May 9am to 11am
Fri 13 May 9am to 11am

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

It is completely wrong to increase rates due to the latest RVs. The latest RVs are all ready out of date due to the current devaluation of all properties. The council would be profiteering off false inflated values, that are already are outdated. The council MUST learn to function within their budget, that they set the year before...The people of Palm Nth have finite incomes, this increase will not only tip some people into huge debt (something that has to go against the values of the council caring for their people) it will also lead to homelessness amongst the homeowners & the renters (who's rent will be increased from this increase). This last year - It is wrong that this council have NOT taken care of all the broken roads around this city. It is wrong this council WASTED the ratepayers money on ugly, childish boxes along our roads. It is wrong this council WASTED the ratepayers money on blocking roads under a guise of protecting people (we are not so stupid that we need that sort of protecting) It is WRONG this council continued to spend enormous amounts of ratepayers money on more & more sculptures. These neither help those in need or make life in this city more attractive for anyone....It is just another example of wasteful spending that you expect to replace easily with a next year outlandish rate increases.....It has to stop!!! SHOW the ratepayers of this city you have a conscience & care by NOT increasing the rates this year at all & then make a rule that rates will not be increased higher than inflation for any following years.

What changes would you make?

No increase this year due to the hardships of Covid & rule any increases in following years will only be at the level of inflation & no more

Do you have any other feedback?

You are supposed to be delivering a service we have paid for in our rates. Nothing more, we don't need you nannying anyone. The rates rebate needs to be increased, to keep up with the cost of the rates. The threshold for qualifying for a rate rebate also needs to be increased, When was this last looked at?

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Name

Chris Brown

Organisation

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think it's disgusting that you feel it appropriate to raise rates by 12.5% (this is based on the increase on my own property) given the current economic climate.

What changes would you make?

You could start by cutting back on non-essential services. It's nice that you're spending 14% on "Active Communities" but it won't put food on people's tables. A lot of households are having to cut right back just to survive while you're out there upgrading parks - it doesn't make sense.

Do you have any other feedback?

I raised an objection to the updated QV rating on my own property earlier this year and have had no response. I know this won't make any difference either. Unfortunately I have no choice about living in Palmy otherwise I'd be out of here tomorrow.

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Name
Neil Hedley-Wakefield

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
It is going to ruin some families.

What changes would you make?
It is not a season for spending, it is a time to be reigning in spending, just like most families are doing.

Do you have any other feedback?
Spend on the necessary, not entertainment, not events, not upgrades (unless necessary), not anything that is going to unnecessarily increase rates. Feilding rates are already higher than most.

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Name

Jacob ward

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The proposed budget is too expensive, for the current economic environment. The proposed budget WILL push many households into financial difficulty combined with the massive property value increase. In my own situation, employed full time, owning my own home with a boarder to help with expenses the proposed rises will make it extremely difficult financially.

What changes would you make?

The budget needs to be reduced drastically, cutting spending to bring the rates rise to under 4%. There is an unprecedented rise in the cost of living affecting the majority of Palmerston North residents. Vanity projects need to be scrapped, management wages need to be frozen, drastic measures need to be taken to not just keep current spending but reduce spending. Or this rise will have a drastic effect on the most at risk and the people most affected by the current downturn.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Callum Anderson

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
Absolute rubbish

What changes would you make?
Not increase the rates as all you seem to be doing is wasting rate payer money while increasing hardship on house holds.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Sue Peck

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think in these times when people are struggling after the effects of Covid and increase in rates is not acceptable. I myself have been affected greatly and my husband is only on the pension. We have had to eat into our retirement savings to meet expenses over the past 2 years.

What changes would you make?

I would like to know why the charge for rubbish and public recycling is applicable if you do not use this service and pay for a rubbish bin and people using the rubbish bags pay for them anyway. So what is this charge for???

Do you have any other feedback?

I think increases should be put off for at least another year until people can get back on their feet financially.

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Name

Janice Neil

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I am fully against Home owners getting the rates increased. Every year we have an increase and this year its just ridiculous. Covid has impacted Home owners , we are struggling too. Why do us home owners, who work so hard to even be able to own our own home keep getting hit in the pocket And this is a yearly thing, we never get a break. Covid has affected your staff ,so you should be considering the impact it has had on us home owners and our work life's too and our home lives. We are feeling it greatly too. Kerb side glass collection has been ceased due to this , so we loose something our rates money goes towards and I know this will come back, but it proves the point, we are all feeling this pandemic and it's been going on since 2020. Have a heart and think of the community you are chosen to represent The roads are a mess,, So many need fixing, the parks especially the small ones, they haven't been updated in ages. Like the one on Clausen st, which is my local one for my children and my neighbour's children. Hasn't been updated or taken care of properly for the 15 years I've lived in my home. The equipment is outdated, there is no range of fun outside equipment on it. The water is crappy. We as home owners also have to pay Horizons , which look at the streams, they are a mess.

What changes would you make?

Parks updated for our children to enjoy Roads fixed Parking in Town reduced Parking now coming down side streets closer to town now you have to pay, this should be stopped.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Craig Dunlop

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

My employer has imposed a wage/salary freeze so no adjustments for the increased cost of living. So a near 20% increase in my rates contribution!!!! where is that money coming from? As a solo parent already living paycheck to paycheck and borrowing to buy food are you expecting me to pick up a second job? Try my hand at lotto? pokies?... Just because land value increased does not mean that I have more money in my pocket, just more ability to go deeper into debt. Added to that mortgage rates, food prices, petrol prices..... have all increased dramatically in case you have not noticed. I doubt any of you have any real understanding of the financial hardships that real people face. Do I get 20% more services for my increased taxes? I doubt it.

What changes would you make?

Drop unnecessary projects, council's job is to make sure we have basic infrastructure. Driving slalom down Tremaine avenue to dodge the plethora of potholes with their patches on patches on patches on patches on patches (city should change its name to Potholemerston North), I am led to believe that we can't even get the basics right. I cannot afford to maintain my home which needs painting, windows replaced, insulation, heating, damp/black mold control, carpet... So when things get more expensive, do I impose a higher wage bill on my employer? Obviously not, I have to make do, do without, wear it out. Unfortunately I don't have the council's luxury of being able to extort money at will from people regardless of the economic/social/health cost.

Do you have any other feedback?

WAKE UP! Absolutely certain my feedback will be read as coming from a fringe minority of malcontents and have no impact on the nearly 20% rates extortion.

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Luigi Noaro – phone submission 1/4/22

Resentment over possibility of rates increase. Neighbour believes that because of where we are and that the sections deemed to be sub-dividable that rates will go up about 20%

When the new GV came out I did initially put in an objection because I believed it was too high. But then thought everyone is going to be in the same situation, so I will try work it to my advantage, I withdrew my objection and put my property up for sale, advertised in paper. Never got one inquiry because advertised it at the GV which is \$765,000, not one inquiry

My belief is that instead of trying to encourage people to subdivide their properties by bursting the values of it like they have which has gone up 300 percent in the last six years, council are working against their own ideas of what they want to do. They are making it too expensive for people to buy. I have called Council for four or five days to be put through to a town planner for one to call me, property behind me in XXXXXXXXXXXX ave is coming up for sale, looking at putting thoroughfare through, demolishing my home and purchasing one behind, it would cost 1.5 mil to do that, to purchase both properties, trying to find out from a town planner whether it is viable to go ahead with that and build. More residents put a thoroughfare through, probably beneficial to buy houses on other side of mine Cannot see any construction company touching it, and I would like a town planner to come have a look and see what happens so that is why I have been calling them.

With these exorbitant valuations that are being placed just to manipulate the rates that we have to pay because it is a manipulation of the market it is virtually theft by stealth on the ratepayers, as soon as this council changes rating system to a capital based system like the rest of the country has then the fairer it will be on ratepayers,

If I can get a lawyer to work for me probono on this I will sue the council for maintenance of the berm outside my property for 70 years, I have been in my family home since 1950 and I believe I have being paying exorbitant rates up until now anyway.

I don't think that because we have a sub-dividable property that we should punished.

SUBMISSION ON RATES FORUM 2022

I am informed by a member of Council's rates team that my P.N.C.C. rates for 2022 will likely increase by more than \$700.00.

I ask you, is this fair?

Apparently it is happening because I live in a popular area on a large section which is deemed sub-dividable!

I live in a large house. It is not a long house but a wide one. When the property was purchased in 1949 no-one was allowed to sub-divide; we were expected to use the extra land to provide food. As well as a vegetable garden, my mother planted fruit trees. To sub-divide now the fruit trees would have to be removed.

I ask you again, is this fair?

The trees on my property are significant in reducing my carbon footprint.

For almost 72 years my family has maintained the berm on Council land in front of the property free of charge to the council.

Is that fair?

In 2015 the land was valued for rating at \$245,000.00. Six years later in 2021 it was valued at \$765,000.00, a 300% increase in 6 years!

This is a blatant attempt by Council to manipulate the market to boost its ratings return and is little more than theft by stealth.

When I first received advice from Quotable Values of my latest valuation I objected on the grounds that it was excessive. I later withdrew my objection and decided to use the valuation to my advantage.

On the 24th March I advertised my property for sale at the Q.V. of \$765,000.00.

I didn't receive one enquiry!

This endorsed my belief that the valuation was excessive and that the Council, by boosting valuations to unrealistic levels in its greed for more rates is actually acting in a counter-productive manner by making development too expensive to achieve.

I am happy to pay my share for Council services, but to be singled out because of size and location is not fair; it reeks of exploitation and extortion.

Every household should be charged the same. We all use the same services, don't we?

If Council goes ahead with its rates demand on my property as intended, then I shall send Council an account for the maintenance of its berm over 71 years.

After all, that is fair, isn't it?

Luigi Noaro



19th April 2022

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Your contact details

Name
Steve Wrathall

Organisation

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
An insult to struggling households

What changes would you make?
Cut back all low-quality spending similar to that proposed by Cr Naylor

Do you have any other feedback?
no

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Name

Andrea Mackay

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

My main feedback is that the increase of \$500 per year for my property are unreasonable. That is around 16% change. Yes i have a large section but it is NOT possible for it to be subdivided due to where buildings are placed so why should I be penalised? I also don't understand why that is a consideration. I have a single residential property just like others and they should be rated equally. In fact we probably have a small footprint compared to most households. My property also has the council stormwater going through it - perhaps you can rent the land from me or give me a rates rebate for the privilege? I understand the need to fund infrastructure but I am a single parent and the rate increases are becoming over the top. This increase feels incredibly unfair. Properties should be rated equally.

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Name
Dion Parkes

Organisation

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Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

For quite some time think the council has lost their way with this. Lots spent on nice to have things but some are really unpopular. Rate increases are so far above that of general inflation increases that its irresponsible

What changes would you make?

Palmy doesn't need to be advertised on TV I cycle heaps but those new barriers are terrible but do love the river redevelopment Arena upgrade and the statues unnecessary Can't list all silly spending here but have heard councilors are some of very few that get a free childcare work perk ratepayers pay for.

Do you have any other feedback?

Keep spending to less than 1% more than inflation and don't charge based on RV - I couldn't afford to buy my house with current RV and so many would be worse off, if RVs go down too, then what? .. rates increasing 10% per year every year in 2020s is irresponsible - if wastewater system upgrades are that expensive cut other spending as other businesses can't run this way as they're not a monopoly like the council is

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Name
Madhan Kumar

Organisation
MidCentral DHB

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I completely oppose any increase in the rates proposed. Inflation, cost of living, fuel, electricity, living expenses (and virtually everything else) have soared remarkably, yet , my public sector pay has not increased by a single dollar for years.! We are expected to tighten our belts, make changes to our lifestyle and simply cope with it. I find the proposed increases preposterous and don't see why PNCC can't make these changes, tighten its belts, just like us.

What changes would you make?

Leave things as is, PNCC has to tighten its belts just as everyone else has. We pay enough already. PNCC an increase the rates when inflation reduces or our pays are increased.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Peter Kennedy

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
One word - Unaffordable. The cost of living has increased and putting rates up at about 20% is not feasible for most families.

What changes would you make?
Lower rates! Find some way of reducing spending, families are doing this already so the council should as well.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Barbara Konzett

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Please, do not raise the rates as much as you are proposing. I am single and live alone in my small 90sqm home that has an 809sqm section and as such my rates are criminally high. "Flash" new houses with 4 or 5 bdrms pay less in rates than I do and it makes no sense!! This proposed \$700 increase for me would be crippling. Sincerely, someone who lives in Pnth

What changes would you make?

Whatever cut backs and future plans are needing such huge raises should be stringently analysed and placed to the side to allow your people some breathing space in their lives. With all goods and services increasing across the board your people are struggling! Don't be out of touch.

Do you have any other feedback?

Don't be out of touch.

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Name
Raewyn Marshall

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

An unacceptable increase - Based on section size is unfair. We are on a large section - Facing a \$422 increase - Our section is not sub dividable due to a covenant on it so why do we face such a large increase. Your pamphlet states the largest rate increase is where sections are sub dividable. Not all large sections can be sub divided.

What changes would you make?

Large Sections that are not sub dividable are treated differently than those that can be subdivided.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Gavin Tamblyn

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Our objection to the proposed rates increase is two-fold: 1) As per your consultation document, we are seeing price hikes for everything we do. An increase of this magnitude is out of proportion with other increases and makes home ownership in our region even more unaffordable. Most people are on a fixed income, having not seen a salary or benefit increase or at least not one to match the changing times. Your proposed increases are likely to further contribute to declining consumer spending, affect standards of living as well make Palmerston North less attractive as a place to settle. Encouraging home ownership in our region should be a priority, as its economic and social benefits are well known. 2) Comparing our rate increase to that of our neighbours, I note that our increase is an astronomical 45.59% whereas our neighbours is also a hefty 18.95%. On further evaluation, the difference in our proposed rates is based on the General Description that our property has shifted from being a Single Unit Residential to a Two Unit Residential. Our property has a primary dwelling with a garage and sleepout in the rear. The sleepout is physically separated from the primary dwelling of size no greater than 36m², has an en-suite but is not self-contained, as per the PNCC's definition. It does not meet the PNCC's definition of a multi-residential development where there may be two or more houses, flats or apartments. Please can the General Description be updated accordingly, with the appropriate adjustment in the proposed rate hike. Regardless of which method you chose to calculate the rates, the proposed increase is unacceptable and unaffordable for all home owners and indirectly tenants. In these times, an increase of between 18-45% is far from realistic.

What changes would you make?

No rate increase greater than the consumer price index. Work with in a budget, we have to!

Do you have any other feedback?

I am normally not one to complain, but this is a time for you to listen to the rate payers!!

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Name

Patricia Watts

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I am an almost 80 yr. old widow and have lived in this house for 45 years plus. Love living here but get no extra services. Being between a daycare and Plunket Centre there is no parking on road during the week. Don't mind that as they are great neighbours. But I cannot afford these rate increases, living on a pension and a small amount of interest from an investment., Please rethink the draft plan or make the rates rebate higher for those in my situation.

What changes would you make?

Yes definitely cut back on some not so necessary work by council, such as planter boxes like lego blocks. Childish looking distraction.

Do you have any other feedback?

Yes I do. The so called improvements last year along the road by Coffee Club have turned out to be a very expensive project. I have yet to see anyone sitting there enjoying rest as the seating is all shaded until afternoon and with the square just across the road, we tend to sit over there among the beautiful rose gardens. Please no more wasting money changing things just to keep the planners in a job!! Very frustrating.

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Name
Clare Ekins

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

I think that maybe for some time, council should concentrate on the maintenance up keep and needs rather than the wants just like the rest of us have to. Doing up Cuba Street, does it really need to be done at this time? Albert Street River entrance, does that really need to be done at this time? That is a want, not a need. Making things safer, a need, making them prettier all the time, that's a want. Those things should be saved up for by council and sometimes need to wait to see if there is any surplus anywhere to do them (just like we have to do in our households). Our rates are set to go up pretty much \$400 (after the other rates increase we had not long ago), my wages have not gone up in either of those times, my hubby's wage only went up to just keep him above minimum wage. We have to think about our needs and often miss our on our wants because we have to budget within our means. Sometimes ya just have to cull the fat and do the basics (which means maintaining what we already have or fixing what is broken) and just do the needs. Then build up and save for the wants!

What changes would you make?

There are lots of things that you don't need to do, that Palmy doesn't need. You need to think of the people living in the city and what they can afford and that's not a rates increase.

Do you have any other feedback?

I just want to say, that when you talk about budgeting in a household, you talk about what money you are getting in and then you budget with that amount. You don't budget for getting extra money (as most households don't get pay rises so we live off what we know we are going to get). You would know how much money you would be getting each year, why can't you budget to work within those means rather than taking more from us. I work for a publicly funded place, I don't get a pay rise very often at all (and if I do, it's just to keep me above minimum wage. My husband works in retail, you know they don't get paid very well. We budget with what we have and know to be coming in. We don't get extra to then get more things. Where are we supposed to get the extra to cover the extra rates especially as it went up quite a bit not long ago. Just because someone says the value of our land has gone up, doesn't mean anything has changed in the area we live in or what is happening in our area. We all off a sudden don't have gold plates, knives, forks and our homes certainly haven't turned into mansions just because a new valuation puts the value of our property/land up. As you said the the first paragraph of your plan... 021 and the start to 2022 has been tough for everyone, a second year navigating the unpredictable effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's hard out there for individuals, families, organisations and businesses, with petrol, mortgage rates and the price of food and other goods increasing. Also, the price of power and gas

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has now gone up and winter is coming and we are now expected to find the extra money to be able to cover that and a rates rise. Again I say, where do we get this extra money to pay for all these things. Lets not also remember that Horizon's rates could well increase as well which is even more money to find. I appreciate the things that council does for our city but maybe someone from budget advice needs to come in and teach you how to live within your means and what you know you already get (as that's what the rest of us have to do). I guess you can see where I am coming from. I hope you will take this into consideration before setting the new rates amounts as soon you could well be trying to milk from a tired old, dried up cow and wonder why there is no milk.

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