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Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
Attachments: submission_to_palmerston_north_city_council_and_regarding_10_year_plan_and_and_rates_increases.docx

Your contact details**Name**

Liz Cross

Organisation**Hearings****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?****Your feedback****What do you think of our proposed budget?**

You're going to have to make some changes there ! I've just worked out that our rates are due to rise by almost 33% while our income for the past two years is significantly reduced

What changes would you make?

Cut any spend that is not vital for now. Remove from the proposed spend any items that we can do without for the present and come back to them when the economy has recovered from the Covid hit.

Do you have any other feedback?

Yes. Read attached submission

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Submission to Palmerston North City council regarding 10 year plan and rates increases

Regarding rate increases .

The role of local authorities is to lead and represent their communities. They must engage with their communities and encourage community participation in decision-making. This means that the proposed budget is at this stage still just that “proposed” and may and should be reconsidered in light of the community reaction and input.

At this particular time, we have just come through the dramatic effects of Covid 19 on our community not just in terms of health but also in terms of finance. Many people have been affected by a loss in income over the past 2 years, some very significantly. This has particularly affected those who are self-employed and in small businesses - a 3-month lockdown can often mean a 3 month+ loss of income which is quite devastating and is taking people a long time to recover from.

It should also be noted that during the Covid lockdowns the salaries of government workers, and I assume this includes members of council, have being entirely unaffected. There was no reduction in income while in lockdown, working from home or not able to work due to illness or other circumstances. It may be that this has meant that these workers are unaware of the impact of Covid on a large portion of the population. They are able to sympathise with small business owners and their staff, but have not actually felt the sting in their own pockets.

Increases In the cost of living in all areas are obvious now bank interest rates have gone up meaning mortgages take a bigger chunk out of earnings, rents are up, available rentals are down and homelessness is increasing. Everyone notices that their food bill in the supermarket is significantly more than it was last year and yet wages have not increased. For many people not only is there no spare money but there's just not enough money to survive each week.

The visible impact of this reduced income can be seen in places like Just Zilch where the queue has increased significantly over the last 2 years and makeup of people in that queue has changed too.

When drawing up the financial plan for the next 10 years councils have obviously not been aware of what was coming in terms of the impact of Covid.

I feel it would be appropriate to have a rethink on rating increases in light of this. Flexibility has been required over the past 2 years by so many people in order to get through the difficulties that we have been faced with day to day. To work out a new way of living and working under restrictions. How to keep a business going on the smell of an oily rag. I think that council need to now take time to be flexible in their approach to rating and hold back on the proposed large increases.

A reduction in rates income will obviously cause a financial deficit and therefore a reduction in in the number of things that can be included in the 10-year plan. I would suggest that, at this time, the “vital to have” is separated from the “nice to have” in terms of things that the budget will allow to go forward with in the next few years.

Obviously, anyone living in the city is concerned to have good drinking water (which we have at present), to have our sewage and other waste dealt with well, and to keep roads safe and whole for people in cars, on cycles, scooters and on foot.

We already have so many delightful things in Palmerston North to enjoy – our parks are amazing, we have lovely places to walk, cycle and play, pathways that are maintained by the council for all our enjoyment , but I would suggest that, in the current climate, we cease to add to these “nice to have” items and just concentrate on maintenance of what we have at the moment.

I think that council would do well to reduce spend overall, to prioritise spending to the “that which is vital “for the moment and hope that as we go through the next couple of years things will improve and we will be able to get back to adding to the lovely things that we all enjoy.

Sensible people reduce their spend when their personal budgets are tight. A sensible council should do the same.

Be flexible. Please cut spending plans. We just can't afford the extras for now ■

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Gary & Elizabeth Owen

Organisation**Hearings**

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

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

This budget and the affect on my rates is not particularly great, however I know a lot of people are going to be quite badly financially hit.

What changes would you make?

The budget should be reviewed and any "nice to haves" where work has not commenced or contracts let should be removed. The focus should be on necessary work particularly infrastructure or work required to meet seismic (library building), health and safety (recycling and rubbish disposal improvements) or increased capacity requirements. For example where an existing pipe line needs to be enlarged to enable in-fill housing or industrial construction. Should any surplus come about it must be used to retire debt as it is rather obvious that interest rates are going to rise rapidly and will become a heavy burden on the budget and therefore the rate payers in coming years.

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Murray Wheeler

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 have no problems with the proposed budget for the PNCC and I believe it is a well run and organised Council and staff that we have. The city has many great features that we all enjoy and that must be paid for.

What changes would you make?

The only concern I have is the proposed rate increases that have been signalled. The LV on our property went from \$250K to \$630K in three years and that increase is ridiculous. In the same time frame our Value of Improvements decreased from \$135K to \$130K and considering we had spent over \$110K on improvements since buying the property 15 months ago this also was ridiculous. I did object and the LV remained the same but the Value of Improvements did increase to \$190K. I wanted the LV not to be so high but this did not happen. If these high values are to be the value at which rates are struck then the system needs to change so the end results are fairer. From your website I see that the proposed rates for our property will be \$3848 an increase of \$962 on the current rates or a 33% increase. If this happens the PNCC will be dealing a low blow to rate payers and for a lot of us the increase will be far too much. What happened to the proposed 8 to 8.3% proposed increase. You need to work your figures so that this is the sort of increase you strike. It is all very well to say you can claim rebates or the like but most of us would not qualify for them.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Beryl Perrie

Organisation

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

Grossly unfair , in equitable, unfairly targets home owners, who have lived in established dwellings , and historic larger sections which was purchased decades prior. I am 85 years old, and have lived alone in my home for 40 years . When I bought this property, for myself and my children, this was a "normal size section". Due to its shape I have always been aware , it has not be subdividable. My home is in a location, that is very convient for me, due to my partial sight, I need easy access to shops, that I can walk to. I already qualify for the Full Income rates rebate, as I am on the pension. But this subsidy will be grossly inadequate, if the proposed rate increase is to be confirmed. My rates would increase from \$3616 to \$3916, at 8.3% proposed rate increase. My superannuation amount has not gone up any where that percentage . Also as stated in the PNCC leaflet, the % rate increase could go up even more, because of my larger section. IT seems very unfair, that families or couples now can build new houses, and family homes on much smaller sections , because that it the only land available. So a home that has more volume of people, and generally higher income, but has a "smaller" section, will pay less rates. How is that fair , that an individual will have to pay more, that a family with more people, who will use more of the PNCC facilities. It seems the PNCC are targeting land owners, rather than the value of the house It is not fair that individual people in tennanted property's (not the landlord), pay no rates, yet use services One reason you give for the need for increased rates , is increased prices, eg energy costs. So have I got these increased costs.

What changes would you make?

Proposed increase in rates , should be standard , so the percentage increase, does not go up , just because you have a bigger size section, that in particular , has been in the hands of the owner for many decades When a person sells a section, that then can be subdivided, only then would it be fair to charge rates, because there are now 2 family's on that section. Not one Rural properties are also an issue , one family on small farmlet, why should they pay more, because of land value Consider more user pay services.

Library , Recycling Consider seriously looking at a new system in how rates are assessed, not just on land value .

Do you have any other feedback?

1)Do not attack Land owners . 2) My Gross income last year was \$25, 517. Please explain to me how I am going to afford to pay near \$4000 just on rates. The costs and stress involved , for not only myself , but other people similar to my situation, to pay these rates, or consequences for having to budget even tighter , just to exist, will ultimately have impacts and more costs to PNCC to provide services to these people. We are your voters.

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Deborah Hilson

Organisation**Hearings**

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I cant understand how such an increase is justified. Mine is to increase by approximately \$360 - what extra do I get for this? My work colleagues is going up by approx. \$800 and mine by approx. \$360 - our properties are very similar and the services to the properties is no different so how to you justify the difference - times are hard for people and it is hard to understand the huge range of different increases being applied. Where are people supposed to get this money from for no increase to services.

What changes would you make?

Stop wasting money on things like planter boxes - do things once and do them properly so they don't require continual fixing.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Eric Constantine

19 APR 2022

PNCC Rec'd 19 APR 2022 Saturday March 26th 2022

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I find myself increasingly unable to trust anything this council says or does and I have little confidence in council's email system believing it susceptible to misuse. Council, over a number of decades, has consistently restricted public access to rating information for its own ends rather than that of the public therefore limiting the ratepayers' ability to make substantive submissions.

I do not intend to comment on all budgeted items confining myself to supporting those councillors who have/are supporting significant reductions in many areas and are prepared to review the proposed rating plan.

By now all members of council could be in receipt of a PDF page emailed some time back. As a result the latest QVNZ valuations have produced the most ridiculous variations in rates possible.

1. It is my submission that the latest QVNZ valuations be discarded and that council investigate the use of the previous valuations to arrive at a sensible, intelligent and progressive application of rates.

Council is not obligated to use QVNZ valuations.

The ratepayers of Palmerston North did not cause the present predicament, that is down to Central Govt, the Reserve Bank and the Banking system and please bear in mind that the 2007 Rating Inquiry itself had no faith in QVNZ valuations.

2. While the reduction in the UAGC was to be expected the childish increase in the proposed Rubbish and Public Recycling, amongst others, was clearly intended to minimise that reduction (for clarity UAGC plus fixed charges **only reduced by \$122 from the 2021 rates) while at the same time avoiding increasing the variable rate (which for clarity actually "**reduced by some 30%+**" from the 2021 rates to protect the wealthier properties **when it should have in fact been increased significantly**) (I awoke one morning with a curious thought, was the advance warning of a proposed rating change intended to garner campaign contributions and voter support for the upcoming elections from such properties? Not a thought that can be dismissed readily).**

3. The continuing vile method of concealing the true nature of rate examples from the public highlights council's continued contempt for the public as does the heinous proposal to fill the pockets of both councillors and staff at the expense of many of the less affluent coping not only with the pandemic but also considerable increases in living costs. These actions only continue to diminish any integrity council may, collectively, believe it to have.

If councillors feel no shame for their present and proposed actions I feel it for them.

As previously mentioned: This doesn't make sense. LV rating is a progressive one, while this looks progressive the impact over 2021 rates does appear unreasonable when looked at in closer detail.

The following trials were carried out on the sample properties ranging in the latest

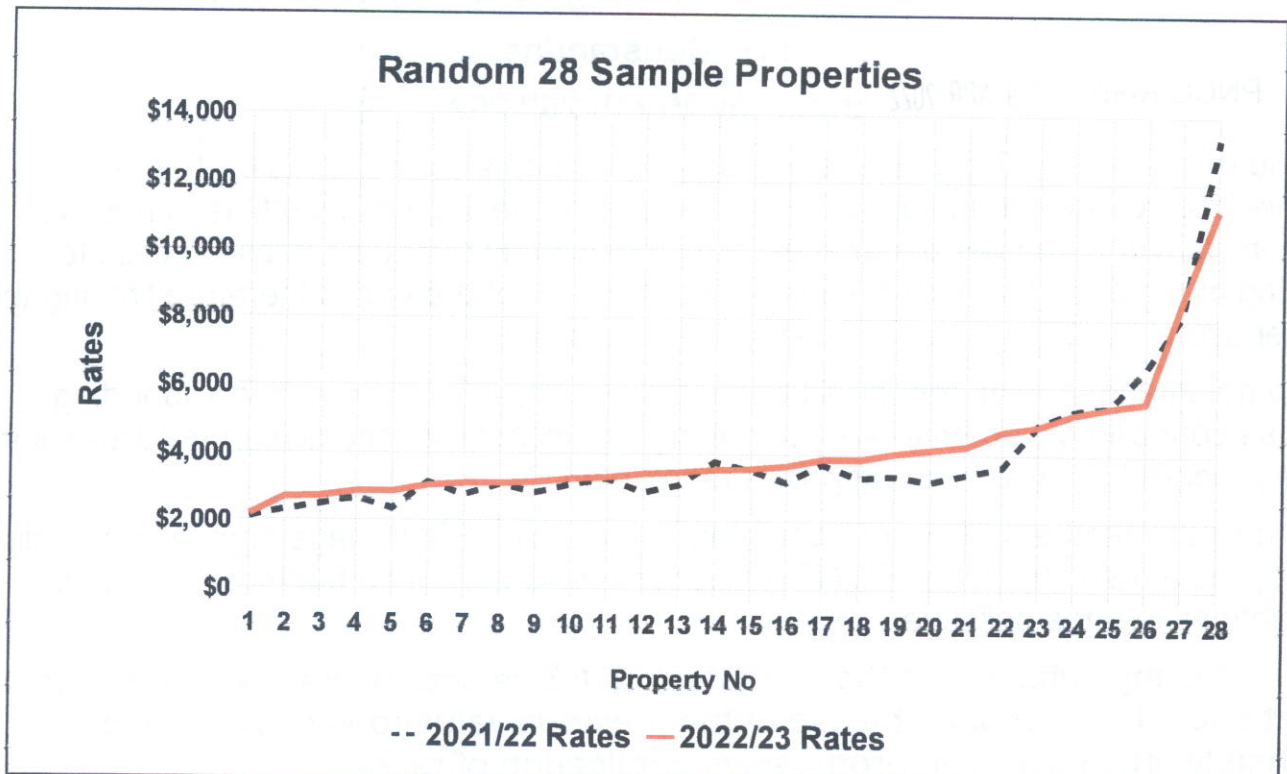


Chart 1.

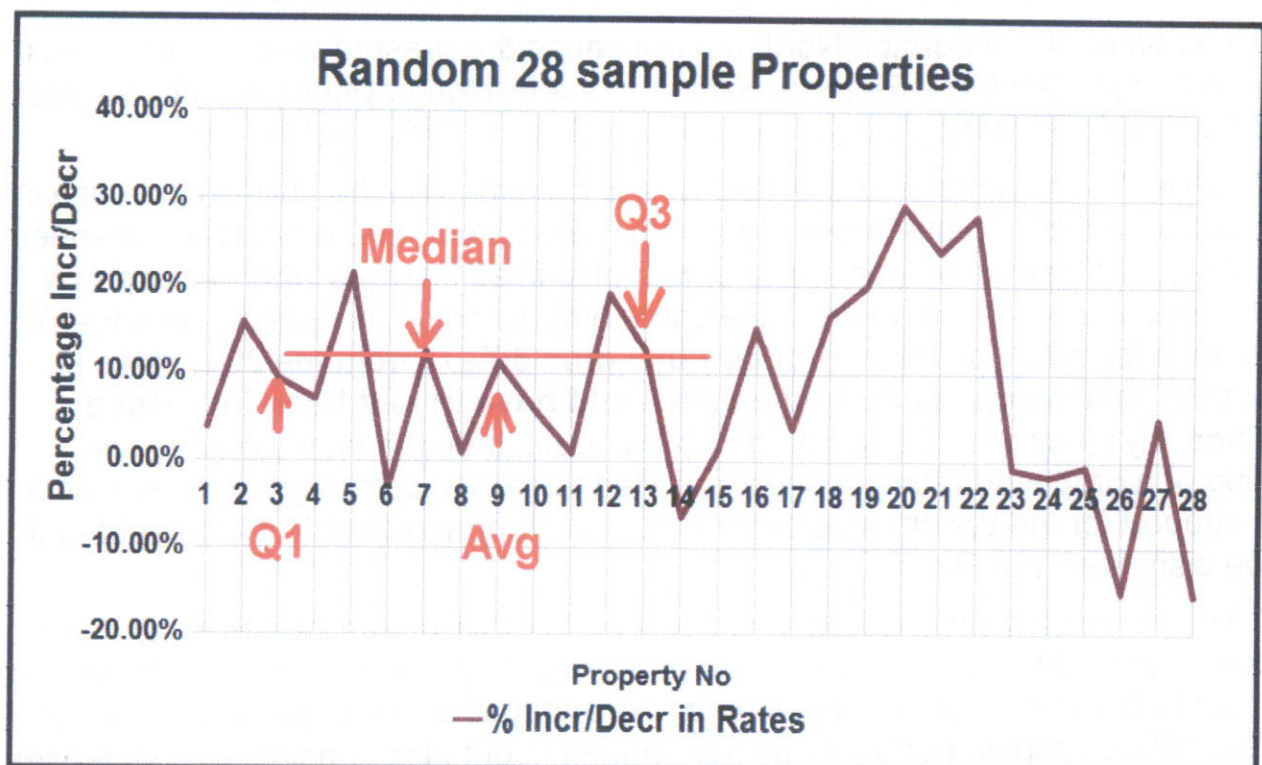


Chart 2.

Q1 to Q3 don't really tell the full story do they? But that's statistics for you. For the record properties 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 are all in Hokowhitu and have reduced rates of varying degrees. Out of curiosity this wouldn't be some devious means of promoting CV rates would it?

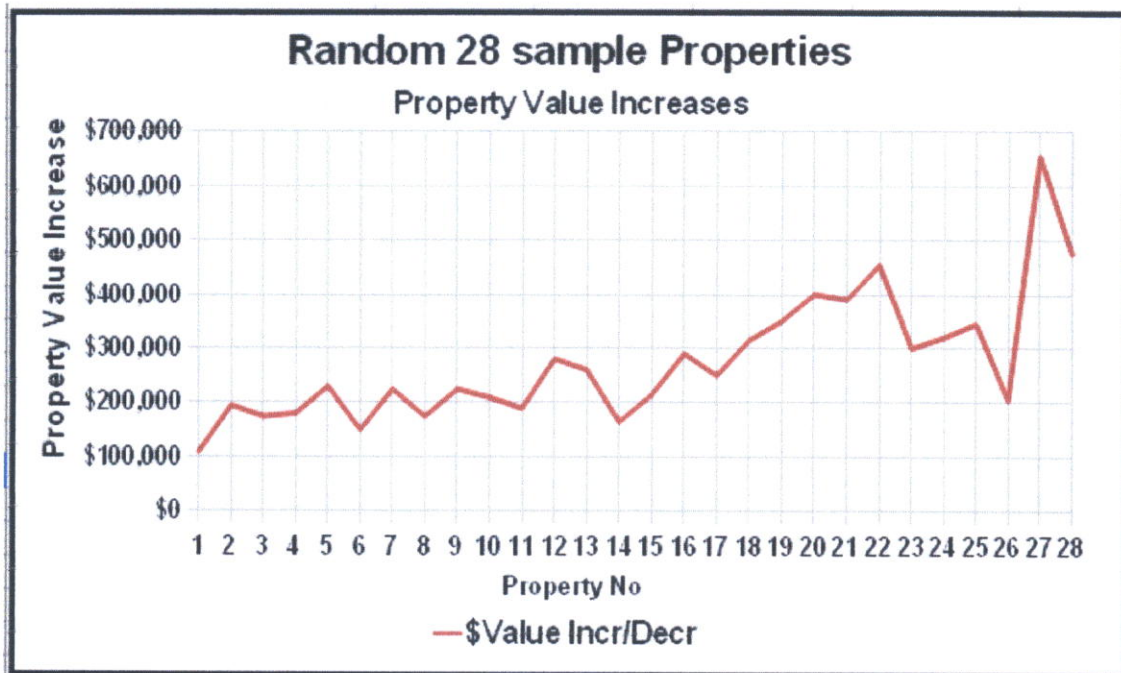


Chart 3.

Comparing charts 2 and 3 it should be noticed that properties 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28 apart from having various rate reductions also have significant property value increases. As is the usual case Hokowhitu properties are being handed significant rate reductions compared to property values at the expense of the less affluent.

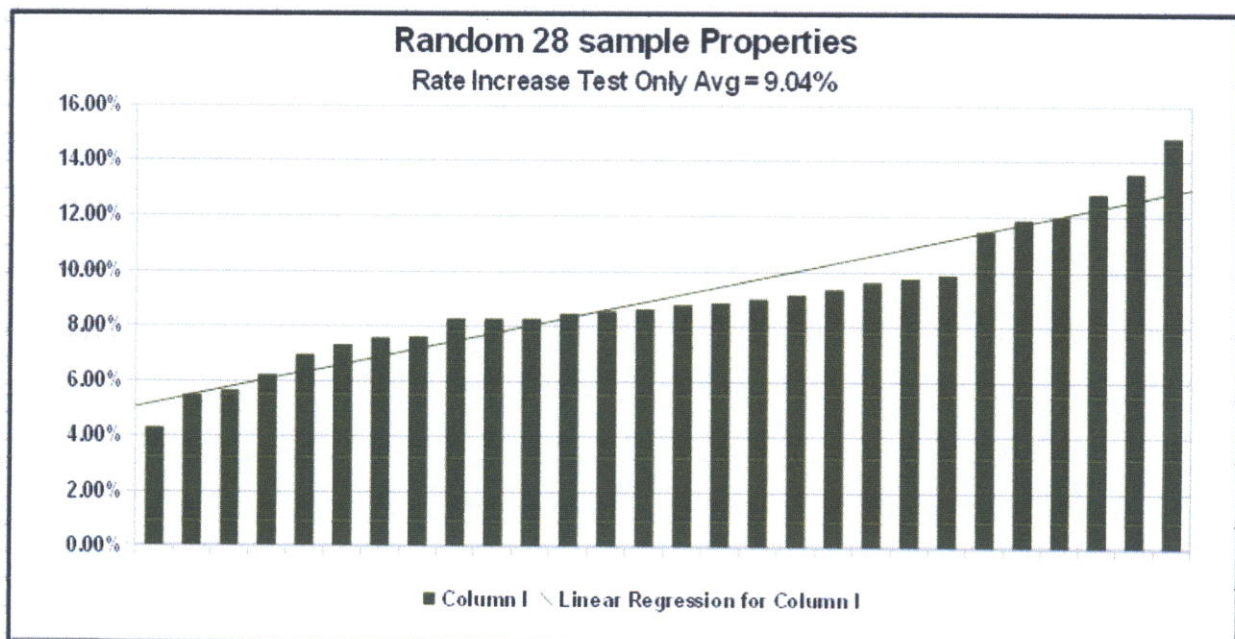


Chart 6.

I tried to find a more progressive rates chart but this is the closest I have come to at present. It does, however, display a somewhat better progressive nature using the previous valuations. The average came out at 9.04% over the 28 properties.

I hope someone can do better.

It would, in my view, be extremely irresponsible for council to use the values provided by QVNZ especially as those values are not expected to survive for very long.

Eric Constantine

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Catriona Pirie

Organisation**Hearings**

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I appreciate that increased costs need to be recovered, but large increases in lower socioeconomic areas will put greater financial pressure on these households.

What changes would you make?

Impose greater rates increases on properties in higher socioeconomic areas.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details**Name**

ray alcock

Organisation

just a good kiwi bloke international federation

Hearings

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

the rich get richer, the poor get poorer. i trust it will clearly state how much revenue was received before the revaluation and after the valuation for domestic rates

What changes would you make?

new enlightened, in touch with real people councillors

Do you have any other feedback?

can i be the new ceo please?

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Carolyn Timmins

Organisation

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

I am saddened at the percentage allocated to mayoral/councillor remuneration in comparison to allocation to other necessary areas. With many of our ratepayers subjected to ongoing pay freezes over the last 2 years or job losses, and the huge cost of living increases families are facing (food 7.6% increase, fruit & veges 18% increase, fuel 26% increase, power, insurance increases etc), it is hard knowing that our mayor is paid over 22% higher than the national average, our councillors are paid over 38% higher than the national average and local council staff are paid over 45% higher than council staff in other districts in NZ.

What changes would you make?

I would like to see a reduction in the rate increase, to take some pressure off already stretched families and low income earners, reflected in a reduction in the amount set aside for mayoral/councillor remuneration. If the majority of our local ratepayers are facing hugely increased costs of living with minimal to no pay increases, then our councils should be respectful enough to take the same nil pay increases themselves, or even a pay reduction, given they are already substantially paid in excess of others in the same role throughout the country.

Do you have any other feedback?

I note that the highest allocation of money is given to recreation. Given the limited natural resources Palmerston North has in relation to other cities (lakes, parks, etc) it is important to have safe and well maintained reserves and outdoor public areas where families can be active and enjoy some fresh air. I do wonder though, if this should be the highest priority, given the state of some of our roads, footpaths, street lighting, etc. Although sport and recreation is important, I don't believe it is of higher priority than public safety and maintenance of vital resources.

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Daniel Strawbridge

Organisation**Hearings**

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I do not see why my rates should go up by 25% when I do not receive any more services than before. My house value may have gone up but not my income and with the increase in every living cost this is not sustainable. Increases are inevitable but they should be averaged across every home, not targeting low value homes that have now come up in value.

What changes would you make?

Increases must be the same across every rate payer not targeted to low value homes that have gone up. You are targeting the most vulnerable by doing this.

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Nicola Warren

Organisation

Hearings

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

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

In times of financial uncertainty our family reigns in our budget. We expect our elected PNCC officials to do the same. The budget needs to be scaled back to remove the 'nice to haves'. A significant number of Palmy ratepayers will not have income increases keeping up with the increased cost of living due to inflation and the associated increased tax burden (groceries cost more.... hand over extra GST on that thanks)

What changes would you make?

Put an immediate halt to the following 'nice to haves': * Albert st river entry makeover - it can wait. * City centre transformation. It's not going to actually impact the number of people attracted to the region... word of mouth from happy residents will take care of a lot of that. * Heritage related thingee. Sure - sounds interesting.. But having enough money to pay for the groceries sounds better. * Social Housing. A minefield I know. But since when did it become a council function to bail Central Govt out when their housing policies fail and a housing crisis exists? Palmy residents are paying for social housing twice - once through taxes and again through rates. Better to keep the money for infrastructure so when Central Govt is ready to invest more in housing in Palmy we're in a position to respond quickly as we have funds available for the necessary supporting infrastructure. If you must create social housing then consider a sustainable model such as for every 1 social house built another 'for profit' house is built which will be charged out at market rate. The council will then own an appreciating asset, help to address the city's rental property shortage which will reduce the demand on social housing, the houses will pay for themselves thereby reducing the burden on ratepayers, and it will help beautify the city (as long as you make them look nice enough 😊) which will attract more people here.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Maria king

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 feel any increase to the budget is too much on the current economic climate

What changes would you make?

I feel the focus on rate payers dollars should not be on expensive and frivolous art works around the city. Not should it be on social housing . It should be focused on infrastructure, particularly considering the rate at which the city is expanding and all the extra rates they will collect from all the new builds but a systemic failure to increase at the same rate.. Infrastructure capability . Storm water is a huge one. Flooded streets are not an alternative to having adequate storm water drains . The drains are so old and small that when we have heavy rain not only does the water push storm water back up pipes causing peoples drains and toilets to flood at the property end.. it causes the streets to flood.

Do you have any other feedback?

I also think that before his dress of thousands of dollars are spent on contentious ideas like the planter box debarcle.. it should really go to rate payers for a vote.. it is our money after all that is contributing to financing these. I also disagree with the 100k allocation to create a labour inspired working group to ascertain how much you should be involved with social housing projects. KO is in place for this. And whilst the council does have certain social housing to maintain it does not need to take on the financial burden of any more .

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Steven Vindriis

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 it's ridiculous. Land areas in the poorer parts of town such as Highbury have gone up because it's all people can afford. The area hasn't got any nicer but rates going up by around 30%.

What changes would you make?

Spending needs to be brought under control. Creating a temporary solution to the planter boxes while a proper design is created seems crazy. Just leave the planters there until you find a proper solution. Karen Naylor had some suggestions but they were rejected so not sure it's worth trying to find specifics. Learn to live within a budget.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Michelle Copeman

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 much expense when everyone else is tightening their belts in our current climate.
You seem to have gone in the opposite direction!

What changes would you make?

Remove such large pay increases to staff - no other NGO is seeing pay rises in this vicinity so why use our money to do this? Trim back your spending for this financial term to essential spending only - your city will appreciate that you understood lots of us are struggling at present - seems you are very out of touch with your community.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name
Jayden

Organisation

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

The proposed budget is absolutely ridiculous the raise of my rates my 30% is absolutely ridiculous. The price of inflation has gone up 8 as should the council Should follow. Instead of spending rates payers money on planter boxes which last all of a year. Use it towards something useful

What changes would you make?

Drop the increase of rates. Use the money towards things that would be useful for the PN community. Fix the roads and drainage around certain areas. More security cameras to the increase of crime.

Do you have any other feedback?

Get a grip and get your head out of the dirt and have a look at the real issues around PN. You don't need extra money when you can't be trusted with the current money you have. Pull your head in

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Catherine Perry

Organisation**Hearings**

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Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

A lot of airy fairy spending that is not warranted at this time

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

I am absolutely appalled at the state of our roads. for example Tremaine Avenue is a disgrace The name "Pot Hole Palmy" is very fitting How you can justify exorbitant rate increases without maintaining basic services such as acceptable roads defies logic

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Name
Tim Kendrew

Organisation
Palmerston North Community Services Council

Hearings

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

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?
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What changes would you make?
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Do you have any other feedback?
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Submission on the Palmerston North City Council 2022/23 Annual Budget

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on PNCC's 2022/23 Annual Budget. The Palmerston North Community Services Council (CSC) was established in 1971 as a collective body for community and social service agencies in Palmerston North. Our vision is to see a strong, vibrant, and connected community sector in Palmerston North. Our mission is to empower community groups to participate in, and contribute to, the community and its wellbeing. Our membership consists of more than one hundred for-purpose organisations and individuals working in the local community and social sector, and we are proud to partner with the City Council in this mahi.

We are grateful for the City Council's ongoing support for the Community Services Council as an organisation, and for the City's community sector more generally. We enjoy a positive and productive relationship with both elected members and council officers, and we thank you for the assistance the Council gives the sector—both in operational support, and in building organisational capacity and capability.

In general, we are supportive of the Council's proposed budget, and we acknowledge the difficulties in balancing service delivery with manageable rates rises for residents and businesses. We commend the Council for taking steps to fairly balance the burden of rates across residents and businesses.

We also recognise that there will be a number of submissions expressing a desire to lower the rates increases on both residents and commercial properties, especially given that the consultation documents put a heavy emphasis on rates increases. However, we urge the Council to resist the temptation to make cuts to services to achieve this. In particular, we urge you to maintain current budgets which enable the important services being done by the community and social services sector to meet the social wellbeing needs for our city's people.

We note the draft budget proposes lowering the funding for the Small Grants Fund and Hancock Community House management fund by \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively from what was set out in the 10 Year Plan. In the grand scheme of things, these are very small amounts

in the Council's overall budget – but to community groups, they make a significant difference. We ask Council to restore those to the budgets indicated in the 10YP.

Last year, as you consulted on your long term plan, we encouraged Council to keep the wellbeing of people at the front of your mind as you deliberate. One of the key statutory purposes of local government, of course, is to promote the cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing of communities. We encourage you again to keep that 'wellbeing lens' over all of your decisions.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Kendrew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Tim Kendrew

Manager

Palmerston North Community Services Council

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Your contact details**Name**

Lyndall Holstein

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 OK, but things are incredibly tight at the moment and this is going to hurt.

What changes would you make?

Could some things be smoothed a little? Why is there such a big jump in garbage services, along with increased cost to buy bags to start with?

Do you have any other feedback?

You know what hasn't changed? My part time wage. What has changed: My ability to get extra hours at work. The cost of: Food, Swimming Lessons Petrol Electricity Daycare Basically everything else. We're hurting. Our friends are hurting. One of our neighbors is in a really similar position, but is unable to afford the extra proposed for her home.

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Jack

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Living costs are rising . Low middle class can not afford to keep paying high rates. So I'm not a fan on the new budget for raising rates

What changes would you make?

Leave rates where they are . Focus on the community , life is changing or has change for lots of people in the region thanks to covid, support is where you need to be

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Samantha Hunt

Organisation**Hearings**

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What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

The rate increase is unaffordable for most of us whilst I appreciate the cost of things have increased quite significantly wages have not increased and people are struggling to feed their families so this means they will likely have to go without more things to accomodate the proposed increase. Also why do people have to pay for services they cannot access like some rural properties in regards to water and rubbish collection? There needs to be some prioritisations made for the city what is needed for it to function and what is nice to have - there is a large difference. The conditions of roads for example are appalling as well as some of the pavements. But its OK we'll have a nice entrance way to the river????

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Charlotte McNicol

Organisation**Hearings**

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Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

I feel that it's extreme how do you expect young families to cope with these rises

What changes would you make?

Stop wasting money on things that don't add value or make tourists out of town visitors

Do you have any other feedback?

Listen to the rate payers

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Your contact details**Name**

Alice Hicks

Organisation**Hearings**

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

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Horrendous. Would appreciate a call from a council member with an explanation as to why my rates are increasing by 24% - what for? What gain will I have? We live in a low socioeconomic area. We have people doing burn outs outside our house. We have people smoking weed all day surrounding us. We have neighbours who never clear their properties, mow their berms, foot paths that haven't been upgraded or tended to in years, don't register their dogs, who bark all day despite the 10+ complaints to the council. We have a street that should have multiple speed bumps years ago. Now I have to pay extra rates because the (completely unrealisable) "value" of my home has risen to a value you decided?

What changes would you make?

I was told the rates increase would be approx. 8.3% - why are we not getting this? Why is mine so much higher?

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Your contact details

Name
Renée

Organisation
Strawbridge

Hearings

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

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

The rates increase system based on house values are inequitable and will punish those who are already vulnerable, merely because house prices have gone up in poorer areas.

What changes would you make?

Everyone has the 8.3% increase regardless of how much their property is worth.

Do you have any other feedback?

PNCC, your proposed rate increase for our home in Takaro will be a massive 25%. How can you justify this???? How is that fair? Why should we be punished and pay a 25% rates rise (instead of 8.3%) for something that is completely out of our control like an increase in property value? We aren't suddenly getting paid any more because our property value has increased. We aren't using more of your services, than we usually do, because our property value has increased. It's completely unfair. Rich people whose property values have remained stable are receiving a smaller rates raise and even in some cases a reduction. One of our friends will pay \$100 less per year. This is absolutely disgusting and you will financially cripple people living in lower income areas like Takaro and Highbury where vulnerability is already high. We are already being slammed with the cost of food and petrol. A 25% rates increase is wrong and immoral.

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Your contact details**Name**

Lisa McLean

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 is a really big increase to a lot of households (including myself) that are already currently struggling, not to mention that these changes always take effect in Winter when we are already dealing with an increase in power and heating bills. As you would have heard from others, it is not my fault my land and property value has increased so significantly. I do understand that things like rates need to increase, but these need to be baby steps that households/families can manage.

What changes would you make?

I realise that the glass collection has stopped due to covid related issues, but I could totally live without this service. Even make it a monthly collection. I think people would be upset if you did this with the recycling service, but that too could be once a month and not affect me at all. As much as I love the work PNCC is doing around our region. Things like the lookout over Ahimate park is not a priority at this time. Unfortunately all enhancements around the city need to cease to keep rates reasonable.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Your contact details**Name**

Salina murphy

Organisation**Hearings**

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

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Looks standard but not happy that by these changes means that this will cripple the home owners by rate increases well above a "supposed" 8.3%. Yes some of the budget looks exciting for palmy but at the expense of its own community!

What changes would you make?

Cut costs yourselves just like all households have to do to get through this tough time! Have less staff like all other business are forced to do at this hard time. Don't presume Palmerston North citizens will or can pay the astronomical increases in rates you proposed!!

Do you have any other feedback?

It's laughable that you market this increase as a 8.3% increase. I own 3 houses House 1 is a 18.19% increase House 2 is a 14.77% increase House 3 is a 10.72% increase This will mean a total of \$1295.85 more per year for us!! Just because I was smart and bought investment property doesn't mean I'm well off by any means at all!! Just an average kiwi trying to make a life for my whanau. This WILL affect my renters as I can no longer sustain an affordable rent for them. I see no gain for the citizens of Palmerston North home owners or renters! I do understand the need for an increase but make it equal and fair for ALL citizens one flat rate increase. We are all struggling here. I would rather feed my children, not charge astronomical rent to my tenants so they can feed their children a BIG rethink needed here PNCC

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Deidre Southee

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 personally feel there is a need for a large cut back in all spending. Every change in councillors results in more changes to the city environment which will only benefit a few. The recent street-scaping in Central Town is an eyesore and used by a selected few. The planter boxes again makes the city untidy. Why can we not get back to basics and just maintain what we have without making a huge increase in rates. Maybe we need a reduction in number of councilors- retaining those few that attend the majority of council meetings. Those that do not obviously don't have the time to represent the Palmerston North people. I feel we do not need all the renovations of the central city as money has been excessive spent. Please consider carefully and look at maintenance of existing structures. Stop purchasing outside art works and concentrate on necessities.

What changes would you make?

More emphasis put on maintenance of what we have and not someone's great idea of a change that doesn't benefit everyone. Payment to councilors only if they attend the council meetings. Some penalties if they don't as they were elected by Palmerston North people to represent us.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Name

Andrea Wishnowsky

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?

I am not interested in prettifying the city at a time where costs are high and interest rates are increasing. Stick to the essentials and stop putting money into things which have no real functional purpose except to make things pretty... or vulgar like the "sculpture" which looks not unlike a giant gold butt plug.

Do you have any other feedback?

I am very disappointed to see we are being hit with a much higher percentage rate increase than your proposed 8.3% (which would hurt anyway), simply because of our land size and the fact that land value has been increased. I feel we are being penalised for not being pushed into subdividing our property because the council wants access to more land. We are looking at a ~24% increase, almost triple the proposed 8.3%. We are not using any extra services, or gaining any extra benefits over others in the city, so I think tripling our rates is ridiculous. Between this sort of increase and an increase in mortgage rates, I can see many of us having to make some tough decisions and changes just to keep our homes.

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Name

Natasha Bell

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'm very concerned that my rates will be increasing by 28%. As a single mother with a special need dependant adult and a teenager 28% is a huge amount especially when you consider the massive increase in food and petrol since last year.

What changes would you make?

I would like you to consider not spending money on non necessary things. Don't get me wrong I love the new parks, how amazing the river walk etc is looking but I feel these things could be lower down on the list. It's all well and good that Palmerston North looks amazing but not at the expense a lot of residents are struggling to pay.

Do you have any other feedback?

I don't really understand how council spends and prioritises it's money but I do know that an over 25% increase for a lot of low income families will not be good in the long run, I believe it will lead to more poverty, stealing, increase in domestic violence, more mental health problems and more strain on food banks etc

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Your contact details**Name**

Sonia Griffin

Organisation**Hearings**

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

Your feedback**What do you think of our proposed budget?**

Shite. My rates will go up \$1200 per year, \$200 per month. That's a substantial increase.

What changes would you make?

Take out the luxuries. All you will do is drive out residents from the city.

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

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Your contact details

Name
Dan Gerrard

Organisation
Water Safety New Zealand

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?

What changes would you make?

Do you have any other feedback?

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WSNZ Submission to Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan

Nau te Rourou, Naku te Rourou Kia Ora Ae te Iwi.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Plan 2022-23.

River hospitalisations and drownings are not a recent phenomenon on the Manawatu River/Awa. However, the significant number of drownings (see Link - <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300496746/manawat-river-drownings-have-explanations-aside-from-dangerous-water-conditions--reports>) over the December 21/January 22 period highlights the need for more to be done to prevent these tragedies.

Drowning tragedies cost the NZ economy around \$320 million per year (2018), and water related hospitalisations around \$83.6 million (2016). In addition, a drowning incident generates costs as it may require a response from several agencies including: Police, NZ Search and Rescue responders or ambulance and medical service.

Intervening early, or preventing the need to respond to a drowning, will provide cost savings to the New Zealand economy. Importantly intervening early also protects the community well-being, a local government responsibility under the Local Government Act, of the residents of our towns and cities.

In response to this summer's Manawatu River/Awa tragedies, a joint Iwi, Council, Horizons Council, Defence, Surf Life Saving NZ, Local Canoe Club, and Red Cross, and WSNZ work programme was established. The key work streams identified were:

- Response protocols when a Rahui is placed
- Review signage along the Manawatu River/Awa
- Water safety education programme
- Risk assessment Te mana O Te Awa (power of the river) Tikanga o te Awa Manawatu (protocols of the Manawatu River/Awa) Manawatu

This submission relates to the risk assessment – and the pilot of Te mana O Te Awa (power of the river) Tikanga o te Awa Manawatu (protocols of the Manawatu River) Manawatu.

This pilot is jointly funded by PCC and the water safety sector and comprises the following key steps:

- Stakeholder meeting to discuss pilot roles and responsibilities for the pilot
- An autumn, winter, spring and summer physical assessment of the River/Awa.
- A hui on the purakau of the River/Awa, and the lessons to be learned.
- A report with recommendations for change, accompanied by an implementation plan to improve water safety and drowning prevention.

Once the pilot is evaluated and lessons learnt incorporated, we would like Council, working with its partners, to invest in the implementation of Te mana O Te Awa through Council's annual planning process.

We would like to be heard in relation to our submission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Gerrard'.

Daniel Gerrard
Chief Executive WSNZ

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 submission
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Your contact details

Name
Rod Pik

Organisation

Hearings

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
Thurs 12 May 7pm to 9pm

Your feedback

What do you think of our proposed budget?

What changes would you make?

I'd like Vogel Street to be made safer for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists - more than 500 people are in the same opinion- please see petition attached.

Do you have any other feedback?

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Please Make Vogel Street Safer!



Rod & May Pik started this petition

We petition PNCC Mayor and Councillors to urgently make Vogel Street safer for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists. Vogel Street has become a dangerous, busy road. We are particularly concerned about the safety of children and the elderly crossing it, and of young people on their bikes. There is just a single pedestrian crossing at the Roslyn shops, and nowhere else for local school children to cross Vogel Street safely. Drivers have to make risky decisions at intersections. Residents are unable to safely walk to the local park, schools or swimming pool.

This has to change now. With a high proportion of serious injuries involving walking and cycling in the city, and the planned regional freight hub along Railway Road that will increase heavy vehicle traffic even further, PNCC cannot afford to neglect Vogel Street safety issues. All practical steps should be urgently taken to make the street safe.

568 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!



At 1,000 signatures, this petition is more likely to be **featured in recommendations!**



Please Make Vogel Street Safer!

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Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Date	Comment
XXXXXX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I live on Vogel street and I agree with making it safer for the school kids and elderly to cross the road there are so many near misses with the school kids crossing the road"
XX	Palmerston North		182	New Zealand	2022-03-22	"Im signing as I lived near vogel street and it so unsafe, I barely crossed it as I never found it safe and couldn't cross with a small child."
XX	Hamilton			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"Its one of the worst streets in town to drive down"
XX	Palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I think the road needs a major over haul it has damaged my car tyres and rims numerous times and is dangerous the pot holes are huge"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"The pot holes in the road are a disgrace"
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I have grandchildren who have to cross from rangiora and vogel st, and has to guess at what speed cars, trucks and motorbikes are traveling, as 9 out of 10 vehicle's are speeding."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-22	"I drive down this road most days to drop or pick up my kids from school. The traffic at that time is crazy, and the potholes are a nightmare."
XX	Feilding		4122	New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Because you pay a fortune in rates"
XX	Wanganui			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"I live in Vogel Street, close to the Rangiora Ave intersection. Excessive speed is a real problem here, especially from boy-racer type cars, and the increasing volume of heavy transport vehicles, often travelling at speed, has r
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Agree for more crossings at vogel street"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-23	"I am living on Kipling street just off the Vogel ."
XX	Hamilton			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"9 out of 10 cars are driving above speed limit, which endangers our children crossing this road to and from school. Only one Pediatrician crossing exists on Vogel street. And the roads for vehicles are horrendous, I have ha
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-23	"Good on you got trying to make it safer"
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-03-24	"I cycle along Vogel St regularly with 2 8 yr olds. Please keep our community safe."
XX	Palmerston North		1149	New Zealand	2022-03-24	"Vogel street is a main access for many people. It needs to be safe for cyclists. It would help if you'd listen to the people."
XX	foxton			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"For the future"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"The road surface is a disgrace and needs to be fixed up. There are potholes and dips everywhere."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-24	"I believe that many of our streets are becoming unsafe in PN with more and more trucks on inner city roads - often travelling too fast, and also fast cars."
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I want our kids to be safe"
XX	palmerston nth			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"That's not the only road that's becoming noisy and dangerous. Sure, houses have to be built metal has to be moved around town. But these are private businesses, and their huge trucks designed for American motorways
XX	palmerston north			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I travel this road every day to and from work. I have seen many near misses with children and cars. Something needs to change."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"It is not safe for my grand children to cross when coming to my place."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-25	"We witness near misses everyday. Vogel St is a major problem to cross at most times of the day. Very difficult to get out of driveways safely"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-25	"Vogel Street is a disgrace"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I travel the road every day and it is in very poor condition like most of the main roads around Palmy"
XX	Palmerston North		4410	New Zealand	2022-03-25	"I live on Vogel and its quite busy now and not safe for children crossing"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Vogel street is stuffed and needs to be fixed"
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Too many idiots driving these days!!"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"Not only is it unsafe but it has been poorly repaired in the past making it very rough. I know there is plans for it, but it needs to be actioned sooner rather than later."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"I think this us a really important issue. I have seen many near misses on this road."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"I agree! Vogel street is near my place of work. It is a dangerous road"
XX	Ruatoria			New Zealand	2022-03-26	"To support my niece and mokos"
XX	Dunedin		9016	New Zealand	2022-03-27	"The roads need to be safer"
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-27	"It's a safety Issue. This road needs considation in regards to safety and the residents ability to come an d go from their properties safely needs addressing."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-27	"make Vogel Street safer for everyone!!"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-27	"I live off Vogel st and its a joke."
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Over time there has been an influx of what I term "hoon Drivers" in Vogel Street. My belief is that they seem to think its cool to burn up Vogel and make a racket any time of the day or night, with total disregard for any other r
XX				New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Vogel street's surface is in terrible condition. It is normal to see drivers swerving to avoid the dips and potholes. More pedestrian crossings is a good idea and maybe traffic lights at the upper Main Street intersection will hel
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Vogel street is a childs death waiting to happen"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"I have lived here for twenty years and since the Railway Road extension has been constructed the traffic has become much heavier.The speed of traffic from 6am until 8am has increased and 60kph seems the minimum with
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-28	"Me and my partner are looking for a place to rent and roslyn is close to where we both work. We also have his daughter staying every weekend and qant to keep her as safe as possible!"
XX	Palmerston North		4410	New Zealand	2022-03-29	"Vogel street has got very dangerous and if nothing is done there could be a very nasty accident or loss of life"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-29	"I cycle Vogel Street quite often , 2 - 3 x week, and it is very dangerous due to parked cars and also trying to turn into Featherston Street with lines of traffic behind. As a rate payer I feel PNCC has an obligation to myself and
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"This safety issue for pedestrians really needs attention"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"The Vogel Street road surface has been slowly eroding with the daily increase in trucks and trailers making their way up Vogel at all hours. They bump over all dips and create a loud bang. There are families with small childi
XX	Wellington			New Zealand	2022-03-30	"Vogel Street is a narrow residential street, not an industrial by-pass. Trucks should not be allowed on residential streets unless they are making a delivery in the street. Also PLEASE take all e-scooters off the streets. They a
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-03-31	"To help our community be a safer place for My children and my mokopuna[?] [?]"
XX	Auckland			New Zealand	2022-03-31	"I care about safety"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-01	"Vogel Street has been used as a main arterial route as Palmerston North has developed, yet it was never designed to accommodate the amount of increasing traffic flow that currently exists.I've lived in this area for 55 years
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-01	"I support the petition"
XX	Papaiti			New Zealand	2022-04-04	"The future of our cities lies in well-planned, safe and beautiful pathways for people of all ages, walking or cycling, to navigate our cities everyday at all times of the day. ."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-05	
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-04-05	"The road has never been a good road to drive on"
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-07	"Potholes are terrible and so many kids walking to school there needs to be safer crossing options"
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-08	"Vogel St is so busy and vehicles don't even seem to notice children around. Even at the crossing they don't always stop."
XX	Palmerston North		5019	New Zealand	2022-04-14	"I work up on vogel street and it is dangerous now more than when I lived on it in the 1990's"
XX	Tauranga			New Zealand	2022-04-14	"Car-centric infrastructure is dangerous for pedestrians & cyclists. Active transport promotes better physical and mental health and is more sustainable."
XX	PAlmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-15	"Traffic in PN getting out of hand, less and less safe. Do not forget that even pedestrians pay the rates and deserve to be able to move about safely. After all isn't the current ideology to get us all out of cars and onto the footp
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-16	"I live near Vogel Street and use it daily. The congestion a dangerous situation at many parts of the day concern me. I raised the issues with a Council roading engineer who happened to be in the area a year ago. He said th
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-18	"Noone seems to be taking the issue seriously despite residents loud and long protests. The road and footpaths need attention before someone is killed just trying to walk around the neighbourhood"
XX	Wanganui			New Zealand	2022-04-18	"Because I know what it's like to like in a busy street. We are residential commercial and have trucks five and a half days a week. Also have young children that live in this street."
XX	Palmerston North		4414	New Zealand	2022-04-19	"I live off Vogel St on Tyne St."
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-19	"I have family in area. And because there is a school with children in the area."
XX				New Zealand	2022-04-19	"We live and work in the are and see first hand how dangerous this street is. Worse when buses and rubbish/recycling trucks block people/drivers views.A zebra crossing on Milton street would be great too, with the way par
XX	Palmerston North			New Zealand	2022-04-19	"The road around Palmy needs to be safe for people that live in all neighbourhoods period"