

“What’s new, what’s changed...?” Annual Plan 2016/17 and simultaneous consultations: Submissions oral hearings

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Multi-sports artificial turf facilities in Marton 5 May 2016 Submission on behalf of Nga Tawa Diocesan School

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My submission on behalf of the Nga Tawa Diocesan School community re the Rangitikei District Council's 2016/2017 Annual Plan is focussed on Multi-sports artificial turf facilities in Marton. **Issue A – How should the insurance pay-out for damage to the Centennial Park turf be used?**

We support the Rangitikei College proposal to build a multipurpose half turf, open for general public use, replacing the damaged turf previously sited at centennial park. We believe this development will have two major benefits – giving the Rangitikei families of today access to an improved sports facility and investing in an asset that will help attract and retain future families in Marton and its outlying areas.

Issue B – To what extent should Council make a rate-funded contribution to the Nga Tawa and Rangitikei College turf developments?

At Nga Tawa we are committed to building a new full-sized water turf as part of the larger project to refurbish our artificial playing surfaces. This project is important for the long term sustainability of Nga Tawa, but we believe it is also important for the wider Rangitikei community.

As you are aware every week during autumn, winter and spring hundreds of Marton primary and secondary aged students travel out of the district for hockey practice and competitions. With the financial assistance from the Rangitikei Council we will be able to provide free access to this water hockey turf (using a booking system) for all Rangitikei primary schools. This will be a valuable community asset that will help retain and grow our local sporting talent.

This facility will also generate more business in the local Marton community as it will allow Nga Tawa and other sports groups who use the turf to host hockey events that we are currently forced to hold at facilities outside our district.

In summary we support the Council assigning the \$100,000 insurance pay-out to Rangitikei College and ask that a rate-funding contribution of \$100,000 is made to both Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa in order for these important community growth focused projects to proceed.

We would like to attend the meeting to speak to our submission.

Roger Dalrymple
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Multi-sports artificial turf facilities in Marton

Combined Submission on behalf of Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa Diocesan School

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Our submission on behalf of the Nga Tawa Diocesan School community and Rangitikei College re the Rangitikei District Council's 2016/2017 Annual Plan is focussed on Multi-sports artificial turf facilities in Marton.

Issue A – How should the insurance pay-out for damage to the Centennial Park turf be used?

Both schools support the Rangitikei College proposal to build a multipurpose half turf, open for general public use, replacing the damaged turf previously sited at centennial park. We believe this site and development will have two major benefits – giving the Rangitikei children of today easy access to an improved sports facility located in a central part of Town plus investment in an asset that will help attract and retain future families in Marton and its outlying areas.

Nga Tawa Diocesan school is not an option for this facility due to its location being out of town plus the need for supervision being required when members of the public want to enter the school grounds.

Issue B – To what extent should Council make a rate-funded contribution to the Nga Tawa and Rangitikei College turf developments?

The Rangitikei has a very large land base but only 1% of New Zealand's total population. In the last 10 years the Rangitikei population has decreased 4.7% which is a loss of 693 people from our region.

Every day Rangitikei residents travel outside of our region for a number of reasons but the primary reason being, they cannot find what they are looking for locally or there is a better option being offered by our neighbouring regions.

We have a choice. We can either elect to invest in our local community, supporting our needs for a strong vibrant community or we can accept that the Rangitikei population will continue to decline

and residents will continue to travel for services provided in Palmerston North, Feilding and Wanganui.

Marton is our largest town and has 11 schools which are within a 15 km radius of the town. Our local schools are all very important for the economic health of our Marton community, providing jobs and business for local service providers plus helping keep our community local. Our schools need to continue to provide modern up to date facilities along with quality education making them the first choice for our local families and hopefully attracting students from outside our community bringing much needed dollars into our region. At the moment we have busloads of children attending schools outside of the Rangitikei which is a drain on our economic wealth.

Fantastic opportunity – It is not often that two schools in the same town work together with both seeing a very positive outcome for our respective schools and the greater community.

The proposed Rangitikei Turf Development will help both our schools and surrounding schools, have access to a modern Turf which will help retain and attract students to our region. It will also provide a home for the 17 hockey teams which currently leave our district to play their games. It will also provide a surface for soccer and other such sports encouraging fitness and activities within our region. It is likely to attract teams and provide another venue for national competitions playing in Palmerston North and Wanganui such as the Masters games.

All of our local schools need supporting, with the recent closure of Turakina Maori Girls College fresh on our minds we should not take our local schools for granted thinking they will just continue for ever. Both Rangitikei College and Nga Tawa school's rolls are below their capacity and need Community and Council support towards the two proposed Turf developments. This development will strengthen the facilities our schools offer for sport, which will help make our local schools the preferred option for education in our local community and also attract students to the Rangitikei.

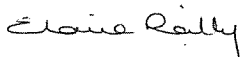
Both Schools request the financial support from the council, asking for \$100,000 dollars each which will help us achieve what will be great for our schools and community.

We would like to attend the meeting to speak to our submission



Roger Dalrymple

Nga Tawa Diocesan Board Chair



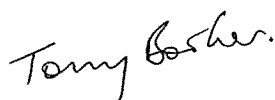
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Submission to the Rangitikei District Council on the Draft Annual Plan 2016 - 2017

6th May 2016



SUBMISSION ON RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan – Rangitiikei District Council Draft Annual Plan 2016-2017.

Federated Farmers could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

The specific provisions of the proposal that the submission relates to and the decisions we seek from Council are as detailed on the following pages.

Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

SUBMISSION ON RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Manawatu/Rangitikei and Wanganui Provinces of Federated Farmers welcome this chance to submit on the Rangitikei District Council Draft Annual Plan 2016-2017.
- 1.2 We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rating equity, levels of service for key responsibilities and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We submit to Annual Plans and Long Term Plans through out New Zealand. We also submit on central government policies that affect local government revenue and spending, with the aim of ensuring that local government have the appropriate tools to carry out their functions.
- 1.4 We commend the Council on providing a mechanism for community engagement through the provision of this Annual Plan.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- That Council maintain transparency in future consultations on rating impact through the use of example properties in the Consultation Document.
- That Council continue to keep rates increases and spending to a minimum and look to maximise efficiencies where possible.
- That Council only use the general rate where there is a correlation between a ratepayer's property value and the benefit they receive from the expenditure, or the amount the ratepayer contributes towards the need for the expenditure.
- That Council seeks to reduce reliance on rating as the primary means of funding services.
- That Council employ the use of a differential which recognises that different property types benefit from Council services by differing amounts.
- That Council immediately rectify the decreasing use of the UAGC and bring the use of this mechanism up to as close to the 30% statutory maximum as possible.
- That Council flag a review of the use of the UAG and targeted rates in preparation of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, in order to make the Rangitikei District rating system fairer and more equitable.
- That Council engage in formal consultation with the community once a review of options for a CCO has taken place.
- That Council fund Youth Services through a targeted rate of the Marton and Taihape town ratepayers.
- That Council complete scoping work to explore the cost of refurbishing the grandstand so that it is fit for purpose, and therefore has two options to compare.

- That Council engages with the community in further consultation over development opportunities for the park, and considers given the current economic climate which of these are wish list items and which are imperative expenditure items.
- That the \$100, 000 insurance pay out is assigned to the development of turf facilities a Rangitikei College.
- That Council carefully considers the commitment of ratepayer contributions to a private school, and ensures that any contributions made to developments on any school grounds are followed by an expectation that the community and members of the public will have access to utilise the facilities.
- Given the current economic climate, that Council consider providing no rate funded contribution to the sports facilities at all.
- That should Council decide to fund the sports facilities, the activity is rated by a new rating type, where the costs were allocated according to the wards that would be most likely to benefit.
- That Council wait until the question of the Funding Assistance Rate is resolved before seeking insurance.
- That the \$200, 000 allocated is retained as the planned transfer into the roading reserve.
- That the rates remission policy for financial hardship is retained.
- That the policy is expanded to include hardship as a result of natural disasters.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

- 1.5 Federated Farmers notes the maintenance of the projected rates increase at 1.96% for 2016/17, dependent on the outcome of consultation on the Draft Annual Plan 2016/17.
- 1.6 Federated Farmers notes the inclusion of examples of the impact of rating proposals in the Consultation Document. We are pleased that Council has included this information in the summary, as when one looks at overall rating impact, it is often difficult to tell the impact this will have on individual properties within the District.
- 1.7 We note that the rating impact for a rural property at Erewhon is proposed to be 0.43% higher than the 2015/16 actual rating impact. We note that the rating impact on a rural property in the rural south at Rangitira will see a 0.38% increase, while a large dairy/pastoral property at Whangaehu will see a 0.15% increase. We are comforted by the endeavours of Council to keep rates impacts on rural ratepayers to a minimum.
- 1.8 Given the current economic climate, as many of our dairy farmers enter a second season characterised by low payouts, and our sheep and beef farmers endure multiple years of low returns, we congratulate Council on keeping rates increases as low as possible. While we understand that Councils are facing increasing pressure to provide more community services, we encourage Council to continue to keep rates increases and spending to a minimum and look to maximise efficiencies where possible.

Relief Sought:

- That Council maintain transparency in future consultations on rating impact through the use of example properties in the Consultation Document.
- That Council continue to keep rates increases and spending to a minimum and look to maximise efficiencies where possible.

REVENUE AND FINANCING STRATEGY

General Rate

- 1.9 Federated Farmers recognises the general rate is based on capital value. While Federated Farmers prefers the use of Capital Value when compared with Land Value rating, we consider that rating based on property value does not reflect the benefit received from Council services. It also means that high value properties such as farms are contributing disproportionately more to rates than lower value commercial and residential properties, regardless of the relative earnings and of the extent to which the property creates demand for council services.
- 1.10 Compared to land value, rating on capital value achieves a better connection between services received and costs than land value. In recent years, the value of land has become highly elevated at the same time as the running costs of councils have increased, and it is not practical, just, or sensible to rate on land value. At the extreme, land value rating results in the strange situation where a large industrial operation on a rural block that generates dozens of truck movements every day pays the same rates a neighbor with an equivalent area of undeveloped land.
- 1.11 Federated Farmers is of the belief that Council should only use the general rate where there is a correlation between a ratepayer's property value and the benefit they receive from the expenditure, or the amount the ratepayer contributes towards the need for the expenditure.
- 1.12 Federated Farmers notes that the general rate in this year's Draft Annual Plan will contribute 10.47% of total rates revenue, on a par with the previous year. However, when we look at the graph on page 10 of the Draft Annual Plan, we see that the total non-rates revenue has declined significantly over the period 2003-2013. Federated Farmers is concerned to see increasing reliance on rating as a form of funding services.
- 1.13 Federated Farmers notes the illustration at the back of the Consultation Document (page 19). The use of visual aids is a useful and engaging way to show how Council activities are funded. We note the comment that "urban district ratepayers provide 50.5% of the rates money...and rural ratepayers 49.5%". It goes onto suggest that this means that urban and rural ratepayers share the costs of the district's facilities and services almost equally. Federated Farmers does not agree with this statement; in fact, as we suggest below, it is unfounded.
- 1.14 The Consultation Document states that specific targeted rates and user charges are divided in a way that makes our rating system as equitable as possible. Federated Farmers, since our submission to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, has expressed concern that the rating system could see a number of improvements in order to be more equitable.
- 1.15 We are concerned that the Rangitikei District Council does not employ differentials in order to make for a more equitable rating scenario. The use of differentials is a useful mechanism which recognises that different property types benefit from Council services by differing amounts.

- 1.16 By continuing to use the General Rate without a differential, farmers pay significantly more than those occupying residential or commercial properties for activities such as community awards, information centres, district promotions, emergency management and halls. Farms clearly do not receive a benefit which is proportional to the level of general rates they pay for these activities and therefore it would be appropriate to apply a differential.
- 1.17 A major contributing factor to this disparity is that farming (excluding lifestyle) makes up 64% of the districts value even though it only accounts for 23% of the number of properties. This means they pay 64% of any Rooding or General Rate based activity. While the residential properties account for over 50% of the districts properties, they pay only 17% of the general and rooding rate.
- 1.18 As called for during consultation on the Long Term Plan 2015-2025, we strongly recommend that the Rangitikei District Council make use of differentials in order to more equitably collect rates from high value rural properties which do not receive a higher rate of service from the general rates collected. It is relevant to note that in the neighbouring district of Manawatu a differential exists for both the general and rooding rates.

Relief Sought:

- That Council only use the general rate where there is a correlation between a ratepayer's property value and the benefit they receive from the expenditure, or the amount the ratepayer contributes towards the need for the expenditure.
- That Council seeks to reduce reliance on rating as the primary means of funding services.
- That Council employ the use of a differential which recognises that different property types benefit from Council services by differing amounts.

Uniform Annual General Charge

- 1.19 Federated Farmers considers that Uniform Annual General Charges are a fair way for Council's to rate for services that provide an indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups. When these mechanisms are utilised every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of council. Higher use of uniform annual general charges also reduces reliance on the property value general rate as a funding mechanism, and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.
- 1.20 The great strength of targeted rates, whatever their basis, is the fact that they are transparent by appearing as a separate line item on the rates demand and being reported separately from activities funded by the all purpose general rate. This makes it easier to compare the cost of the service to a farm as compared to an urban business or residential property.
- 1.21 We note the legislative cap on use of UAGC at 30% of rating revenue. Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30% UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.
- 1.22 The draft Long Term Plan spoke to a UAGC level of 23% for 2015/16. This Draft Annual Plan sees a reduction in the UAGC from 23% to just 20%. This is concerning for Federated Farmers, as we would hope Council would be increasing the use of the UAGC rather than decreasing.

- 1.23 This leaves scope to fund additional activities through the UAGC. Where the benefit received or the contribution to the cost of the activity has no correlation to property value, or where the activity does not provide any specific benefit to any particular ratepayer groups, should be included in the UAGC calculation. These include halls, property, community awards and environmental and regulatory services, where the balance is not met by user charges.
- 1.24 We respect the Council's concerns that the effects of increasing the UAGC would be regressive and impact upon lower capital value properties. Federated Farmers suggests that the rates remissions scheme, alongside the broader central government welfare system, remain the most robust and efficient methods of progressive redistribution, with the ability to target each concern on a case by case basis in a way that is not possible using the blunt property value basis afforded by rates.
- 1.25 We are not aware of any research the Council has carried out to establish the ability of sectors of its community to afford or not afford its proposed rates impost, and it cannot assume that the Rating Valuation of a Property is any indication of an individual's ability to meet the rates on that property. Like many senior citizens, farmers tend to have a large property asset when compared to their income, because their business relies on large areas of land to generate a modest income. Farmers face tough times, as is apparent in the current media. Consideration about the economic pressures that these rural businesses are facing is necessary, as it is unlikely that they are in a better position to afford rates over the wider community.
- 1.26 We ask Council flag a review of the use of the UAGC and targeted rates in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, in order to make the Rangitikei District rating system fairer and more equitable.

Relief Sought:

- That Council immediately rectify the decreasing use of the UAGC and bring the use of this mechanism up to as close to the 30% statutory maximum as possible.
- That Council flag a review of the use of the UAG and targeted rates in preparation of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, in order to make the Rangitikei District rating system fairer and more equitable.

KEY ISSUES & CHOICES

Future Delivery of Infrastructure Services

- 1.27 Federated Farmers supports collaboration between Councils, where this enables Councils to provide a more effective basis for the provision of management of roading, water, wastewater, storm water, solid waste, and property and parks services. We support the approach of Council to engage in formal consultation with the community once the review of the feasibility of a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) has taken place. We look forward to providing feedback on the proposal in due course, should the proposal look likely to have a financial or service impact on rural ratepayers.

Relief Sought:

- That Council engage in formal consultation with the community once a review of options for a CCO has taken place.

Funding for Youth Services

- 1.28 We note Council's question as to whether Council should continue to invest in youth development and, if so, to what extent. There are four options presented in the Consultation Document on the Annual Plan, with various rating impacts.
- 1.29 Some of our members have questioned the role of Council in delivering youth services, considering this is not core Council business. However, we do recognise that where there is a local and specific need and where the provision of services from other organisations is failing, Council can have a role in co-ordinating funding and leveraging additional funding for the community.
- 1.30 In this instance, the benefits will be concentrated on the Marton and Taihape town communities. That same benefit will not flow to other communities in the District, nor is it likely to flow to farm children who catch the bus home at the end of a school day. Our members have suggested an alternative funding option for Youth Services. That is, that the communities who will derive the benefit from the service fund the service. We suggest that this is funded by a targeted rate for the Marton and Taihape towns.

Relief Sought:

- That Council fund Youth Services through a targeted rate of the Marton and Taihape town ratepayers.

Amenity Block on Taihape Memorial Park

- 1.31 Federated Farmers has looked through the proposal for the construction of an amenity block in Taihape Memorial Park. We understand consultation has been undertaken with the Memorial Park User Group, resulting in the proposed facilities. It appears however that while options for a new facility have been explored, for a building at the considerable cost of over \$500,000, no work has been completed to ascertain the costs of refurbishing the grandstand so that it is fit for purpose.
- 1.32 We are unsure how Council can therefore claim that the refurbishment would be more expensive and therefore a less preferable option? We suggest that this work needs to be carried out prior to a decision being made on the future of the Taihape Memorial Park. Once there is information available on the cost of refurbishing the facilities we believe that a decision on the best pathway forward can be made.
- 1.33 There are a number of development opportunities identified for the park, including creating a network of formed tracks and walkways; upgrading and relocating the current playground and skateboard facility and providing a towable covered grandstand. We understand these are matters for further consultation and we look forward to commenting on these in the future as more detail is provided. It may be prudent given the current economic climate that some of these activities on the "wish list" are considered later down the track.

Relief Sought:

- That Council complete scoping work to explore the cost of refurbishing the grandstand so that it is fit for purpose, and therefore has two options to compare.
- That Council engages with the community in further consultation over development opportunities for the park, and considers given the current economic climate which of these are wish list items and which are imperative expenditure items.

Multi-Sports Artificial Turf Facilities in Marton

- 1.34 Federated Farmers notes the question as to how the insurance payout from the former artificial tennis turf should be used. Like Council, we recognise the benefits of providing the community with a more extensive turf facility for less rating impact. Council does need to ensure that the community have access to these facilities even if they are on school property, and we would hope that a MoU would go some way to addressing this. Federated Farmers supports Option One which would see that the \$100, 000 insurance pay out is assigned to the development of turf facilities a Rangitikei College.
- 1.35 The second question posed in the Consultation Document is to what extend Council should make a rate-funded contribution to the cost of these turf developments. It is suggested that a District-wide rate impact for the contribution of \$100, 000 would see a rating impact of \$15.16 per separately used or inhabited part. This would then potentially mean an increase of \$30.32, should \$200, 000 be provided.
- 1.36 Our members are somewhat apprehensive about the provision of ratepayer contribution to a private school. In addition, there is no mention in the Consultation Document about the access that would be provided to the community should such contributions be made. Where ratepayers have contributed to development costs, we would expect they would be able to access and utilise the facilities. Our members are more supportive of a rate-funded contribution applying to Rangitikei College.
- 1.37 Federated Farmers considers that the approach taken when Council considered the issue in 2009 may be a more appropriate means of funding the activity, if indeed the activity should be funded at all. The allocation was then split across the respective wards and district wide, ensuring that those who were likely to most benefit from and use the facility contributed the most to it. We would expect that despite the adoption of a district wide approach to rates, a new rates type would need to be explored if Council decided to contribute funding. However, considering the current economic climate, we would suggest that Council consider providing no rate funded contribution at all.

Relief Sought:

- That the \$100, 000 insurance pay out is assigned to the development of turf facilities a Rangitikei College.
- That Council carefully considers the commitment of ratepayer contributions to a private school, and ensures that any contributions made to developments on any school grounds are followed by an expectation that the community and members of the public will have access to utilise the facilities.
- Given the current economic climate, that Council consider providing no rate funded contribution to the sports facilities at all.
- That should Council decide to fund the sports facilities, the activity is rated by a new rating type, where the costs were allocated according to the wards that would be most likely to benefit.

CHANGES FROM THE 2015-2025 LONG TERM PLAN

Securing a Robust Roothing Network

- 1.38 We recognise the significant impact of the June 2015 Flood Event on Council's budgets, and the significant cost of repairing the roading network. We also recognise there is

uncertainty over the NZTA One Network Road Classification that is unlikely to be resolved until later in the year. Council may have been spending too much or they may have been spending too little.

- 1.39 Federated Farmers considers it would be prudent to wait until the question of the Funding Assistance Rate is resolved before seeking insurance. Therefore, we support Council's preferred approach of Option One, in which \$200, 000 is retained as the planned transfer into the roading reserve.

Relief Sought:

- That Council wait until the question of the Funding Assistance Rate is resolved before seeking insurance.
- That the \$200, 000 allocated is retained as the planned transfer into the roading reserve.

RATES REMISSION POLICIES

- 1.40 Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of a remission policy as described. We are supportive that where financial hardship, disproportionate rates or other extenuating circumstances apply, ratepayers are able to consider reducing or waiving of rates.
- 1.41 The policy should also be expanded to include hardship as a result of natural disasters. Natural events such as drought, flood, earthquake or wildfire can have significant impact on ratepayers and affect their ability to pay rates that year. Farmers face the additional challenge that if their property suffers from a natural disaster, their ability to earn a living is also compromised. Their homes could also be seriously affected.
- 1.42 As an example, the Horowhenua District Council has Remission Policy 9 for Properties Affected by Disasters. This is available to all ratepayers and is on an application basis. A natural disaster is indiscriminate and a flood could affect a farm just as easily as a landslide could affect a residential property. Providing a relief policy that any ratepayer could apply for is an equitable way to allow people to get back on their feet after a disaster.

Relief Sought:

- That the rates remission policy for financial hardship is retained.
- That the policy is expanded to include hardship as a result of natural disasters.

ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and

- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Manawatu/Rangitikei and Wanganui Federated Farmers thanks Rangitikei District Council for considering our submission.



Katrina Gray

From: Fred <fred.cynhammer@ymail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 8:59 p.m.
To: Katrina Gray
Subject: Re: Transfer of District Plan submission to Annual Plan

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Yes I understand I need to move my submission to the annual plan, thank you Fred hammer

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On 14/04/2016, at 10:47 am, Katrina Gray <Katrina.Gray@rangitikei.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning Fred,

As discussed over the phone could you please reply to confirm that you would like to:

- Move your submission to the Annual Plan process, and in doing so, withdraw your submission from the District Plan process.

Note: Annual Plan submissions close 6 May, with oral hearings scheduled for 16 May. We would be in touch closer to the time to arrange an oral hearing.

Kind regards,

Katrina

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I seek the following decision from the local authority:

For Council to be "even more" Diligent in vigorously seeking out water leaks - particularly - laterals ABOVE Paradise Terrace, water leaks are obvious, and continually come out of the Footpath and Road. Council need to "step up" as it is due to their leaks in the past, 30 years that have been a leading cause of this slip zone! and they owe it to

Section 4

ALL affected residents -

Submission hearing:

☒ I do

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wish to be heard in support of my submission

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consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Section 5

Signature

Name: FRED HAMMILL



Signature of submitter* (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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Date: 21/03/16

Section 6

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How would you prefer to receive correspondence relating to your submission and the hearings?:

☒ Email ☐ Letter

Would you like to speak to your submission at the hearings being held on 16 May? If yes, do you wish to (please tick):

☒ present in person in Marton at the Council Chamber

☐ dial in via skype from the Taihape Council Chamber

☐ dial in via skype from another location (please provide skype details)

Are you writing this submission as:

☒ an individual, or

☐ on behalf of an organisation

If on behalf of an organisation, please provide details:

Organisation:

Position:

☐ yes I would like to subscribe to Council's e-newsletter already receive this,

Should Council continue to invest in youth development, and if so, to what extent? (please tick)

☐ Option 1 – Yes I support Council's proposal of developing the Marton Youth Club and Taihape Youth Club ~~into Youth One Stop Shops~~ – with a 50% external funding contribution

☐ Option 2 – I support developing the Marton Youth Club and Taihape Youth Club ~~into Youth One Stop Shops~~ – even if there was no external funding contribution

☐ Option 3 – I prefer Council continue to provide the current after-school and school holiday programmes in Marton and Taihape, while acknowledging Council may not secure long-term funding to cover part of the costs.

☐ Option 4 – No I don't support Council delivering youth services.

Do you have an alternative option? see attached ①

Should Council construct a new amenity block in Taihape Memorial Park? (please tick)

☒ Option 1 – Yes I support Council's proposal of constructing a new amenity block in Memorial Park, conditional on \$100,000 being funded from external agencies.

☐ Option 2 – I do not support Council's proposal but do support further consideration of refurbishing facilities in the grandstand.

Providing a replacement multi-sport artificial turf facility in Marton using the insurance pay-out. (please tick)

- ☒ **Option 1** – Yes I support Council's proposal to develop turf facilities in Marton by assigning the \$100,000 insurance pay-out to Rangitikei College.
- ☐ **Option 2** – I support the option of reinstating the Council's hockey turf at Centennial Park.

Do you have an alternative option?

Should a ratepayer contribution be used to help fund the artificial turf? (please circle preferred option)

Options – I support the following option as the ratepayer contribution towards the turf development:

- a. A rate-funded contribution of \$100,000 to Rangitikei College and \$100,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School
- b.** A rate-funded contribution of \$100,000 to Rangitikei College only
- c. A rate-funded contribution of \$100,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School only
- d. A rate-funded contribution of \$50,000 to Rangitikei College and \$50,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School
- e. A rate-funded contribution of \$50,000 to Rangitikei College only
- f. A rate-funded contribution of \$50,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School only
- g. Other: *see attached (2)*
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- h. No rate-funded contribution to either school

Should Council increase the sum transferred into the roading reserve

- ☒ **Option 1** – I agree with Council's proposal to retain the \$200,000 transfer to the roading reserve
- ☐ **Option 2** – I think Council should increase the sum transferred to the roading reserve to \$400,000

Should Council proceed with the purchase of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams properties on Broadway/High Street Marton as the site for Council's administration and library services?

- ☐ **Option 1 – Yes** – I think this is appropriate given these sites were ~~one of the two preferred locations in the Town centre Plan for Marton's civic centre.~~

- ☐ **Option 2 – No** – I don't think Council should take this opportunity and should concentrate on strengthening and upgrading its existing administration and library buildings

see attached (3)

Do you agree with the proposed addition to Council's rates remission policy?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

see attached (4)

What other issues would you like Council to consider as part of its planning for 2016/17? (use extra pages if necessary)

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Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the annual plan process. The information will be held by the Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton. You have the right to access and correct any personal information included in any reports, information or submissions.

Submissions close at midday on Friday, 6 May 2016.

Rangitikei District Council Consultation on the Annual Plan 2016/2017

Submitter: Gretta Mills

1. Council Investment in Youth Development
2. Ratepayer Funding of Multisport Artificial Turf in Marton
3. Council Purchase of the Cobbler/ Davenport/ Abraham & Williams Properties
4. Council Rates Remission Policy

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The local ratepayer has some responsibility to financially assist provision for local youthful citizens, particularly our most vulnerable youth. This is also a funding responsibility for central government whose long-term policies have contributed to the barriers and challenges that vulnerable youth and their families/whanau face.

- **Marton & Taihape Youth Clubs**
Nathan Kane/Hype Academy are to be commended for their past and present initiatives and the consistent support and hard work that they continue to provide for youth in Marton and Taihape. They inspire creative team ideas and have the drive and enthusiasm to encourage young people, build trust and provide much needed support, mentoring and referral services.
- **YOSS (Youth One Stop Shop)**
YOSS sound like a grand idea but they are inappropriate for the modest buildings and professional staff availability in small rural communities such as Marton and Taihape. Much more space and privacy are required if youth health and other needs are going to be addressed on the Youth Club premises. A more creative solution is required for linking youth and the relevant services/trusted providers in our small rural towns.
- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Document (31st March 2016, RDC)**
This document is not coherent. It focuses on a random list of Council policy, priorities/wishlists, youth attendance and some other irrelevant and incomplete statistics. It also provides lists of supporting agencies.
The only voice of youth is supposedly from a youth survey 'Your View' undertaken by Travis White in late 2010. This was a poorly constructed piece of 'research' which in my opinion, is not sufficiently robust to be referenced in support.
The youth development document clutches at straws and suggests that the solution lies in many government agencies holding hands-so that they can tick their boxes for at risk/ youth/ Maori/ Pasifika? It also suggests the need for a youth services coordinator?
- **What is needed?**
The Marton and Taihape Youth Clubs must continue but they need to be able to build longer term strength and security for youth, their families and communities, staff and volunteers.

Youth Club Coordinators need to have:

1. *Security of employment*
2. *Access to further education/professional development*
3. *Operational funding sufficient to provide interesting and challenging programmes and projects- after school and in the school holidays*

- **Funding for buildings, overheads, utilities, salaries, operational costs**
Funds should be sourced from RDC (Rangitikei District Council) & MSD (Ministry of Social Development) or perhaps the DHB (District Health Board), MoE (Ministry of Education) or Ministry of Justice.
Other opportunities to strengthen this provision for youth should be explored:
 1. OSCAR (Out of School, Care and Recreation) funding
 2. Life to the Max
 3. Homework Centres
 4. Creative Community Fund

2. RATEPAYER FUNDING OF MULTISPORT ARTIFICIAL TURF IN MARTON

- **A general purpose (multisport) turf facility at Rangitikei College (estimated cost \$450,000)**
I support the Council's proposal to assign the \$100,000 insurance payout to Rangitikei College to replace the multi-sport (tennis, netball, hockey) artificial turf in Marton. I also support a rate-payer funded contribution of a further \$50,000-\$100,000 to Rangitikei College. Rangitikei College is our local State school that has already secured funds towards this project. The facility, once built, will be used by the school and will be available for use by the community 24/7 at no cost.
- **A national standard hockey water turf (hockey/soccer) at Nga Tawa Diocesan School for Girls (estimated cost \$1.6 million).**
I do not support the Council using ratepayer's funds to support this project. Nga Tawa is a State Integrated Boarding School for Girls. It is a 'de facto' private school that receives considerable tax payer education funding which the school is able to supplement substantially by student 'contributions' to support the 'special character' of the school. It has Trust Board investments which support developments that the school undertakes. In the past 20 years the school has funded many development projects including its equestrian centre, sports/events centre, music department etc.

Nga Tawa has stated that the specialised turf would be available for hockey/soccer tournaments and for players from the community to practice. Fees would be charged to assist with the maintenance of the specialised turf. However, Nga Tawa is a Girls boarding school that has girls on the premises 24/7 throughout the school year. I do not see how the school will be keen to enable co-ed Rangitikei College and other teams to access the facility during school hours, after school or in the weekend. I recall when the school was fund-raising for their sports/events centre it was touted as a facility that would be available for the benefit of the wider community. However this, to my knowledge, has not happened.

Perhaps those who play and support hockey in Rangitikei need to strategise how they can fund an expensive national standard hockey water turf that is more accessible to all local players and that will also be available for weekly regional tournaments without the support of ratepayer funding.

3. COUNCIL PURCHASE OF THE COBBLER, DAVENPORT, ABRAHAM & WILLIAMS PROPERTIES

I do not support the proposed Council purchase of the Cobbler, Davenport, Abraham & Williams properties as the site for Council's administration and library services.

Reasons for opposing the proposed purchase of these four Category 2 listed historic buildings:

- a. **In 2015 Bow Bells Limited in conjunction with the other building owners attempted to obtain permission to demolish these four buildings and had plans to build a new building across the entire block whilst retaining the façade of only one of the historic buildings on Broadway.** Resource consent for this demolition was opposed and the process stalled. Note: I was a submitter to this resource consent process and the draft plans for this new building looked as if they had been configured for Civic Centre purposes including a library!
- b. **In 2016 Bow Bells Limited now owns all four buildings following a mortgagee sale of the Davenport and Cobbler buildings.** The Mayor and Council seem intent on rushing in and buying this site for \$170,000 + GST so that they can use the existing Bow Bell plans and consent proposal to demolish the historic buildings and build a new Civic Centre on the entire site. Why have Bow Bells abandoned their original plan and now want the ratepayer to take it over?
- c. **If this sale proceeds the 'cheap' price will be far from a bargain.** The Rangitikei District Council with be creating expense and many problems for its funders- the long-suffering ratepayers:
 - Engineer reports-** it appears that no specialist structural engineer's reports have been commissioned to determine the structural integrity of each of the buildings. This will be needed before any application for demolition of historic buildings.
 - Resource consent process for demolition of Category 2 historic buildings.** If Heritage New Zealand opposes demolition then the whole process could stall and nothing would be able to be done with the buildings.
- d. **Demolition will create a precedent**
If the Council or any other party gain permission to demolish four historic Category 2 buildings in the main street of Marton then, like a pack of cards, any other Category 2 building owner in Marton will be free to demolish their buildings because a precedent will have been set! Goodbye to Marton's historic 'streetscape', welcome to 'tin shed' alley.
- e. **Sale of Council buildings**
If a Civic Centre is built in Broadway then existing Council sites will be sold to pay for it. These are listed as:
 - High Street Council building complex**
 - Marton Library and Plunket Rooms**
 - Marton Memorial Hall and Land.** It is proposed to relocate the Captain Cook Cottage and other historical buildings to Marton Park and somewhere else would have to be found for Marton's War Memorial.
- f. **What other sites have been explored by Council?**
 - Old Marton Post Office?** The other Broadway site identified by Creative Communities was the Broadway & Follett Street corner. The old Marton Post Office is a large old majestic historic building that needs to be imaginatively re-purposed. The large northern two storeyed block at the back of the section may provide good protection

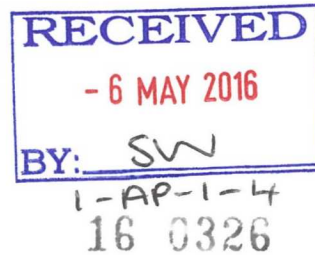
for a library collection. There is a central area that would make a great courtyard garden or meeting area. This building is near to parks, banks, Horizons and there is parking available in Hair Street.

White Hart Hotel-this building is in the process of being demolished as it doesn't have an historic Category- it is only being listed as a 'character' building. It seems destined to be replaced by a modern building not necessarily in keeping with the two storeyed Marton streetscape. If the Council is determined to establish a Civic Centre in the middle of town, this site would be even more convenient to Civic Square! It would also be convenient for an information centre and other community functions.

4. PROPOSED ADDITION TO COUNCIL'S RATES REMISSION POLICY

Council needs to consider the fairness of its rating system. It has been quick to decide to remit rates of those who choose to relocate or start new businesses in Marton but it forgets about those who are already live in the Rangitikei and operate businesses. Each year the rates are increased by certain formula that the council has developed but no consideration is given to the fairness or benefit to be gained from the rates payments demanded.

Cynthia S. Mills
6th May 2016



Submission Form

Submitter details (please print clearly):

Your name: Heather Thorby

Email address: _____

Preferred contact phone number: _____

06 322 1510 (answerphone)

Your postal address: _____

362 Blandon Hall Road RD1 Bulls

Town: Bulls

How would you prefer to receive correspondence relating to your submission and the hearings?:

☐ Email ☒ Letter

Would you like to speak to your submission at the hearings being held on 19 May? If yes, do you wish to (please tick):

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Do you have an alternative option?

Should a ratepayer contribution be used to help fund the artificial turf? (please circle preferred option)

Options – I support the following option as the ratepayer contribution towards the turf development:

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- f. A rate-funded contribution of \$50,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School only

☒ g. Other: Proviso - RDC ratepayer access to facility with legal agreement protecting our interests

- h. No rate-funded contribution to either school

Should Council increase the sum transferred into the roading reserve

- ☐ **Option 1** – I agree with Council's proposal to retain the \$200,000 transfer to the roading reserve
- ☒ **Option 2** – I think Council should increase the sum transferred to the roading reserve to \$400,000

Should Council proceed with the purchase of the Cobbler/Davenport/ Abraham & Williams properties on Broadway/High Street Marton as the site for Council's administration and library services?

- ☐ **Option 1 – Yes** – I think this is appropriate given these sites were one of the two preferred locations in the Town centre Plan for Marton's civic centre.
- ☒ **Option 2 – No** – I don't think Council should take this opportunity and should concentrate on strengthening and upgrading its existing administration and library buildings

Do you agree with the proposed addition to Council's rates remission policy?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

What other issues would you like Council to consider as part of its planning for 2016/17? (use extra pages if necessary)

page 16 Bulls multipurpose community centre

1) The Process

2) RDC wants v Bulls needs.

3) RDC implementation of bylaw & local Govt Acts

4) Bulls feedback from ratepayers

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Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and public as part of the decision making process. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the annual plan process. The information will be held by the Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton. You have the right to access and correct any personal information included in any reports, information or submissions.

Submissions close at midday on Friday, 6 May 2016.

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BY EMAIL AND POST

Dear Ross

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2014-2015

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Annual Plan 2014-2015. This submission is made in the spirit of local government working together.

Horizons Regional Council supports the Rangitikei District Council's overall direction.

WASTEWATER

Horizons supports the District's ongoing commitment to achieve compliance for its many wastewater discharges, and acknowledge its progress to date. We urge you to continue to give resolution of outstanding consent and performance issues a high priority.

Marton

We note that the Marton wastewater treatment plant is currently not complying with the conditions of its resource consent. This non-compliance is associated with the high levels of nitrogen being discharged from the Marton wastewater treatment plant into the Tutaenui stream. Horizons acknowledges that considerable resources and effort have been expended on this plant in the 2013/14 financial year. We support the retention of the \$1,438,000 allocated in the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan for the upgrade of the wastewater plant to meet the nitrogen standard set in the plant's resource consent conditions. Horizons would welcome opportunities to discuss, at officer level, ways our councils can continue to work together to achieve full compliance with all resource consent conditions for the Marton plant.

Ratana

Horizons' ongoing concerns regarding the Ratana wastewater plant have recently been highlighted by community members and leaders making contact with us. The wastewater plant is recognised as presenting environmental concerns primarily during low flow periods. The annual Ratana Pa celebrations, which bring a huge number of people to the community, place further pressures on the wastewater plant and receiving environments. Horizons is also aware that a sixty lot subdivision will be developed at Ratana Pa sometime in the near future. With these issues and matters currently before Ratana Pa, significant attention and

Kairanga

Marton

Palmerston North

Taihapa

Taumarunui

Wanganui

Woodville

investment into the upgrading of Ratana's wastewater system will be necessary. Horizons is willing to support, where possible, both the Ratana community and Rangitikei District Council on this matter.

Bulls

Horizons acknowledges that the District's focus for the Bulls wastewater treatment plant in the coming financial year is on obtaining resource consent, and support the allocation of \$150,000 to obtaining resource consent for this system in 2014/15. We understand that the consent for Bulls' wastewater upgrade will also include sewage from Ohakea and Sanson, and look forward to receiving the necessary amendments to the consent application. Horizons again supports the District's intended level of service target to achieve 100 per cent compliance with resource consents for the Bulls wastewater treatment plant from 2014/15.

Horizons also looks forward to the planned upgrades commencing in 2015/16. We are aware that there was a substantial sum (\$2,578,000) allocated to upgrading the Bulls wastewater system in 2013/14 which does not appear to have been spent, and seek confirmation that this funding will remain available for the works planned in 2015/16.

Hunternville and Taihape

Upgrades to the Hunternville wastewater plant have resulted in a significant improvement to the quality of the discharge, and the new consent for this plant commenced in March.

We are confident that the Taihape wastewater plant will follow in the same direction with a granted consent in the near future.

ENVIROSCHOOLS

In this submission Horizons is asking all district councils in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region to support the EnviroSchools programme in our Region.

The EnviroSchools programme is a non-regulatory method that many councils use to achieve their objectives and policies. The programme facilitates a whole of school and community approach to effective resource management, and promoted the sustainable management of natural and physical resources by addressing issues relating to waste, water, energy, transport, and biodiversity. Additional information about the programme and how it aligns with the Local Government Act 2001 is attached to this submission as **Annex A**.

In the Manawatu-Wanganui Region there are currently 33 schools, early childcare centres and kindergarten associations in the programme with a further 12 Friends of EnviroSchools wishing to join the full programme. Promotion of the programme has been carried out to a limited degree in 2013/14 for the first time in several years and this is partly due to the support Horizons has received from some territorial authorities.

Horizons Regional Council currently coordinates the programme but needs the support of territorial authorities in the Region to grow the programme. A

partnership approach, based on building capacity over time and focusing on depth of practice will create a solid network of EnviroSchools in our Region. Horizons' officers will be seeking opportunities to discuss the programme and the types of support it needs with the District.

Horizons would like to take the opportunity to present our submission orally to the meeting. We would prefer to speak at the Marton office. Please contact Karen Winchcombe, Group Secretary Strategy and Regulation, on (06) 9522 849 or by email karen.winchcombe@horizons.govt.nz regarding arranging a hearing time.

Yours sincerely



Michael McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Copy to: Clare Barton, Manager Policy and Strategy
Richard Munneke, Regulatory Manager
Nic Peet, Group Manager Strategy and Regulation

Encl: Annex A - How the EnviroSchools programme aligns with the Local Government Act.

How the Enviroschools programme aligns with the Local Government Act

The Enviroschools programme is a framework (or non-regulatory tool) that can be used to achieve numerous Council resource management and public service objectives such as reducing waste to landfill, increasing the use of non-car modes of transport, reducing water and energy usage, protecting and enhancing environmental assets, and building resilient, efficient and sustainable communities.

The programme has been implemented nationwide with over 870 schools and early childhood centres – representing a reach of over 240,000 young people and their families. Enviroschools is managed nationally by The Enviroschools Foundation, a charitable trust, and was originally developed in the late 1990s by councils in Waikato as a non-regulatory tool. It is recognised internationally as a best-practice programme and has been adopted as a tool by 44 councils, including all unitary authorities, 80% of both the regional and city councils and 45% of district councils.

The programme targets community level actions and behavior change through an approach in which children and young people plan, design and implement projects, and become catalysts for change in their families and the wider community.

The programme is a tool the Council can use to provide good quality infrastructure. This is done by facilitating a whole of school and community approach to effective resource management. The Enviroschools programme reduces pressure on infrastructure such as water reticulation, stormwater networks, landfills and roading networks.

The programme has a strong focus on minimising impacts on the environment and restoring natural ecosystems (such as streams and wetlands) so that less money has to be invested in hard infrastructure (such as stormwater pipes and sediment ponds). More naturalised systems are proven to be a more cost-effective way of managing resources. The programme also supports local communities to utilise alternative transport modes to reduce congestion on roading systems, and it has achieved significant results in reducing the levels of waste going to landfill which in the short term reduces user costs and in the long term reduces council / ratepayer costs for building new landfills.

Schools also report immediate direct financial benefits from Enviroschools, such as lower water, electricity, and waste disposal bills. Long-term economic benefits arise from the innovation and enterprise that this enquiry-based action-learning approach engenders in young people, and many Enviroschools projects are turned into money-making ventures by enterprising young students.

In addition to the quantitative resource management outcomes the programme achieves, there are also secondary outcomes that contribute to building resilient and efficient

communities, as well as creating economic growth opportunities in local areas. Students develop financial literacy through budgeting and implementing real-life projects and also build leadership skills and self esteem. There have also been notable reductions in truancy, bullying and vandalism in schools involved in the programme.

Enviroschools has been recognised for the quality of its approach to the integration of Māori perspectives into the learning and action undertaken in schools and communities. The majority of participating schools have developed relationships with local marae resulting in a range of positive community outcomes and connections. This is an effective way to support and complement council obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Enviroschools programme is an extremely cost effective way for the Council to deliver good quality local infrastructure and public services. The programme is not a one-off subject taught in a classroom, it is a holistic long-term facilitated programme that engages the board of trustees, principals, students, parents, businesses, community groups and leaders. The reach of the programme due to the school and community networks it supports has proven to influence not only the students in the school, but the actions of their friends, families, local businesses and community networks. In each region a handful of local Enviroschools facilitators each support a number of schools and groups and make critical networks within councils to ensure the efficient delivery of local services.

Katrina Gray

From: Irene Loder <tardisone@vodafone.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 15 April 2016 8:52 p.m.
To: Katrina Gray
Subject: RE: Transfer of District Plan submission to the Annual Plan

That's fine to move my submission to the Annual Plan.
Irene Loder.

From: Katrina Gray [mailto:Katrina.Gray@rangitikei.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 14 April 2016 11:09 a.m.
To: 'tardisone@vodafone.co.nz'
Subject: Transfer of District Plan submission to the Annual Plan

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Good morning,

As discussed over the phone could you please reply to confirm that you would like to:

- Move your submission to the Annual Plan process, and in doing so, withdraw your submission from the District Plan process.


Note: Annual Plan submissions close 6 May, with oral hearings scheduled for 16 May. We would be in touch closer to the time to arrange an oral hearing

Kind regards,

Katrina

Katrina Gray	Policy Analyst/Planner		
Rangitikei District Council	46 High Street, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741		
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	Ref: Form 5, Clause 6 of the First Schedule of the RMA 1991	
	Version: 1	
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Section 1	
Submission	
To:	Rangitikei District Council
Name of submitter:	Irene Loder

To: KC
 File: 1-82-2-6
 Doc: 16 0130

Section 2	
This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the proposal):	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission (if you could not – go to section 3)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that – (a) adversely affects the environment, and (b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition <i>I think so!!!</i>

Section 3	
The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:	
My submission is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to support <input type="checkbox"/> to oppose <input type="checkbox"/> to amend to establish a public lavatory and bus shelter on the village green, opposite the D.C. 3, S.H.I. # ALSO – CHANGE SIGNS at entry of Mangaweka to "MANGAWEKA VILLAGE".	

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I seek the following decision from the local authority:
to construct the lavatory & bus shelter. there must already be a sewer line nearby as there is a house.
add "VILLAGE" TO ROAD SIGN.

Section 4	
Submission hearing:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I do	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission
If others make a similar submission:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Section 5	
Signature	
Name: Irene Loder	<i>Irene Loder</i>
Signature of submitter* (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter) * A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means	
Date: 3/4/16.	

Section 6	
Submitter Details	
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Contact person: (if other than the submitter)	

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Submission Form

Submitter details (please print clearly):

Your name: Jacqui Law

Email address: woodrowstud@
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Preferred contact phone number:

06 3889213

Your postal address: 52 Moka Rd
RD-3

Town: TAIHAPÉ

How would you prefer to receive correspondence relating to your submission and the hearings?:

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Would you like to speak to your submission at the hearings being held on 16 May? If yes, do you wish to (please tick):

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14 April 2016

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Lyn Watson
PO Box 41
Mangaweka 4746

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Dear Lyn

Submissions

Following our phone call on 14 April 2016, please confirm you approve of part of submission #010 and the whole of submission #011 being considered as part of the Annual Plan process, rather than the District Plan process as follows:

- Submission #010 – retain point 1 regarding the zoning of the property as a submission to the Proposed Rangitikei District Plan Change 2016.
- Submission #010 - consider point 2 regarding public toilets as a submission to the Annual Plan 2016/17 and withdraw it from consideration from the District Plan Change process.
- Submission #011 – consider the submission regarding Mangaweka being retitled as Mangaweka Village as a submission to the Annual Plan 2016/17 and withdraw it from consideration from the District Plan Change process.

I, Lyn Watson agree with the proposal above.


Signed: [Signature] Date: 6-5-2016

Note: Annual Plan submissions close 6 May, with oral hearings scheduled for 16 May. I will be in touch closer to the time to arrange an oral hearing for the Annual Plan process. You will also retain the right to speak to your District Plan Change submission. I will be in touch closer to the time to arrange a speaking time.

To aid in your consultation with your lawyer regarding the subdivision, I have enclosed the subdivision application and decision documents.

Yours sincerely

Katrina Gray
Policy Analyst/Planner

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To:	Rangitikei District Council
Name of submitter:	<i>Lyn Watson</i>

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Section 3

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<p>① see map attached.</p> <p>② but also there needs to be a toilet facility for public use.</p>			
My submission is:	<input type="checkbox"/> to support	<input type="checkbox"/> to oppose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to amend
<p>what you are suggesting to (for me) that, that already is – see map.</p>			

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

Section 4

Submission hearing:

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Section 5

Signature

Name: Lyn Watson



Signature of submitter* (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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Date: 3-4-2016

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Land Parcel	Existing Zones	Residential

* * 1999 Rural Settlement: * ↑ ↑ Previous

Richard
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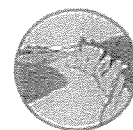
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SUBMISSION FORM

Proposed Schedule of fees and charges 2016/17

Please print clearly

Submissions close at 12
noon on 6 May 2016.

Return this form, or send your
written submission to:

Schedule of Fees and Charges
2016/17 Submission
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Oral submissions

You may wish to speak in support of
your written submission.

If you wish to speak to your
submission, please tick the box
below.

I wish to speak at:

- ☐ Marton Council Chambers
16 May 2016

Five minutes are allowed for you to speak
with a further five minutes for questions from
Elected Members. If you have any special
requirements, such as those related to visual
or hearing impairments, please note them
here:

Name: Lyn Watson
Organisation: (if applicable) Mangaweka Hotel
Property Address: _____
Postal Address: P.O. Box 41
Mangaweka
Phone: (day) (06) 382 5799 (mobile) _____
Email: _____

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed Schedule of fees
and Charges 2016/17?

Agree/Disagree

If you disagree, what changes do you think should be considered?

Toilets with minimal
changes to the "Pub" - it
could be available
for people to use toilets.
I would want 1 door put
in, and locks put on
5 doors.
I would want to be
compensated for cleaning,
cleaning equipment, and
cleansers.

Signed: Lyn Watson
Date: 6-5-2016

Submission Form

Submitter details:

Your name: *Marie Kirodh*

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marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz

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Saving education in schools to
Organisation: *ELITR Community*

Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei

Position:

Committee Member

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19 April 2016

The Mayor
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
MARTON 4710

Dear Sir

Re Submission to the Annual Plan
Rangitikei District Council
Marton

The Marton Bridge Club support the plan and funding for the measures to prevent flooding in Marton, in particular the flooding on Pukepapa Road. Our Club Rooms, at 64 Pukepapa Road, have been flooded three times in recent years, where raised roading pavements and blocked culverts are of serious concern to the members.

John Vickers will speak to this submission on our behalf, ph 327 7280.

Yours faithfully



Heather Bostock

Secretary

Marton Bridge Club

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Position:

Chairperson

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Further comments:
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Taihape Community Board Submission on Annual Plan 2016/2017

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Should council construct a new amenity block in Taihape Memorial Park?

We support option 1.

But would like to see a broader discussion with the community on possible facility and location. We do have concerns with the lack of community awareness of this annual plan and the awareness of this proposal on Memorial Park. The amount of \$600,00 warrants Taihape public approval which requires further public consultation.

Should council proceed with the purchase of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams properties on Broadway/High Street Marton as the site for Councils administration and library services.

We support Option 1 only if the majority of Marton residents support it as we feel they should have the most input.

We are ambivalent about these options and do not see the need for haste but will support the Marton Community view.

Other issues would you like Council to consider as part of its planning for 2016/2017?

Heating Taihape Town Hall.

Taihape Community Board would like council to revisit this issue.

There has been a rising demand in the last 12 months in the use of the Taihape Town Hall, such events like, Vera Lynn, The Beat Girls – Majestic Picture Theatre fundraiser, Dusty Springfield – Taihape Drama Club, 2 Health and Social EXPO's – TCDT and 4 Taihape Market Day – Taihape Playcentre and Taihape Plunket.

Heating is needed for at least 5 months of the year, there is no alternative source of heating.

Taihape Community Board want's Council to look at options to get the heating back on.

- Bring the plan forward on discussion the future of the Taihape Town Hall.
- Put money aside for temporary heating.
- Investigate a use of a generator to provide heating and emergency power for the town.
- Put on hold the demolition of Conference centre and use this money for heating the Town Hall.

Regards

Michelle Fanni

Taihape Community Board
Chairperson

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Do you have an alternative option?

We need to talk to our children/Youth directly in Taihape. They have spoken re Skatepark & have not been heard by council. Things do need to progress for youth, via our ears.

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Really the only facility that holds
250 people.*

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I have a small car. More traffic
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The amount of traffic on Mokai Road, mainly from Mokai Bridge, has increased due to tourism, farming practices and recreation ie hunting and tramping in the Ruahine Ranges, Mokai Station been the gateway to this area. As a result there are several areas where we have safety concerns.

There have been a number of accidents on this road due to the gravel surface, blind corners and corrugated areas. My accident was closet to Culvert 18 where I was hit by a vehicle unfamiliar with the road, on a blind corner. At the time I was towing a horse float with horses on board but luckily it was the ute that sustained the damage. It was undriveable. It also seems to me that is should be a concern when towing on a public road that you are required to be in Low Range 4WD because area's are too rough and corrugated. The wear and tear on our vehicles is also very high.

The main areas of concern from a safety point of view are south of Culvert 15, a stretch of about 3kms, where inside corner becomes corrugated about a week after grading, then to avoid the corrugations, people drive further out without good visibility. There have been a number of near misses on this corner. The road is also rough on approaches to narrow bridges. There are two of these in this area.

Culvert 25. A Corrugated area which is narrow and when going downhill easy to lose some control of vehicle.

Culvert 26. A blind steep narrow corner, which also cuts up very quickly following grading.

As residents living on this road we all have safety concerns, especially now we are told we are on a 3 month turnaround for grading. In the past the grader, especially in the summer, has been required every 4 to 6 weeks.

A number of families also have inexperienced teenage drivers now driving on this road.

Submission From Pip Stalker

5 May 2016



Rangitikei College
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Towards Higher Things

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive
Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag
Marton

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Dear Ross

Annual Plan Submission 2016/17

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the District's 2016 Annual Plan.

The Board and Management at Rangitikei College would like to thank Rangitikei District Council for their ongoing contribution to the welfare of students at Rangitikei College. This is evident in the unfettered support we have from your Mayor and Councillors, in a number of public engagements, support from your fantastic team in the Pathways Programme for Education and Youth, and increasingly, exploration of opportunities to share the resources and expertise sitting inside our respective teams.

We recognised at a community level some years ago, that the success of our community was dependent on the success of the college, and vice versa. It is our view that we have come a tremendously long way in a very short period of time, and we are excited at the opportunity to share our success with you in the upcoming hearings for the Annual Plan.

We have a number of specific items we wish to comment on, and we look forward to engaging with your Councillors at the upcoming hearings in more detail on these matters.

Multisport Turf Facilities in Marton Township

It will be clear from the fantastic coverage this project has had over the past few weeks, and our engagement with large sectors of the local community, that there is strong support for the above project. We have been working closely with Nga Tawa school to build projects that are complementary to one another and that will provide for the needs of youth within the Rangitikei Community, at a level they need, that is not currently available. It is very pleasing to be able to present two distinct projects that so clearly benefit the community.

For Rangitikei College, the approximately \$450,000 turf will provide for hockey, tennis, basketball, netball and football with quality facilities suitable for both training and competition within the Rangitikei Community. The school has worked hard over a number of years to secure funding for the project, and it seeks funding from the Council, charitable funders and a lot of sweat equity from our local community in order to bring the project to fruition in the Spring of 2016. If we can commission this project with support from the District Council, including the insurance pay out for the flood-struck Centennial Park Courts, and an additional contribution across the community of \$100,000, this project will happen.

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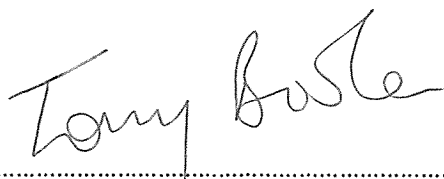
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Again, we welcome the opportunity to work alongside the district council. We are hugely grateful of the support we get from the council team, and look forward to your ongoing support in order that we can continue to do great things within the southern Rangitikei.



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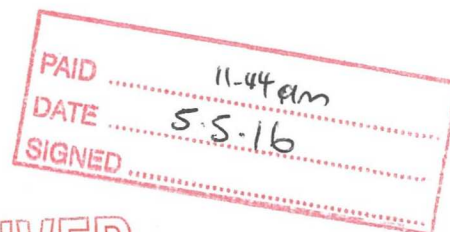
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Submission on Annual Plan 2016/17

SPORTS TURF DEVELOPMENTS + TOWN CENTRE

In my completed submission form I have supported

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- Purchase of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams properties for a new Civic Centre.

The reason why I support these initiatives is that I believe they can lead to a revival of the town and its main street. I believe this should be considered important to all Councillors because growing Marton's population and promoting more business activity will ultimately spread the rate burden across more Ratepayers.

When I grew up just out of Marton it was our family's sporting destination for competitions in everything - tennis, hockey, netball, cricket, rugby, badminton, athletics and swimming - they were just a few of the sports we played to a competitive level in Marton.

Today if your child wants to compete or be coached to a high standard in all these sports, except swimming in summer, you are forced to travel out of town to Feilding, Palmerston North or Wanganui. There are either no facilities or sub standard facilities and because so many people are travelling out of town, there are not enough coaches to support these sports. You will be well aware, that when parents begin taking their children out of town for sport they spend their money in those places instead of Marton. After all, it makes sense to drop the kids at a sports practise for an hour and go to the supermarket for the weekly shopping, or meet a friend for coffee or even just fill up the car with petrol.

A multi-sport facility at Rangitikei College coupled with the Nga Tawa turf will do several important things to turn this situation around:

- It will provide a hub in our community where kids can begin and progress in their sporting journey
- It will help sports to attract coaches because the facilities are modern and user friendly
- It will mean the >250 Rangitikei hockey players currently travelling out of town for practise or games in winter will buy groceries, hot drink or tank of petrol in Marton

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I congratulate the Council on finally taking the brave move to move your administration and the library into the town centre. You will read and hear many, many submissions questioning the move, the high costs and the loss of the buildings. As a history graduate I'm greatly saddened by the fate of these buildings and I trust that you will investigate any opportunities to preserve their historic architecture. As your plans evolve it will be very important to communicate clearly to the community so that we understand your vision of this civic centre and the role it will play in Marton township.

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Towns like Marton, Hunterville and Taihape are poised to take advantage of their tranquility and setting in this technological age. Thanks to technology so many jobs today can be done from anywhere. We will attract more of these mobile/connected workers and business people out of cities and more crowded provinces, provided we are seen to be going ahead and investing in our towns and facilities.

Thank you for your consideration,



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6 May 2016



RE: Submissions for Annual Plan 2016/2017

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions on the Annual Plan. Please find our submission form attached.

We are the only sports club in the Marton area that competes in a premier competition. We feel it is important that sport maintains a presence in the community. We feel it is important for the Council to support that.

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Regards
MARTON SARACENS CRICKET CLUB

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Submission to the Rangitikei District Council Annual Plan

Steffan Browning MP – Green Party

This submission requests that the Rangitikei District Council phase out the use of glyphosate and similar based herbicides from its streets, playgrounds and parks.

Glyphosate was listed by the World Health Organisation last year as a probable carcinogen, and glyphosate based herbicides have been shown to have other negative health and environmental effects, raising concern for community and worker health, and possible liability issues. Effective non-toxic alternatives to glyphosate based herbicides are increasingly being used by councils.

Consideration of the negative effects of herbicides in the environment must be a clear part of the council's Long Term Plan, especially at a time when science validating community concerns is increasingly available. The Annual Plan process is an appropriate and quick way of ensuring urgent changes needed for improved community wellbeing.

Tourism – Clean green 100% Pure Aotearoa New Zealand branding is an important component of the success of tourism to your region and New Zealand generally. However roadside, playground and park spraying is contrary to that image, with many tourists surprised to see what appears to be a cavalier attitude to agrichemical use here, especially in urban areas. Many countries have already severely restricted use of glyphosate based herbicides in urban areas, with some banning all uses. In fact, this April, the European Parliament called for a ban on all uses of glyphosate-based herbicides in private and public green areas, including spraying in and around public parks, playgrounds and gardens.

Christchurch City Council also recently voted to stop the use of glyphosate based herbicides in all areas open to the public. While that doesn't go as far as many overseas jurisdictions, or ensure full community safety from the herbicide, it is an appropriate move for a local authority to take when a threat to community, worker, and environmental health is recognised.

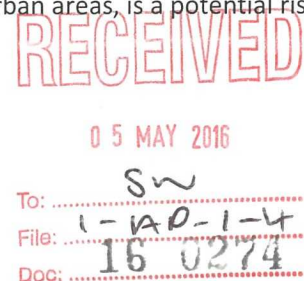
Continued use of glyphosate and similar based herbicides in your region, especially in urban areas, is a potential risk for the community, workers and for the tourism brand.

Significant scientific evidence has shown that:

1. Glyphosate affects bacteria's response to antibiotics
2. Glyphosate damages hormones and is a probable carcinogen
3. Glyphosate is often combined in weed killers with other active ingredients that are more toxic to animals and people than glyphosate by itself
4. When it enters waterways, glyphosate harms fish and other aquatic animals
5. Glyphosate negatively affects the natural behaviour of bees, causing them to forget where their hives are
6. Glyphosate leaches into groundwater
7. We don't know what a safe level of glyphosate is, as it has never been assessed by regulators at sub-lethal levels.

Supportive evidence can be found in my commissioned 44 page heavily referenced report; ***Glyphosate: No Safe Level 2016 report***

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and summarised in an unreferenced; *Two-page overview of glyphosate*

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Although an alternative strategy need not be more expensive, a full proposition on why Councils and contractors should consider more than purely immediate economic measures in deciding on weed management measures is in my document; *Paradigm Shift: The Rationale for Chemical Free Weed Control* found at

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/beachheroes/pages/1997/attachments/original/1456438338/Paradigm Shift v5.pdf>

Usefully some *Alternatives to glyphosate for councils* covers options effectively available now.

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I wish to appear before the Council to present further on this submission.

Steffan Browning MP | Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand
Spokesperson for Organics, GE, Pesticides, Safe Food, Biosecurity

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Mokai Road not growing with increased traffic.

We would like the council to consider upgrading sections of Mokai Road because it is dangerous and there have already been accidents.

We live at 925 Mokai Road and we operate an accommodation Homestay called Tarata Fishaway. We also offer scenic rafting and guided fishing on the Rangitikei River which involves many trips on Mokai Road and towing a trailer with the rafts

This season we have accommodated 1200 people, many from overseas. This has involved 120 fishing and or scenic rafting trips and guests travelling on a road they are not familiar with. This involves pick up and drop off of rafts and vehicles using Mokai Road.

Our main concern is the safety aspect on the road especially south of the culvert 17 to the bungy bridge.

The corrugations are so bad at times that people will use the wrong side of the road.

Our daughter whom was employed by us was involved in an accident with a farm worker on the corner above our property (culvert 27).

The corner above the culvert 27 is also a blind corner and there have been some close calls. If it was to be a stock truck and a car meeting on this corner, the outcome could be fatal. The bluffs are also a real concern as there is just not a lot of room.

Towing our caravan is sometimes just out of the question due to the corrugations. Wear and tear on our vehicles is a continuing expense because of the road condition and the time between grading.

We feel the road is not growing with the increasing traffic and it is dangerous.

Stephen and Trudi Mattock

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Submitter details (please print clearly):

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Trudi Mattock

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Town: Taihape

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Position: owners

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Don't know

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Upgrade Sections
of Moka Road -
safety on the road
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Samantha Whitcombe

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Hi Rangitikei Policy people

Please find attached a copy of my submission to this year's Annual Plan.

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The cost is proposed to be shared between Rangitikei and Wanganui Districts and would come out of the Minor Safety Improvements budget of Roading expenditure.

Please note there are 2 files attached, as the site diagram is a separate page for clarity. I will probably be able to speak to this if it is close in timing to the Federated Farmers submission, for which I am likely to be co-presenting.

Please acknowledge you have received this submission, in case the internet lets me down.

Kind regards

Tim Matthews
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Wanganui 4577

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Rangitikei District Council

Subject: Land Transport

Issue: Minor Safety Improvements

Location: Wyley's Bridge – Intersection of Kauangaroa Road and Mangamahu Road

Problem: Loss of Heavy Trailer Parking after renewal of Wyley's Bridge

Wyley's Bridge was replaced with a new longer arch structure immediately downstream of the previous suspension bridge during 2015. The new eastern approaches are approximately 15 m downstream and 10 m closer to Kauangaroa Road, and have eliminated the previous parking and turning area downstream of the old bridge. That area was used for car and heavy trailer parking, and for school bus (primary and secondary school students) transfers. A Totalspan bus shelter was erected there about 7 years ago for weather protection.

The bus shelter was relocated to the northern edge of the old sealed eastern approach after the new bridge was finished, but that area is more congested when cars are dropping off or picking up students, because the area is much smaller than existed previously. There is also no room for heavy trailers to be parked while trucks are loading part loads on either the Wanganui or Rangitikei roads inland of this intersection.

A possible solution is to provide a hard-standing area beside Kauangaroa Road, on the eastern side upstream from the existing intersection signpost, which incidentally has not been moved downstream to the new intersection point. The existing water-table would need to be piped underneath the new surface to gain the 3 or 4 metre width needed to accommodate trailers off the carriageway, and the hard standing would need to be 30 to 40 m long to allow manoeuvring space in front of the trailer itself. There is already some additional seal added for turning vehicles, as the turn on to the new single lane bridge is relatively tight, especially for semi-trailers. Additional sealed width would improve heavy combination vehicle access onto the bridge approaches and reduce the chance of damaging the corrugated steel barrier forming the new bridge approach. This plan would avoid the need to take any neighbouring land to achieve a safe outcome.

Placing heavy trailers on the eastern side of Kauangaroa Road allows drivers to have a clear view of both bridge traffic (which is only single lane) and Kauangaroa Road traffic approaching the intersection, which was previously obscured if a full height trailer was parked beside the bridge. The bridge itself provides a low speed environment, but

Kauangaroa Road is a 100 km/h zone with up to 800 vehicle movements per day, and is also the detour route if S H 3 is closed between the Turakina and Whangaehu rivers.

Efficient use of stock trucks, which form a significant portion of the heavy vehicle movements locally, requires loads to be aggregated from different farms in the area, which may be either side of the Whangaehu River. As new longer but more economic HCV truck and trailer combinations are introduced which carry in excess of 800 lambs, more splitting of trucks will occur. Also older bridge's weight restrictions will also require trans-shipping of loads to fully utilise HCV units efficiently over the rest of the roading network. NZTA and Councils will need to work with the Road Transport Association to identify other intersections or places where trailers can be safely left or recoupled, to maximise efficient use of vehicles and minimise "dead" or unloaded running. Perhaps a Council or NZTA Policy is needed District-wide to provide these areas, as most Districts will need less than 5 or 10 to achieve safe outcomes.

There is also some need for trimming of tree vegetation around the area to improve visibility for vehicles exiting the new bridge, and south of the signpost to allow manouvering of trucks when parking their trailers. Signage indicating the trailer park would be useful for non-local truck operators, who use the area less often.

The two main local stock-truck operators have indicated a need for this facility.

The proposed facility would be used equally by heavy traffic users of both Rangitikei and Wanganui roads, given this is a major intersection between the Mangamahu Valley, Wanganui (and Fordell saleyards) and Hunterville. My proposal is for the cost to be shared equally between the districts, even though the bridge renewal was funded on a different basis.

Tim Matthews

Meat & Fibre Chairman

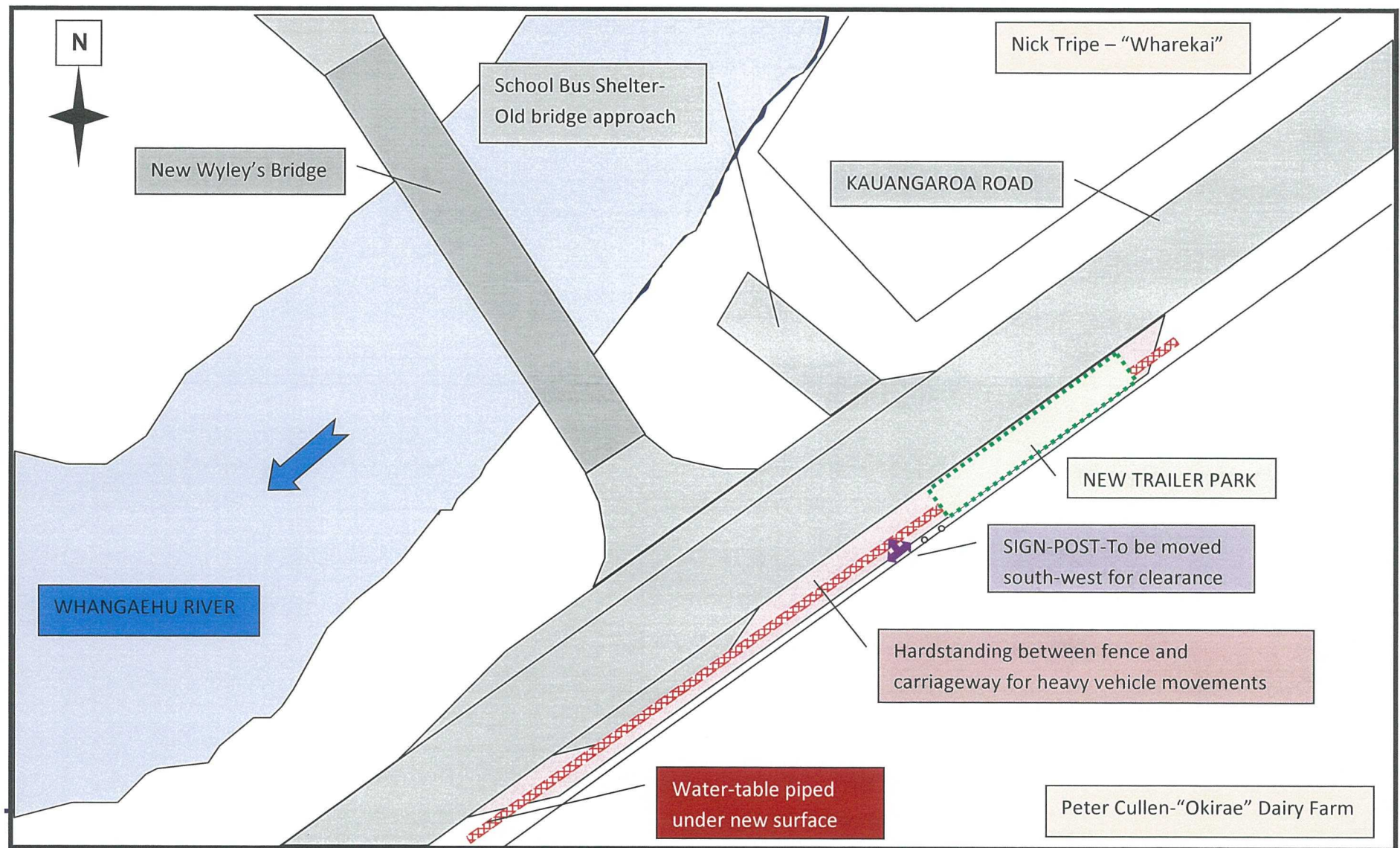
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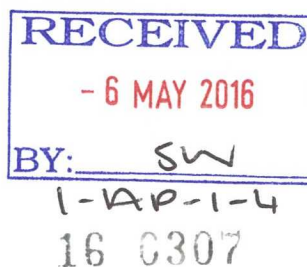
Note: Site Diagram attached as separate file.

Diagram 1

Kauangaroa Road/Mangamahu Road Intersection at Wyley's Bridge
Intersection Improvements to Accommodate Heavy Trailer Park



NOTE: Diagram not to scale



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Do you have an alternative option?

THIS IS BETTER AT COLLEGE WILL NOT BE FLOODED & EVERY CHILD CAN USE IT. IF IT WENT TO NGA TAWA COULD YOU SEE THEN LETTING THE COLLEGE BOYS OUT THERE PLAYING AT ALL TIMES OF DAY Including the Weekend

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I'm on board Marton School & we are looking at putting mini turf in, we are going to fund raise & grants, do not open a can of worms on this

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	Your name:	Nathan Kane	STEVE FOUHY	Bryce Hosking	Sally Patrick
	Town:	Marton	Turakina	Upper Hutt	Marton
	Speak to submission?	Yes	Yes	Skype	Yes
	Organisation:		TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE		
Youth Development Option	1			✓	
	2	✓			✓
	3	✓			
	4		✓		
	Do you have an alternative option?		We do not believe that District Councils should be delivering youth services. After-school programmes are provided through the OSCAR programme, via by the Ministry of Social Development, as well as private providers. Holiday programmes are provided by Non Government Agencies, in particular the YMCA.		
Taihape Memorial Park Options	1		✓	✓	
	2				
Multisport Turf Options	1	✓	✓	✓	
	2				
	Do you have an alternative option?				
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	Other:		Should the Council's proposal to assign the insurance payout of \$100,000 to Rangitikei College be the outcome of this consultation, we don't believe there is a need to provide any further rate-funded contributions.		
Roading Reserve Options	1		✓	✓	
	2				
Civic Centre Marton Options	1	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2				
Rates Remission Policy	Yes		✓		
	No			✓	
	Any other issues?	Please note I will only be speaking to the Youth Development submission.	<p>1. With regard to the purchase of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham and Williams properties for future development, we would like to see a strong commitment from Council to using local contractors as the first option for any development work done.</p> <p>2. The Turakina Community Committee supports the RDC's continued investigation of options for the setting up of a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) with the Manawatu District Council. (Question: As part of this investigative work, has consideration been given to the inclusion of other small District Councils, eg: Ruapehu, in the CCO?)</p>		With regard to development of Civic amenities in Marton I support the Council's demonstration of leadership in developing the town centre in this way. The development will act as a strong catalyst for future growth and encourage further third party investment in Marton's retail footprint. The proposed co-location of Library, Council and community space offers a prudent, efficient solution to community needs including higher levels of community engagement. However to optimise the expected benefits of this opportunity, the development needs to be a well- designed, intuitively inviting space that engages the community. Our preference would be for the development to retain the original building facade wherever it makes good architectural and visual sense. We acknowledge the value of retaining our unique architectural streetscape.

	Your name:	Katarina Elizabeth Hina	Carolyn Bates
	Town:	Whanganui	Marton
	Speak to submission?	Yes	Yes
	Organisation:	Nga Wairiki Ki Uta Iwi Authority (Kauangaroa - Mangamahu) Kauangaroa Marae & Community	
Youth Development Option	1	✓	
	2		✓
	3		
	4		
	Do you have an alternative option?	I would like the council to engage with tertiary providers such as UCOL in terms of their strategic support for youth within our region	In addition to Marton and Taihape, I recommend opportunities should be available to youth in other parts of the district.
Taihape Memorial Park Options	1	✓	checked
	2		
Multisport Turf Options	1	✓	
	2		
	Do you have an alternative option?		I do not support the reinstatement of Astroturf at Centennial Park, if a more economical option would be to return the area to grass (or other surface) to make good the damaged area to create a workable / useable area. The balance of the insurance payout should then be directed to funding for youth services. If there is funding remaining, I would prefer that was provided to Rangitikei College. I do not support provision of any insurance funding for Nga Tawa.
	Ratepayer contribution for artificial turf	A rate-funded contribution of \$100,000 to Rangitikei College only	No rate-funded contribution to either school
	Other:		
Roading Reserve Options	1	✓	✓
	2		
Civic Centre Marton Options	1	✓	
	2		✓
Rates Remission Policy	Yes	✓	
	No		✓
	Any other issues?	The Community of Kauangaroa would like to have speed restriction signs installed at the entrance (prior to going over the bridge - and past the sweeping corner of Pipipii. Explore opportunities for a refuse station or a bin provided for local rubbish collection - we are happy to have this located on our school property. Explore our options for joint signage for sites of significance and others such as no rubbish dumping, and others.Joint partnerships on Flood relief solutions for our community. Opportunities to work together more for Youth engagement solutions.	<p>Roading Reserve - I support the use of insurance cover to supplement the cost of roading requirements.</p> <p>Property Purchase - I do not agree with RDC purchasing the land, I feel there is sufficient already owned which can be built upon if the existing buildings cannot be strengthened. I do not believe rate payers have been given sufficient information regarding alternative options.</p> <p>- I was surprised more cost comparisons were not provided.</p> <p>Rubbish collection - I recommend council actively encourage (ideally require) the rubbish collection companies in the district to provide a regular (if even monthly) opportunity for kerbside recycling. I am aware that many people are unable to take items to the recycling points in the district due to lack of transport, but believe more people would recycle if it was easier to do so.</p> <p>Toilets - I recommend toilets are installed (or made readily available) at Centennial Park and Marton Park. In addition a drinking fountain would be a good addition at both locations.</p> <p>"Town Centre" Signs - I recommend the installation of signage at intersections directing traffic to the town centre (eg at the Calico Line / Bond Street crossing there is nothing to indicate there are shops close by).</p> <p>"Marton" Signs - I recommend the signs on SH1/SH3 be made clearer / more inviting, to encourage visitors to come to the town.</p> <p>Street Signs - I recommend that symbols be added to signs to acknowledge when the street is named after a local person, that there is easy recognition. In other locations for example Poppies have been added to recognise a war hero.</p> <p>I am happy to answer questions if anyone requires clarification of this submission.</p>

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	Town:	Fi Dalgety
	Speak to submission?	212228460
	Organisation:	RD5 Hunterville
Youth Development Option	1	Hunterville
	2	Email
	3	Yes
	4	an individual, or
	Do you have an alternative option?	
Taihape Memorial Park Options	1	
	2	✓
Multisport Turf Options	1	
	2	
	Do you have an alternative option?	
	Ratepayer contribution for artificial turf	
	Other:	
Roading Reserve Options	1	✓
	2	
Civic Centre Marton Options	1	✓
	2	
Rates Remission Policy	Yes	
	No	A rate-funded contribution of \$100,000 to Rangitikei College and \$100,000 to Nga Tawa Diocesan School
	Any other issues?	<p>Since December last year the Nga Tawa Turf Committee have been working in collaboration with Rangitikei College, Sport Wanganui, Rangitikei Hockey Association and Rangitikei District Council on a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly apply for funding to provide a range of multi-sport facilities at both Nga Tawa and Rangitikei Colleg. In the first instance, Nga Tawa proposes to support Rangitikei College in their application to receive Rangitikei District Council funding to build an artificial hockey /multisport turf to replace the Centennial Park turf written off after the June 2015 floods. This turf would be available to the community 24/7 and will provide a first class facility for both practicing and junior hockey development. Should the funding be made available we anticipate this turf would be completed in Spring 2016.</p> <p>In return, Rangitikei College supports Nga Tawa in building our proposed full-sized, national standard hockey water turf. It is anticipated Primary Schools would have free access to our turf during school hours and other users would be on a user-pays basis similar to existing facilities in other districts. Turf usage would be “supervised” and would require pre-booking either on-line or via Rangitikei Hockey.</p> <p>The key to this collaboration is providing a pipeline of facilities for all the community from Junior “small sticks” to senior and masters hockey, all within our district and ensuring both training and competitive playing facilities are available for all. Obviously other codes such as soccer, marching etc will also benefit from the availability of these artificial facilities.</p> <p>Currently there is significant economic drain to our District by not having a full sized hockey turf facility. Last year over 250 players left the district to play hockey, some several times a week for both training & competition. These included 10 6-side junior teams & 17 11-side teams. Often these players and their supporters will also shop while outside the district.</p> <p>Nga Tawa also recognizes the potential to host tournaments with their onsite accommodation enabling the users to “play and stay”. The close proximity of Huntley boarding school within Marton further enhances this potential with likely economic benefit to local moteliers, retailers and food outlets being anticipated. Marton’s central location to other turfs in Palmerston North and Wanganui also means we can support larger tournaments in these locations such as the Masters Games.</p> <p>The estimated cost of the Nga Tawa development is \$1.6 million so outside funding sources are essential. The Diocesan Board envisages this facility is crucial to future proofing our school and the availability of the changing rooms with showers and toilets in the adjacent Events Centre further compliments this proposal.</p> <p>The District Council first considered a turf proposal and supported a full feasibility study back in 2008, we now need the Councils support to make this dream a reality and future-proof our district.</p>



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Oral submissions will be held at the Marton Council Chambers on 16 May 2016. I wish to speak to my submission ☒

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Gambling venue (class 4) policy

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(please tick one response)

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Tab Venue policy

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Signed: M. R. Ryan

Date: 6.5.15

My name is Margaret Ryniker. I am the problem gambling counsellor for the Rangitikei district.

I have seen, and currently have face to face appointments with people from this area. I see them here in Manton and in Palmerston North.

For many people, problem gambling is not on the radar. The majority don't bother, or at best are social gamblers that have a bet, a tap or a punt and then walk away. BUT - for a number of persons gambling IS a problem with harmful effects such as

anxieties

stress

depression

suicidal tendencies

As well, impact on affected others may / can be relationship issues

financial insecurities

fear or causation to violence

emotional abuse

psychological torment

With an ever increasing amount of money used to capture the attention of the ordinary public, with advertising, people are being de-sensitised to the belief that gambling is a normalised factor in today's world.

The people that create the programmes for pokie machines often work in collaboration with industry (Ka-ching & Pokie Nation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhD9NzlsWps>) to ensure that ~~roads~~ are elevated with the sounds and 'almost wins', are made for one to feel 'almost grateful for the chance

Tangata Whānau I have discussed this with believe that a sinking lid policy is fair ~~for~~ with natural attrition



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Signed: _____

Andi Toph
CEO
NGA TAI OTE ANA

Date: 06 MAY 16



Submission: Gambling Venue Policy

To: Rangitikei District Council
Date: 06 May 2016
From: Hine Potaka-Gardiner - Nga Tai O Te Awa
Location: Whanganui

Introduction

Nga Tai O Te Awa Trust is a registered New Zealand charity and a Maori Development Organisation. Our work is driven by the desire to improve the health and wellbeing of iwi, hapu, and whanau. In the Whanganui Region, the Ministry of Health has engaged us to manage key health promotion projects concerning alcohol and other drugs, problem gambling, and suicide prevention.

Vision

Kokiri whakamua ki pae tawhiti- in pursuit of excellent in all we do

Our organisation is committed to the pursuit of excellent in all we do. We support whanau, hapu and iwi to achieve their own self-determination (rangatiratanga). With this in mind minimising gambling harm is a priority.

Nga Tai O Te Awa would like to thank the Rangitikei District Council for giving our organisation the opportunity to submit on the current Gambling venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policy review. Our organisation would like the Rangitikei District Council to consider working collaboratively in the future on policies that consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental determinants of health.

Options C and D

Gambling venue (class 4) and TAB policies

Nga Tai O Te Awa is strongly in support the TAB venues policy of no new standalone TAB venues to be established in the Rangitikei district. The Gambling Act

We support the following options proposed by the Rangitikei District Council and have therefore have chosen to support:

Option C: Replace the current CAP on Class 4 gaming machines from the current 83 to 70 with a SINKING LID CAP (i.e. do not replace gaming machines as they are lost to the District).

Option D: Replace the current CAP on class 4 gaming machines with a SINKING LID CAP (ie do not replace gaming machines as they are lost to the District)

Submission for gambling venue (Class 4) and TAB venue policies
06 May 2016

Policies Considerations

Although the Rangitikei District Council has indicated that there is little evidence of the wide spread or growing harm in the district from problem gambling our organisation is starting to see the affects.

We have people who come to us seeking help to exclude themselves from venues in the Rangitikei, Ruapehu, Whanganui, Fielding and the Manawatu.

Since 2014 there has been a steady rise in the number of people excluding themselves or asking Nga Tai O Te Awa to help them to exclude from multiple venues. We are seeing people come back to us to re exclude themselves. (I would like to speak to this part).

What is not commonly known is that gambling has a stigma attached to it. This hinders people from seeking help. It is through promoting our services around multiple venue exclusions that we are Gambling addiction by self-reported gamblers who said

“you can’t see it” the addiction

“You can’t smell it” the addiction

“you can’t visualise it” the addiction

“Their instant reaction is to hide it” the gambling “SHAME” heaps of shame associated with the addiction. (Koffee, kai, Korero support group, 4th May 2016).

Nga Tai O Te Awa undertook some research in 2015. We surveyed 122 people from the Rangitikei who self- reported on a number of questions around gambling. What interested us was the fact that

- 7 people reported, domestic violence, employment, mental/physical health, crime/theft.

Police statistics indicate there has been a rise in domestic violence callouts in the Bulls, Marton and Taihape area (I would like to speak to this).

From the collated results 15 people self -reported, financial hardship, and 9 people reported, family neglect.

There is strong correlation between problem gambling and the above. The Rangitikei has high unmet need; it is socially and economically deprived.

Income

For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half earn less, than this amount), in Rangitikei District is \$25,700. This compares with a median of \$28,500 for all of New Zealand. 39.9 percent of people aged 15 years and over in Rangitikei District have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 38.2 percent of people for New Zealand as a whole.

Work

The unemployment rate in Rangitikei District is 6.1 percent for people aged 15 years and over, compared with 7.1 percent for all of New Zealand.

Maori

For Maori the medium income for 15 years and over in the Rangitikei district is \$21,500, compared with a medium of \$22,500 for all Maori in New Zealand

47.7 percent of Maori aged 15 and over in the Rangitikei district have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared to the rest of New Zealand.

14.4 percent of Maori aged 15 year and over have an annual income of over \$50,00 compared 18.1 percent of all Maori in New Zealand.

Number of machines to be allowed. We support the first statement:

Our organisation would like to also look at the policy in terms of the number of machines to be allowed. We support the first statement:

- Council wishes to reduce the number of gaming machines in the District through a process of natural attrition as machines cease operating.

We do not support the council's policy in terms of

- New venues may apply for a licence to operate up to 9 gaming machines, providing that the total number of gaming machines in the District does not exceed 83¹.

The reason we do not support the above statement comes from the statistics gathered over the three years which shows that although there has been decrease in venues and a small decrease in expenditure for 2014 people are still accessing venues within the Rangitikei.

- 2013 total expenditure was: \$2,623,099.10
- 2014 total expenditure was: \$2,573,197.91 showed a decrease of 49,901.19, then in
- 2015 total expenditure was: \$2,708,892.00

These figures tell our organisation that there is increased harm from gambling which is not showing in people accessing gambling harm services.

It is showing that the figures totalled together for three years would equal \$7,905,189.01. This is what has been taken out of the economy in the Rangitikei in a three year period.



What's has been returned by way of grant does not equate to what has been taken out of the economy. Societies: Lion Foundation, Pub Charity put back into the economy which totalled \$189,260.70 that's 38% in 2014-15. In comparison to what is taken out of the district 38% does not equate to even make up for a good economy.

Thank you once again for allowing Nga Tai O Te Awa to have a say.

Naku noa na,

Moana Potaka-Gardiner
Regional Health Advisor
Project Manager
Problem Gambling & Suicide Prevention
Nga Tai O Te Awa

Andre Taylor
CEO
Nga Tai O Te Awa

*Kororia, Honore, Hareruia kia Ihoa o nga Mano, Arepa, Omeka,
Piriwiritua, Hamuera ko te Mangai kei roto aia nei, ake nei . .. Ae!*

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Tena Koutou nga Mema Honore, Kaiwhakahaere, nga Menetia, nga Kaitautoko o te Kaunihera o Rangitikei,

RE : SUBMISSION TO RDC ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017

With reference to the above please accept this as our official submission to the above plan.

Firstly we thank Council for the recent installation of footpaths in the community from the public toilets past our Temple and the one to the playground. It is not only appreciated by local rate payers but also the many visitors to our community and Temple on Sundays and during our special celebrations, once again thank you.

Attached you will find our responses to the projects and information outlined in the 'What's new, what's changed document. We further submit the following for consideration of planning for the 2016-2017 years.

1.00 - AFFORDABILITY

As always affordability of rates is important to us and that Council give consideration to Government's measured deprivation level within our District and in particular the Community of Ratana. It is with this in mind and the high number of permanent beneficiaries residing in the community that Council must minimise any proposed rates increases.

Whilst we are ok with the proposed 1.96%, maintaining this after submissions are received may reflect a different picture. The resident's struggle as it is to pay their rates any increases will simply add to their burden and that of this district.

2.00 – RATANA CEMETERY

Thank you for the work on the relocation of shed and building of fence separating Urupa from Lawn Cemetery. We seek consideration of further work in the lawn cemetery as follows :

- Ⓢ Extend road past existing plots to end of block, create a turnaround area.
Visitors can still park on the grass if weather permits (until we expand the plots)
- Ⓢ Garden landscape on top and through retaining wall needs rejuvenating.
- Ⓢ A gazebo placed on top of existing concrete pad (approx. 2x2 metre) left from where shed was, we have a costing of \$1800 installed.

3.00 – RATANA NEW DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

We realise for many reason projects of this size will have delays and notes there have been several. We seek close monitoring of progress and commitment to meeting the timeframe of completion June/July this year.

4.00 – RECYLING

We would like to see clear signage at transfer station for example it has been noted some people are not rinsing their milk bottles, if there was a sign that says 'All bottles Must Be Rinsed and with no lids' will help educate people.

5.00 – BONNY GLEN LEACHATE

We ask that you continue to closely monitor the activity of this organisation and minimise any threats to our environment and infrastructures.

6.00 - SPEED HUMPS OR SIMILAR – RATANA RD

The speed humps have a positive effect on the community and road users. We note vehicles are riding past the end with one wheel still on the road. Can they be extended to close these gaps.

7.00 – STREET LIGHTING

Due to after hour activity at this end of street eg. drinking by Sewage Treatment Plant gate, boy racer, speeding etc. we request once again a street light for Rangatahi Street just past new house be installed.

8.00 – RATANA PLAYGOUND REDEVELOPMENT

Finally the Board expresses its support for the proposed Ratana Playground Redevelopment by the Ratana Community Board . The idea of a multi sport turf (basketball, netball, tennis) and adventure playground equipment provides for a fit for purpose play zone area and brings the area into the 21st Century for tamariki and rangatahi.

The Board does not wish to speak to their submission but expects that it will receive the same consideration as a group would if they personally fronted Council.

We would appreciate a detailed response from Council responding to each of the items listed above.

Noho ora mai
Tainui Pene
Hemana (Chairman).

.....no reira ko te Mangai hei tautoko mai aiane ai akenei ae!

TE RŌPŪ ĀWHINA MATE PETIPETI O AOTEAROA
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rangitikei is a beautiful region with vibrant towns, but it could be even better. Pokie machines do not enhance communities, but instead hold them back and harm Rangitikei health and its inhabitants.

Electronic gambling machines (pokies) are not a harmless product that a few misguided individuals need help with. They are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand, and in Rangitikei. Pokie machines are designed to addict and cause substantial losses to users. Used as designed, they cause significant harm, which is why 2 in 5 regular gambling machine users develop a problem at some point. The 2.5% of our population experiencing direct and often severe harm from gambling is just the tip of the iceberg.

\$2.738 million dollars was lost to pokie machines in the last year in the Rangitikei district. The majority of that income will come from those with gambling problems.

Each person with a gambling problem affects about 5-10 others. This means around 3,100 Rangitikei residents are directly affected by the significant economic, health, personal, and social costs that gambling problems cause. The harms caused by pokies extend beyond individuals, affecting their families, friends, workmates, businesses and our community. In Rangitikei that means children heading to school without lunches, and missing out on the basics in life, and less wellbeing and social cohesion.

It isn't just the poor who lose out. A study of gambling machines in Christchurch suggested that gambling machines in the region resulted in lost economic output of \$13 million, lost household income of \$8 million, and lost employment for 630 full-time equivalents.

We know that gambling machines are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand and have been identified as the main gambling mode of problem gambling clients seeking help. We know that a very large amount of the money lost in gambling machines—up to 60%—is lost at the expense of people with gambling problems.

Two decades of working with NZ's gamblers has shown that availability makes the difference, and this is what Rangitikei District Council has the ability to regulate. "Sinking lid" policies will help stabilise and reduce Rangitikei gambling machine venue numbers over time. This reduces availability and accessibility to gambling machines, and reduces gambling harm. Seventeen councils around New Zealand have taken the lead and introduced "sinking lid" policies, backed by strong public opinion that these machines are socially undesirable and that there should be fewer of them.

A "sinking lid" policy for Rangitikei would be a popular and simple policy that only prevents new venues being allowed gambling machines. The strongest sinking lid policies state that when venues close those machines can't be moved elsewhere. Although the proposed policy wishes to retain the status quo of a cap of 83 machines, the current number of 70 allows for an increase in both gambling machines and venues in the Rangitikei district. Rather than allowing

venues to close organically, this would mean new venues with new machines and maintained or increased gambling harm.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the information in this submission.

Recommendations

- The Problem Gambling Foundation **recommends that Rangitikei District Council adopt a “sinking lid” policy:** a district wide ban on any additional class 4 gambling venues or machines. A sinking lid policy that covers both machine numbers and venues is appropriate.
- That the proposed population-ratio is rejected. This will allow more new venues in new locations, and newer more-addictive machines. In the Rangitikei district this is a recipe for an increase in gambling harm.

A policy that prevents transfers is recommended

- Allowing venues to transfer will not lead to a reduction of venues, and therefore will not reduce harm from gambling in the way that a strong “sinking lid” policy would. Venue transfers are primarily a way of maximising revenue and taking machines from quiet venues to busier venues. They are not a harm-reduction measure.

A restriction on new TAB venues is recommended

- The Problem Gambling Foundation is not directly concerned about an increase in the number of TAB venues. However any new venues that are established could include pokie machines and this is something that the Problem Gambling Foundation opposes. Recent new and refurbished TAB venues elsewhere in New Zealand have contained gambling machines, and this would risk an exemption to the sinking lid policy. Likewise, sports betting terminals could evolve and include a new user experience such as being able to sit at the machine while watching the game. As the Problem Gambling Foundation is unsure how sports betting will advance in the future, we recommend that the Council take a precautionary approach to the growth of TAB and terminal-based gambling. The Problem Gambling Foundation, therefore opposes any new TAB venues unless they specifically exclude sports betting terminals and pokie machines.

We would like to be heard in support of this submission.

CONTEXT AND SUMMARY OF LOCAL STATISTICS

- Gambling expenditure¹ has expanded rapidly in New Zealand during the last 20 years. Gambling expenditure nearly quadrupled from \$482 million in 1990 to \$2.091 billion in 2014.² Of that amount, nearly 40% is lost to non-casino gambling machines, making it by far the largest of the four main gambling sectors.

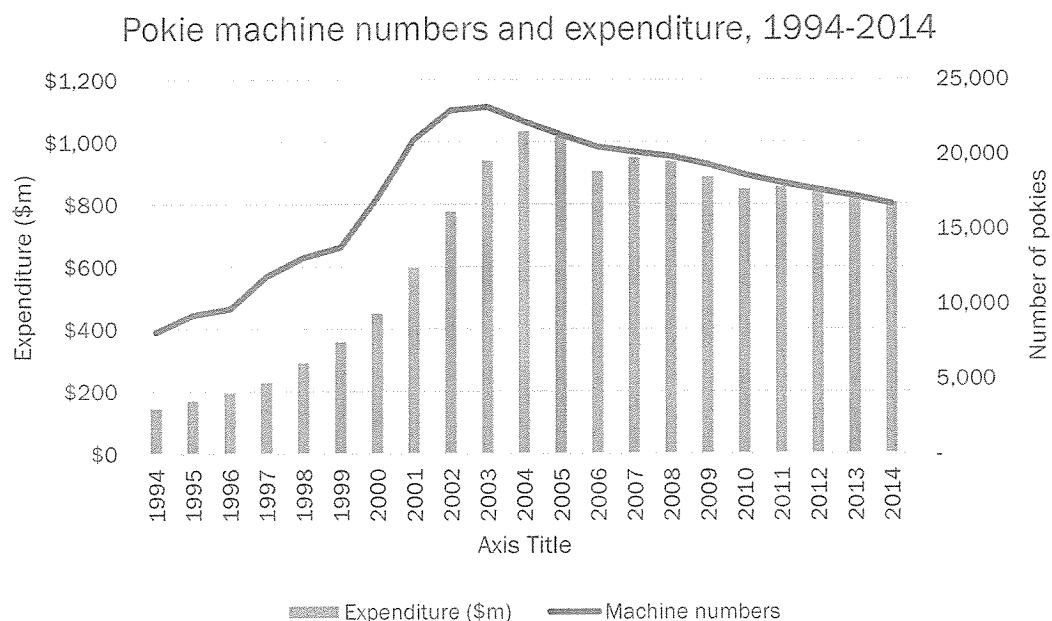


- In the 2013/14 financial year, total gambling expenditure for the four main sectors increased 0.9% from the previous year due to an increase in expenditure on Lotteries and racing products.

1 Expenditure and Gross Profit are interchangeable terms - they mean the gross amount wagered minus the amount paid out or credited as prizes or dividends. Expenditure is the amount lost or spent by users or the gross profit of the gambling operator.

2 Department of Internal Affairs. (2014). Gambling Expenditure Statistics. Retrieved 24 June 2015 from: http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics

- For the most part, however, a decrease in machines has led to a gradual decrease in expenditure.



- New Zealand lost \$823 million to non-casino gambling machines last year, or \$2.25 million a day.
- This is equivalent to about 55 million minimum wage hours.
- Rangitikei District lost over \$2,738 million to non-casino gambling machines in the last year, or approximately \$7,693 per day.
- Rangitikei currently has a density of 1 machine per 149 people over 18.³ With an average machine income of approximately \$39,127 per annum, this means that the average gambling machine in Rangitikei makes a third more money as the average person living here (\$25,700).

³ Calculated using DIA gambling expenditure statistics and Statistics NZ 2013 Census data.

- Estimates are that 2.5% of the adult population in New Zealand – one in 40 – are problem gamblers or moderate-risk gamblers⁴ at any particular time.⁵ Based on these estimates approximately 262 people in Rangitikei could be problem or moderate risk gamblers.⁶
- There are also a significant number of people who are harmed by someone else's gambling. It is estimated that at approximately 5-10 people are adversely affected to varying degrees by behaviour from a person experiencing problem gambling.⁷ This could be 524 to 2,096 people harmed from others' gambling in Rangitikei.
- Over 74,000 people in New Zealand (2.4% of the total population) would expect to have a better state of mental health if there was no gambling.⁸ Of these, 69,500 would benefit from stopping gambling on gambling machines. In Rangitikei, approximately 344 people would be have better mental health without gambling.
- Submissions by the New Zealand Community Trust and other gambling machine trusts have attempted to down-play the number of local problem gamblers by reporting the number of people who have sought help for gambling within the Council area. There is a difference between the number of people with gambling problems and the number of people who have sought help for those problems. The number of people getting

4 The term "problem gambler" refers to someone who scores 8 or more on the Problem Gambling Severity Index, and is defined as "Problem gambling with negative consequences and a possible loss of control." The term "moderate-risk gambler" refers to someone who scores 3-7 on the PGSI, and is defined as "Moderate level of problems leading to some negative consequences". The two terms are often combined when reporting prevalence of problem gambling.

5 Based on the New Zealand 2012 National Gambling Study, which reports that "0.7% of adults (23,504 people) are current (past 12 months) problem gamblers experiencing significant problems, and a further 1.8% (60,440) are moderate-risk gamblers, experience some gambling-related harms and at risk for the development of more serious problems". Source: Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Gambling harm and problem gambling. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

6 Adult population for this district was determined using 2013 census data and the NZ.Stat tool from Statistics New Zealand, found online at <http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx>.

7 The 2006/2007 New Zealand Health Survey found that "almost 3% of people had experienced problems due to someone's gambling in the previous 12 months, and this is consistent with overseas studies that estimate that between 5 and 10 people are affected by behaviour of a serious problem gambler." Ministry of Health. 2009. Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm: Consultation document. Six-year strategic plan; three-year service plan; problem gambling needs assessment; and problem gambling levy calculations. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

The Australian Productivity Commission estimated 5-10 people (average: 7.3) were impacted by problem gambling. Productivity Commission. (1999). Australia's Gambling Industries, Report No. 10, AusInfo, Canberra, Vol 1, p. 7.34

8 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE.

treatment is not the same as the number needing help. When organisations like the Problem Gambling Foundation and the Salvation Army are active in the community the number of people reached is greater, and the number of people being given help for gambling problems rises.

GAMBLING AND PROBLEM GAMBLING

Gambling Machines Are the Problem

- About 18% of adults use pub/club gambling machines over a 12 month period.⁹
- This means that at any given time in New Zealand, there is a ratio of 34 possible gambling machine users to any 1 machine.
- This means the \$818 million that gambling machines took last year doesn't add up from many people putting in a few coins. This figure would require each gambling machine user to spend—and lose—an average of over \$1,400.¹⁰
- Even fewer people use gambling machines on a regular basis (1.7% weekly or more often). The vast majority of adults (82%) never use gambling machines.¹¹
- Furthermore, the Council may find it helpful to know that the number of people who gamble on non-casino gambling machines is small compared to the number of people who find that form of gambling socially undesirable.¹²
- While 18% may not seem like a lot, this number means much bigger problems; there is a serious concern for the 18% of the population that uses non-casino gambling machines because of the risk involved with gambling machine use.¹³

9 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Overview and gambling participation. Wellington: AUT.

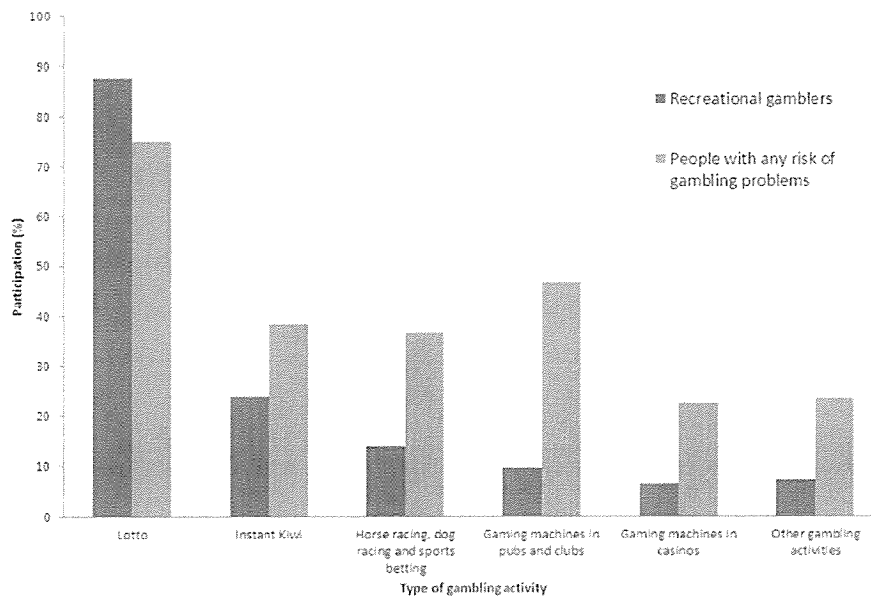
10 Adult population for this district was determined using 2013 census data and the NZ.Stat tool from Statistics New Zealand, found online at https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics

11 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Overview and gambling participation. Wellington: AUT.

12 Department of Internal Affairs (2008). Peoples participation in, and attitudes to, gambling, 1985-2005. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/\\$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf)

13 Ministry of Health (2012). Problem Gambling in New Zealand: Preliminary Results from the New Zealand Health Survey. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/problem-gambling-new-zealand-preliminary-results-new-zealand-health-survey>

Proportion participating in various forms of gambling: recreational gamblers compared to gamblers at any risk of gambling problems



- Gambling machines are no ordinary commodity; it is estimated that:
 - 2 in 5 (40%) of regular gambling machine users (participates weekly or more) report experiencing a problem at some point.¹⁴
 - 1 in 5 (20%) of regular gambling machine users have current problems.¹⁵
- Non-casino gambling machines are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand (to individuals as well as the community). Non-casino gambling machines are the main gambling mode of problem gambling clients seeking help. They form the large majority of clients for the Problem Gambling Foundation and New Zealand's other providers. In the most recently published Gambling Helpline report¹⁶:

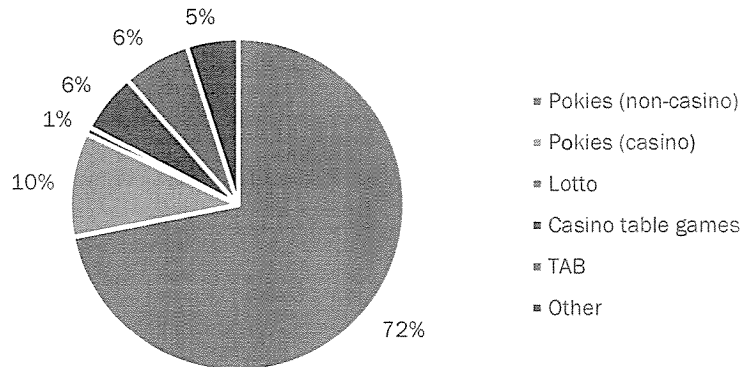
14 Devlin, M. & Walton, D. (2012). The prevalence of problem gambling in New Zealand as measured by the PGSI: adjusting prevalence estimates using meta-analysis. *International Gambling Studies*, 10.1080/14459795.2011.653384. Retrieved 31-May 2012 from <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14459795.2011.653384>

15 Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). (2009) Problem gambling in New Zealand – a brief summary. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/\\$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf)

16 Ministry of Health. (2012). Gambling Helpline report for national statistics to 31 December 2011. Wellington: MOH.

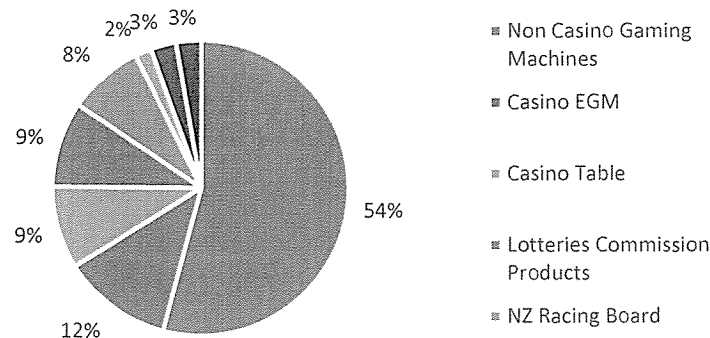
- 72% of first-time callers to gambling helpline counselling services cited non-casino pokie machines as their primary mode of gambling.

Primary mode, first-time callers to the Gambling Helpline, 2011



- 54% of gambler clients attending face-to-face counselling cited non-casino gambling machines as their primary mode of gambling, and a further 12% cited casino gambling machines.¹⁷

Primary mode, face-to-face clients, 2012/13



How Gambling Machines Work

- Gambling machines are not a simple or harmless form of entertainment. A modern gambling machine is a subtle and sophisticated media experience, designed to keep

¹⁷ Ministry of Health (2013). Table 11: Problem gambling client presentation data. Provides information on client presentation numbers, both new and existing clients, by gambling industry sector, for the 2004/05 to 2012/13 Financial Years. Wellington, MOH. Retrieved from 30 June 2014 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data>

people using the machine as long as possible.¹⁸

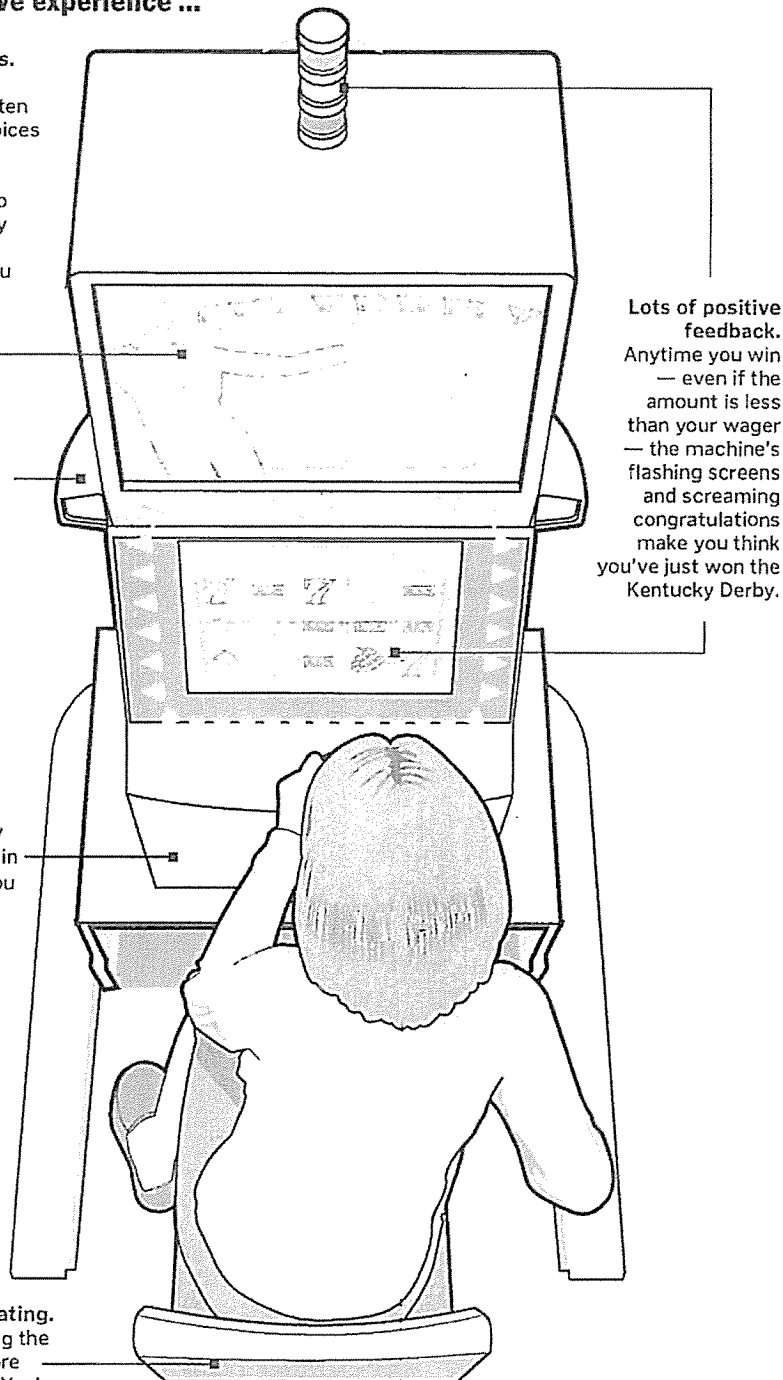
An immersive experience ...

Snazzy displays. Animated, entertaining, often including the voices and images of beloved TV and movie stars who goad you to play more and congratulate you when you win.

Directional speakers. They bathe you in sound, blocking out the noises from the room around you.

Easy payment plans. The new machines don't display dollar amounts — they deal exclusively in "credits" that you cash out later. This serves to separate you from the idea that it's actually money you're losing.

Comfortable seating. The higher paying the machine, the more comfy the chair. You're supposed to sink in and never want to get up.



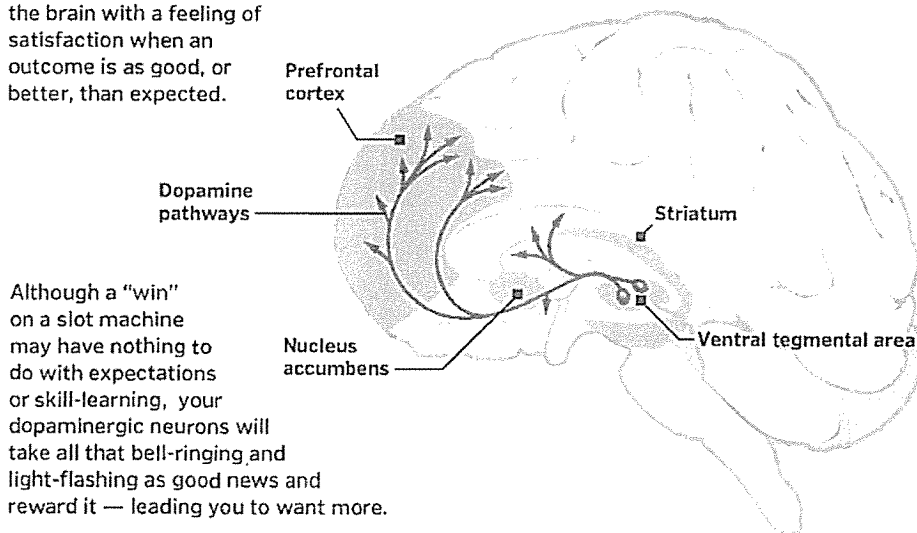
Lots of positive feedback. Anytime you win — even if the amount is less than your wager — the machine's flashing screens and screaming congratulations make you think you've just won the Kentucky Derby.

18 Mangels, J. and W. Neff (2011 May 15). How the machine works on you [infographic]. The Plain Dealer. Cleveland, OH.

... that has a profound effect

All this stimulation plays havoc with the **reward centers** of the human brain: those areas that are wired to anticipate some good result — such as the learning of a new skill — and make you feel good when it happens.

This reaction is fueled, in part, by the neurotransmitter **dopamine**. Special neurons in certain areas of your brain produce this chemical, which “rewards” the brain with a feeling of satisfaction when an outcome is as good, or better, than expected.



SOURCE: Luke Clark, University of Cambridge

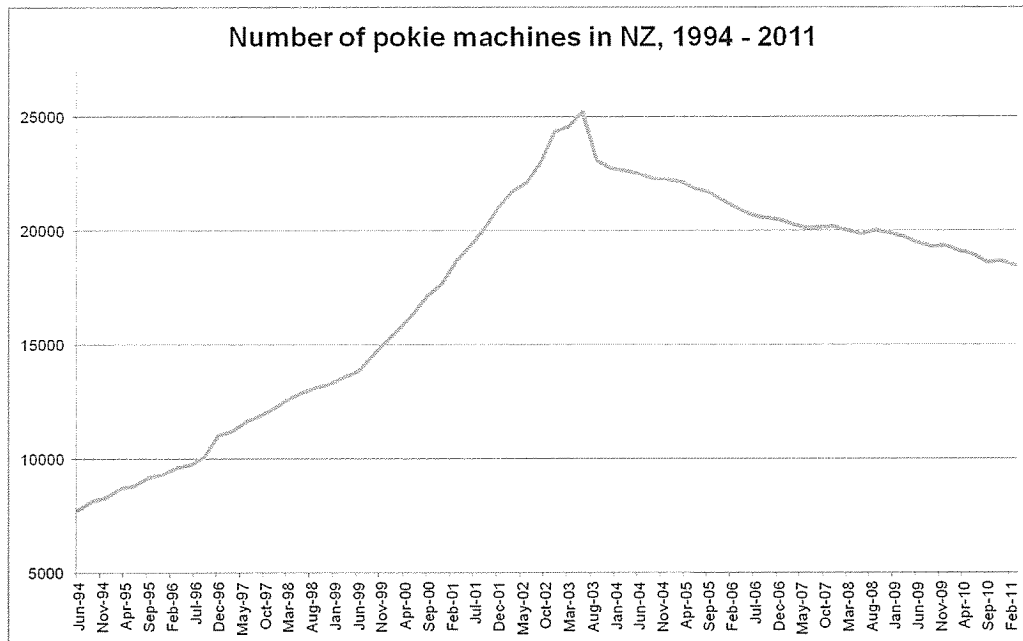
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- Gambling products use psychological tricks which take advantage of some of the faulty ways that we all, as human beings, think.
 - You haven’t won all night, so the big win is on the way: This is not true. Gambling exploits our human misunderstanding of statistical probability and our ingrained belief in luck (even though statistics always prove us wrong).
 - The near-miss effect: Gambling machines exploit this, because a near-miss will trigger your brain in the same areas as if you had really won. These are also the same areas which are involved in drug addiction. This is why problem gamblers crave gambling and have compulsive thoughts about it. Machines will be programmed to show as many near-misses as they can get away with (most countries legislate how many times they can do this).
 - Creating immersive environments: Gambling machines make you forget the outside world through clever design. Dark backgrounds and deep but bright jewel-like colours attract and stimulate the brain. Spot-lit areas draw your focus in. Sound and light at random times both disorients the user and stimulates the brain at the same time.
 - Brain stimulation: The anticipation of gambling causes excitement, raised heart-rate, shallow breathing, and other nervous system responses. Winning and losing cause even greater responses, which are tied directly into our brain’s reward

centres. The design of modern gambling amplifies these even more. The reward areas of your brain take all the bell-ringing and light-flashing as good news and reward your neurons with large hits of dopamine. This happens even when you are losing, and is why gambling can operate just like a drug or alcohol addiction.

Gambling Numbers

- Before 1988 there were no legal electronic gambling machines in New Zealand. In March 2014 there were 17,182 machines.¹⁹



- A New Zealand study acknowledged that there are many forces of work at play that can reduce problem gambling prevalence, including public health work, adaptation (when no new machines are introduced) and policy. The report found strong support for the “access thesis,” which says that increases of non-casino gambling machines lead to an increase in problem gambling prevalence. **Specifically, the study found that there is an increase in problem gambling by nearly one person per each new machine.**²⁰

¹⁹ Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). (2014). Society, Venue and Gaming Machine Numbers: 31 March 2014. Retrieved 30 June 2014 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Stats_31%20March%202014.pdf/\\$file/Stats_31%20March%202014.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Stats_31%20March%202014.pdf/$file/Stats_31%20March%202014.pdf)

²⁰ Abbott, M., Storer, J., & Stubbs, J. (2009 December). Access or adaptation? A meta-analysis of surveys of problem gambling prevalence in Australia and New Zealand with respect to concentration of electronic gaming machines. *International Gambling Studies*, 9 (3), 225 – 244.

- The report went so far as to state in its conclusion that, “from the perspective of public policy, and particularly harm minimisation, holding or reducing EGM [electronic gambling machine] numbers would appear to be prudent based on our findings, and is likely to lead to reduced harm both through reduced availability and by enabling adaptation processes.”
- The same study supported the view that restricting the per capita density of gambling machines leads to a decrease in gambling harm.²¹
- In submissions to Councils, Jarrod True of the TAB challenged the findings of this study. Mr. True explains that “after reading the full study and reading the research data it does not appear that any strong correlation exists [between gambling machine access and problem gambling].” This claim should be disregarded for two obvious reasons.
- Mr. True’s analysis is contrary to conclusions stated by the researchers in the very abstract of the article, where they state that “strong statistically meaningful relationships were found for an increase in prevalence with increasing per capita density of EGMs, consistent with the access hypothesis and supported by no evidence of plateauing of prevalence with increasing density of EGMs.”
- The assertions put forth by Mr. True carry less authority than that of three well-respected and qualified researchers, who almost unarguably are more qualified to interpret statistics and judge research.
- The industry has, in the past, claimed that a decrease in gambling machine numbers will lead to an increase in other forms of gambling, but there is no need to be concerned that a sinking lid would have any such impact. **There is no evidence that a decrease or removal of non-casino gambling machines leads to a “transfer” to other types of gambling.**²² In cities where the number of gambling machines are lower, the number accessing help for other forms of gambling is lower – because there are less addicted gamblers.

²¹ Ibid, p.241.

²² Lund, I. (2009 March 26). Gambling behaviour and the prevalence of gambling problems in adult EGM gamblers when EGMs are banned: A natural experiment. *Journal of Gambling Studies*, 25:215-225.

Abbott MW. Do EGMs and problem gambling go together like a horse and carriage? *Gambling Research*. 2006;8(1):7–38.

Gambling Machine Density and Location

Vulnerability

- Certain population groups are more vulnerable to gambling problems in New Zealand. One major demographic factor is ethnicity.²³
 - Māori populations comprise 36.1% of intervention service clients²⁴ and 17.9% of Helpline callers²⁵, but make up only 15% of the population²⁶.
 - There has been a rise in the number of Māori women seeking help for gambling problems. Māori women seeking help for their gambling problems almost exclusively (85.6% in 2008) cite non-casino gambling machines as their problematic mode of gambling.²⁷
 - Pacific populations comprise 19.8% of intervention service clients²⁸ and 6.2% of Helpline callers²⁹, but make up only 7% of the population³⁰.

23 Ministry of Health. (2009). Preventing and minimising gambling harm: Consultation document; six-year strategic plan; three-year service plan; problem gambling needs assessment; and problem gambling levy calculations. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/problem-gambling/strategic-direction-overview/strategic-plans>

24 For the most recently reported period, July 2013-June 2014. Ministry of Health (2015). Intervention Client Data. Retrieved 11 May 2015 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#ethnicity>

25 For the most recently reported period, 2011. Ministry of Health (2012). Gambling Helpline client data. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/gambling-helpline-client-data>

26 Statistics New Zealand (2014). 2013 Census – Major ethnic groups in New Zealand. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/infographic-culture-identity.aspx>

27 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf

28 For the most recently reported period, July 2013-June 2014. Ministry of Health (2015). Intervention Client Data. Retrieved 11 May 2015 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#ethnicity>

29 For the most recently reported period, 2011. Ministry of Health (2012). Gambling Helpline client data. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/gambling-helpline-client-data>

30 Statistics New Zealand (2014). 2013 Census – Major ethnic groups in New Zealand. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/infographic-culture-identity.aspx>

- Overall, Māori and Pacific adults are approximately four times more likely to be problem gamblers compared to the population.³¹
- Another major demographic factor in problem gambling is location in a highly deprived socio-economic area.³²
 - Although there has been a reduction in the number of non-casino gambling machines since 2005, they continue to be concentrated in more deprived areas.
 - Census area units with a deprivation decile rating of 8 or above accounted for 56% of all non-casino gambling machine expenditure.
 - Māori and Pacific peoples are over-represented in these deciles, which may make them more vulnerable.
 - Studies and data from New Zealand³³ and Australia³⁴ indicate that there are significantly more venues and electronic gambling machines in low-socio economic communities.
- While deprivation is a key driver of use, machines found in town-centre areas typically form the entertainment and shopping districts of a city and are highly accessible. This is particularly so when they are adjacent to deprived areas.
- Other demographic factors of vulnerable populations include age (35-44) and lack of educational qualifications, as well as workforce status (unemployed or out of workforce).³⁵
- Problem gambling is more common in individuals with major depression, anxiety, and personality disorders.³⁶

31 Ministry of Health (2009). A focus on problem gambling: results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

32 Ibid.

33 Francis Group. (2009). Informing the 2009 problem gambling needs assessment: Report for the Ministry of Health. Wellington: MOH.

Huriwai, T., Rigby, J. E., & Wheeler, B.W. (2006) Pokies and poverty: Problem gambling risk factor geography in New Zealand. *Health and Place*, 12 (1): 86-96.

34 Livingston, C., & Woolley, R. (2008). The relevance and role of gaming machine games and game features on the play of problem gamblers: Report for the Independent Gambling Authority (IGA). Adelaide, South Australia: IGA.

Doughney, J. (2007). Ethical blindness, EGMs and public policy. *Journal of Mental Health Addiction*, 5, 311-319.

35 Ibid.

36 Ibid

Petry, N.M., Stintson, F.S. & Grant, B.F. (2005). Comorbidity of DSM-IV pathological gambling and psychiatric

- Substance abusers have a 2-10 fold increased risk for problem gambling.³⁷
- There is increasing concern around the vulnerability of youth populations to gambling as well; youth and young adults have high rates of problem gambling.³⁸

disorders: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 66, 564-574.

37 Ministry of Health (2009). *A focus on problem gambling: results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey*. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

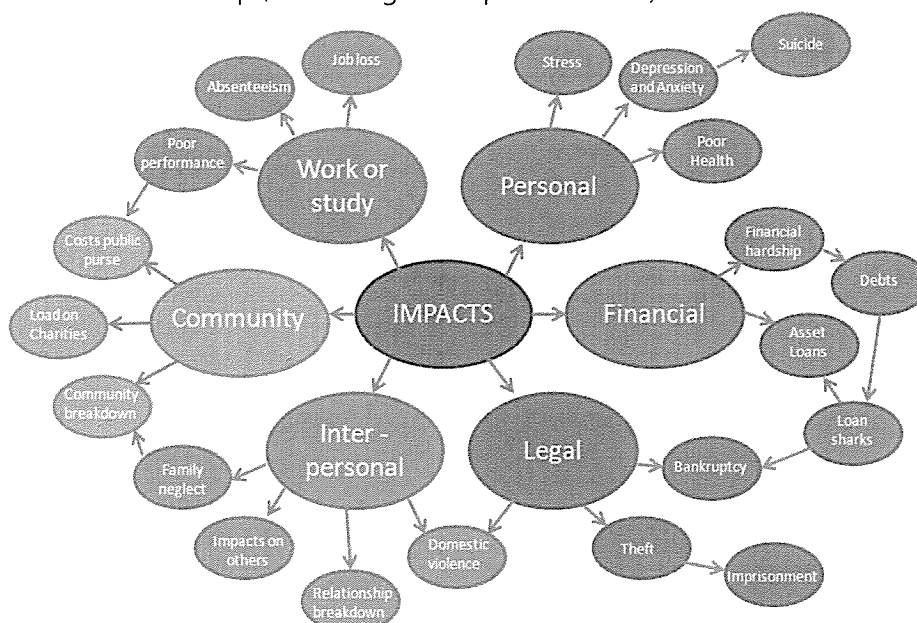
38 C. Messerlian, J. Derevensky & R. Gupta (2005) Youth gambling problems: a public health perspective. *Health Promotion International* 20 (1): 6-79.

HOW GAMBLING HURTS RANGITIKEI

Personal and Social Costs

*"For many people and their families, however, gambling has harmful consequences, and the negative effects on the community are far-reaching. The social costs of gambling are out of proportion to the number of problem gamblers."*³⁹

- While it may appear that the effects of gambling are limited to Rangitikei estimated 262 problem gamblers who are experiencing direct harm from gambling, the impact is serious and affects the entire city.
- Problem gambling imposes:
 - Personal costs (on the problem gambler).
 - Social costs (on family members, friends, co-workers, those with whom he or she has business relationships, and the general public as well).



Adapted from Australian Productivity
Commission Report 1999

39 Ministry of Health. 2010. Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm: Six-year strategic plan 2010/11–2015/16. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

- The “personal costs” can include: **depression and anxiety**; financial indebtedness; **bankruptcy**, arrest, imprisonment, **unemployment, divorce**, and poor physical and mental health.⁴⁰
- Gambling is a leading cause of **suicide**. A number of studies have shown a very clear link between problem gambling and suicidality,⁴¹ and the Problem Gambling Foundation regularly sees people who have attempted suicide or considered taking their own lives.
- The “social costs” can include: impacts on the families of people experiencing gambling harm (through **family violence**, household stress, poor parenting, and family break-up); impacts on employers (through lost production, **fraud and theft**); impacts on the government (through **costs to the police, the criminal justice system, and the social welfare system**).⁴²
- A 2008 study found that “those who had higher levels of participation in gambling activities (based on time spent and losses relative to income) reported experiencing significantly **worse physical health, worse mental health**, and poorer feelings about self and **lower satisfaction with life**”.⁴³
- Recent research confirms that the proportion of New Zealanders experiencing broader gambling harms is much higher than the prevalence for problem gambling. **One in six New Zealanders say a family member has gone without something they needed or a bill has gone unpaid because of gambling.**⁴⁴ This percentage was higher among

40 Abbott, M. W. (2001, June). What do we know about gambling and problem gambling in New Zealand? Report number seven of the New Zealand gaming survey. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Report7.pdf/\\$file/Report7.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Report7.pdf/$file/Report7.pdf)

41 Moghaddam, JF; Yoon G; Dickerson DL, Kim SW, Westermeyer J (2015, June). Suicidal ideation and suicide attempts in five groups with different severities of gambling: Findings from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. *American Journal on Addictions*

42 Ibid.

South Australian Centre for Economic Studies with the Department of Psychology, University of Adelaide. (2005, November). Problem gambling and harm: Towards a national definition. Victoria: Department of Justice. Retrieved online 29 January 2013 from <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/saces/gambling/publications/ProblemGamblingAndHarmTowardNationalDefinition.pdf>

43 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf

44 Abbott, M.W., Gray, R.J., & Walker, S.E. (2012 April). Knowledge, views, and experiences of gambling and gambling-related harms in different ethnic and socio-economic groups in New Zealand. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, 36, 2 (153-159).

Māori (38%) and Pacific (28%), and among those in more deprived (deciles 8-10) neighbourhoods.

Problem Gambling and Children

- When parents have problems with gambling, it is often children who suffer most. Young children can miss out on basic essentials if a parent has gambled away household money. Gambling can lead to broken homes, damaged relationships, physical and emotional harm, and a higher risk of the children becoming problem gamblers themselves. A single person's harmful gambling can affect five to ten people, and children are vulnerable when it's their parent or other close relative.
- Children are often aware that their parents cannot provide them with items such as presents, school trips and even food not because of a lack of money but as a direct result of gambling behaviour.⁴⁵
- If children's needs are not being met, they can suffer from health problems due to poor nutrition or malnutrition, and the responsibility of meeting these needs may fall on extended family, schools and social services. This can cause those children to feel that they are not cared for – or cared about – by their parents.⁴⁶
- For children of problem gamblers, feelings of neglect can be a daily struggle. The parent may spend a great deal of time gambling, move out due to arguments about their gambling, or just disappear unpredictably.
- Losses can be emotional too. The parent's personality can become unrecognisable to their children, who feel gambling has become more important than family. Their relationship with their child or children can be damaged as they become more secretive, unreliable and prone to breaking promises.⁴⁷
- Children are more likely to suffer physical violence or abuse if they have parents with problem gambling, especially when combined with other problems such as alcohol abuse.⁴⁸ One study found that six out of 10 communities had increases in reported

45 McComb, J., B. Lee and D. Sprenkle (2009). "Conceptualizing and treating problem gambling as a family issue." *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy* 35(4): 415-431.

46 Dyal, L., Y. L. Thomas and D. Thomas (2009). "The impact of gambling on Māori." *Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga*

47 Ibid.

Darbyshire, P., C. Oster and H. Carrig (2001). "The experience of pervasive loss: Children and young people living in a family where parental gambling is a problem." *Journal of Gambling Studies* 17(1).

48 Lesieur, H. and J. Rothschild (1989). "Children of Gamblers Anonymous members." *Journal of Gambling Behavior* 5(4): 269-281.

domestic violence (including spousal and partner abuse) after casinos were introduced in the area.⁴⁹

- Problem gambling, especially when it is present alongside other disorders such as alcohol and drug abuse,⁵⁰ can increase the risk of children developing unhealthy behaviours. Alcohol abuse, educational difficulties, emotional disorders and suicidal tendencies are more likely when a parent gambles.⁵¹ Other associated problems include eating disorders, trouble sleeping⁵², asthma, allergies, and gastrointestinal disorders.⁵³
- Of all the studies done on children of problem gamblers, one of the most consistent findings is that they are far more likely to become problem gamblers themselves. Children with a family history of problem gambling are between 2 and 10 times more likely to develop gambling problems later in life. If the person in their life who gambled was their father, it may be as much as 14 times more likely.⁵⁴
- A study of gambling in Māori communities outlines a model of how children are at risk if gambling is a part of their young lives. When exposed to gambling activities from an early age, in the form of housie games at home or Marae fundraising activities played by their parents or whānau, children grow up seeing gambling as a normal activity and central to social life. They may be allowed – even encouraged – to participate from a young age. Dysfunction at home, in the form of financial problems or domestic violence increases the risk that they will look to gambling for an escape. As they grow their gambling may become more intense until it has become problematic. From there, debt may spiral out of control, relationships may erode, and their children may be neglected.⁵⁵

49 Shaw, M., K. Forbush, J. Schlinder, E. Rosenman and D. Black (2007). "The effect of pathological gambling on families, marriages and children." *CNS Spectrums* 12(8).

50 Rossen, F., R. Butler and S. Denny (2011). "An exploration of youth participation in gambling & the impact of problem gambling on young people in New Zealand." Ministry of Health.

51 Shaw, M., K. Forbush, J. Schlinder, E. Rosenman and D. Black (2007). "The effect of pathological gambling on families, marriages and children." *CNS Spectrums* 12(8).

52 Lesieur, H. and J. Rothschild (1989). "Children of Gamblers Anonymous members." *Journal of Gambling Behavior* 5(4): 269-281.

53 Horvath, V. and R. Pierce (2002). *Pathological gambling and child neglect: A cause for concern. The Downside: Problem and Pathological Gambling*. J. J. Marotta, J. A. Cornelius and W. R. Eadington. Carson City, Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming.

54 Dowling, N., A. Jackson, S. Thomas and E. Frydenberg (2010). "Children at risk of developing problem gambling." The Problem Gambling Research and Treatment Centre.

55 Dyal, L., Y. L. Thomas and D. Thomas (2009). "The impact of gambling on Māori." *Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga*.

- Children of problem gamblers face higher likelihoods of having some of the following disorders at some point in their life as compared to the general population.⁵⁶
 - Alcohol disorders (31% vs 4%)
 - Major depression (19% vs 7%)
 - Drug use disorders (5% vs 2%)
 - Antisocial personality disorder (5% vs 0%)
 - Generalised anxiety disorder (8% vs 0%)
 - Any psychiatric disorder (50% vs 11%)

Crime

Problem gamblers are at high risk of committing crimes in order to finance their gambling activities.

- Gambling-related crime has received considerable public attention in recent years, including recent media attention.
- Offending by gamblers has been investigated in a number of New Zealand and international studies. Despite difficulties in determining the extent of gambling-related crime and the causal pathways, it appears that problem gamblers are at high risk of committing crimes in order to finance their gambling activities.⁵⁷

⁵⁶ Data based on a study of problem gamblers' family members vs a control group. Shaw, M., K. Forbush, J. Schlinder, E. Rosenman and D. Black (2007). "The effect of pathological gambling on families, marriages and children." *CNS Spectrums* 12(8).

⁵⁷ Wheeler, S., Round, D. and Wilson, J. (2010), 'The Relationship between crime and gaming expenditure in Victoria', Melbourne: Department of Justice, Victoria.

Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Brown, R., Coombes, Dyall, L., R., McKenna, B., & Rossen, F. (2009). Problem gambling: Formative investigation of the links between gambling (including problem gambling and crime in New Zealand). Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for the Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research_institutes/nipmhr/report_final_gambling_and_crime.pdf

South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES) (2009), Social Impacts of Gambling: A Comparative Study. Report commissioned by the South Australian Independent Gaming Authority, April. Adelaide: South Australian Independent Gaming Authority. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.iga.sa.gov.au/pdf/research/SocialImpactsOfGamblingAComparativeStudyApril2009-PublishedVersion.pdf>

Ministry of Health. (2008). Raising the Odds? Gambling behaviour and neighbourhood access to gambling venues in New Zealand. Wellington: MOH.

May-Chahal, C. et al. (2007), Scoping Study for a UK Gambling Act: 2005 Impact Assessment Framework, London:

- In 2008 a New Zealand study found that 25% of those engaged in criminal activity would not have done so if it had not been for their gambling. This suggests that just below a third of the relevant population—10,000 people—committed illegal activities because of gambling.⁵⁸
- Problem gambling has been linked to criminal activity and studies have suggested that much of the crime goes unreported.⁵⁹ Apart from the financial cost of gambling-related crime to organisations and individuals directly involved, there are often financial and other costs for people experiencing problem gambling who are convicted, as well as for their families.⁶⁰
- A 2009 New Zealand study found that “gamblers and significant others believe that a relationship exists between gambling and crime” and that “there is substantial unreported crime, a large proportion of which is likely to be related to gambling and that there are a large range of crimes committed in relation to gambling (particularly continuous forms of gambling), and not just financial crimes”.⁶¹ They suggest that 10% of people experiencing problem gambling and 2/3 of those receiving counselling for gambling-related issues have committed a crime because of their gambling. The Problem Gambling Foundation works with prisoners and those on probation and regularly sees these links.

Department for Culture, Media, and Sport. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/research/scopingstudy_ga05iaf.pdf

58 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf

59 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Brown, R., Coombes, Dyall, L., R., McKenna, B., & Rossen, F. (2009). Problem gambling: Formative investigation of the links between gambling (including problem gambling and crime in New Zealand). Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for the Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research_institutes/nipmhr/report_final_gambling_and_crime.pdf

60 Australian Productivity Commission. (2010). Gambling: Inquiry Report. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia. 16, 231, 280.

Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). (2009) Problem gambling in New Zealand – a brief summary. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/\\$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf)

61 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Brown, R., Coombes, Dyall, L., R., McKenna, B., & Rossen, F. (2009). Problem gambling: Formative investigation of the links between gambling (including problem gambling and crime in New Zealand). Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research_institutes/nipmhr/report_final_gambling_and_crime.pdf

Economic Degradation

- New Zealand and international research have pointed out the losses that offer a sharp contrast to the often celebrated economic gains the gambling industry produces. Money for gambling is diverted from savings and/or other expenditure, and can have a negative impact on local businesses and the economic health and welfare of whole communities.⁶²
- A recent report noted that jobs and economic activities generated by gambling expenditure would exist elsewhere if that money was spent outside the gambling industry.⁶³
- Employment, normally considered a standard business cost, is framed within the gambling industry as a special benefit to the community. Even if gambling does create employment opportunities, a comparison of gambling and retail in terms of jobs created for every million dollars spent shows that gambling creates about half as many jobs as retail.⁶⁴
- The Christchurch City Council May 2009 study *Economic Impacts of NCGMs on Christchurch City* suggests that over the course of a year, gambling machines in Christchurch result in lost economic output of \$13 million, additional GDP of \$2 million, lost employment for 630 full-time equivalents, and lost household income of \$8 million.⁶⁵ The impact on Tauranga is likely to be proportionate and worth millions of dollars in lost economic activity and employment. This comes from unemployment, crime, broken families and reduced productivity.

62 Harrison, B. (2007). Casinos and regeneration: the story so far, briefing paper no. 1. London: IPPR (Institute for Public Policy Research, UK). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.eukn.org/dsresource?objectid=146582>

63 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf

64 Per million dollars spent, gambling generates approximately 3.2 jobs while retail produces approximately 6.3. South Australian Centre for Economic Studies with the Department of Psychology, University of Adelaide. (2005, November). Problem gambling and harm: Towards a national definition. Victoria: Department of Justice. Retrieved online 29 January 2013 from [http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/GRA_Reports_Files1/\\$file/FinalReportPrinter.pdf](http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/GRA_Reports_Files1/$file/FinalReportPrinter.pdf)

65 Colegrave, F. & Simpson, M. (2009 May). The economic impacts of NCGMs on Christchurch City: Prepared for Christchurch City Council. Auckland: Covec, Ltd.

REDUCING GAMBLING HARM IN RANGITIKEI

Increased availability of opportunities to gamble is associated with more gambling and more problem gambling.

- There is strong evidence that **problem gambling harms can be reversed**.⁶⁶ This means that at the least, there is the potential to reduce the prevalence of problem gambling, and at most, the prevalence of many other problems as well.
- A key question has been whether gambling machine supply contributes to problem gambling. Research has shown that **restricting accessibility of gambling venues and machines would help curb problem gambling**.
- A recent New Zealand Ministry of Health survey found some significant associations between gambling accessibility and gambling behaviour. Gambling behaviour, they state, is **strongly associated with the distance** to the nearest gambling venue.⁶⁷ The more gambling venues there are within 5kms of a person's neighbourhood the more likely that the person would have gambled at the gambling venue in the last year.
- A range of other studies have also indicated a link between the availability of some types of legal gambling and problem gambling. This evidence has been considered by official

66 Winters, K. C., Stinchfield, R. D., Botzet, A., & Slutske, W. S. (2005). Pathways of youth gambling problem severity. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 19(1), 104-107.

Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Reith, G., & Volberg, R. (2004). A review of research on aspects of problem gambling: Final report. Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for Responsibility in Gambling Trust, UK.

67 Ministry of Health. (2008) Raising the odds? Gambling behaviour and neighbourhood access to gambling venues in New Zealand. Wellington: MOH. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/raising-the-odds-may08.pdf>

review bodies in New Zealand⁶⁸, Australia⁶⁹, the United States⁷⁰, and Canada⁷¹. Each **concluded that increased availability of opportunities to gamble was associated with more gambling and more problem gambling.**

- A recently produced report, cited in a previous section, conducted a meta-analysis from numerous key Australian and New Zealand studies and found a strong statistically meaningful **relationship between the increases in gambling prevalence with increased per capita gambling machine density.** It also found that contrary to previous studies, there was no evidence for plateau of gambling prevalence with increased density of machines.⁷²
- A later study in the UK acknowledged that decreases in gambling-related problems are a complex process involving not only social adaptation, but also the implementation of public health policies and the provision of specialist services. The adaptation process also

68 Ibid.

Day, P., Hiscock, R., Mason, K., & Pearce, J. (2008). A national study of neighbourhood access to gambling opportunities and individual gambling behaviour [Abstract]. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 26, 849, 862-868.

Abbott, M., Clarke, D., Townsend, S., & Tse, S. (2006, July). Key indicators of the transition from social to problem gambling. *Journal of Mental Health and Addiction* 3, 29-40.

69 Hancock, L. & O'Neil, M. (2010, August). Risky business: Why the commonwealth needs to take over gambling legislation (Alfred Deakin Research Institute). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/assets/resources/publications/workingpapers/adri-working-paper-11.pdf>

Bates, G., Jessop, G., Kyrios, M., Meredyth, D., Moore, S., & Thomas, A. C. (2009, November) Gambling and the multidimensionality of accessibility: More than just proximity to venues [Abstract]. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.springerlink.com/content/9712354144832410/>

Doughney, J. 2006. The poker machine state in Australia: A consideration of ethical and policy issues. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 4, 351-368.

70 Barnes, G. M., Hoffman, J. H., Tidwell, M. C. O., Wieczorek, W. F., & Welte, J. W. (2007). Type of gambling and availability as risk factors for problem gambling: A Tobit regression analysis by age and gender. *International Gaming Studies*, 7(2), 183-198.

71 Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre. (2010). Problem Gambling Framework. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre Web site: <http://www.gamblingresearch.org/content/default.php?id=2007>

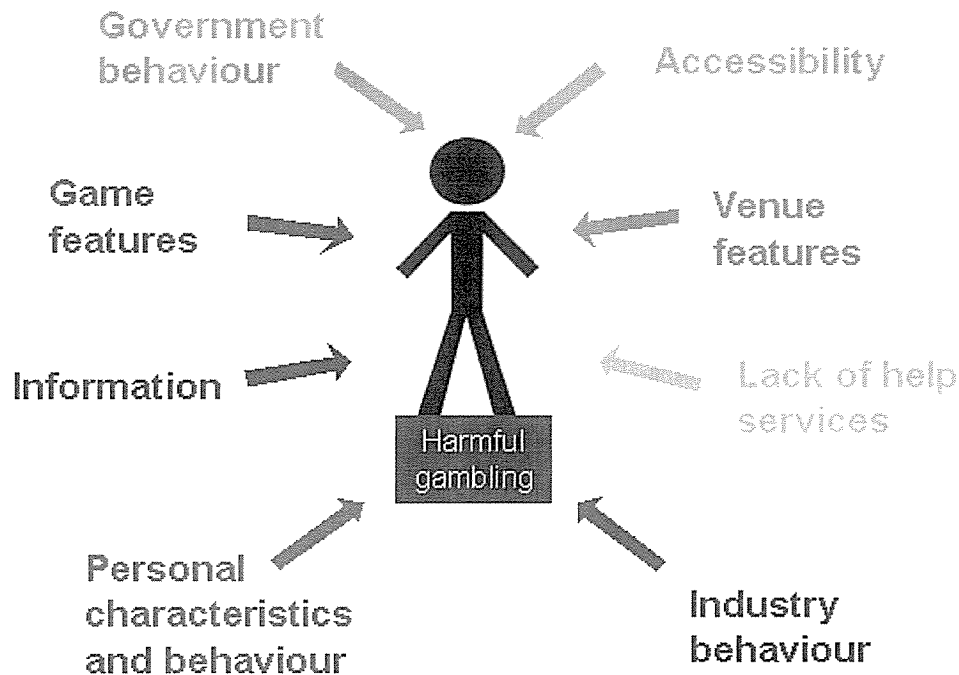
Robitaille, E., & Herjean, P. (2008). An analysis of the accessibility of video lottery terminals: the case of Montréal. *International Journal of Health Geographics*, 7(2).

Cantinotti, M., Jacques, C., Ladouceru, R., & Sevigny, S. (2008). Links between casino proximity and gambling participation, expenditure, and pathology. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 22(2), 295-301.

72 Abbott, M., Storer, J., & Stubbs, J. (2009). Access or adaptation? A meta-analysis of surveys of problem gambling prevalence in Australia and New Zealand with respect to concentration of electronic gaming machines. *International Gambling Studies*, 9, 225-244.

seems to be inconsistent across communities; different groups of people are affected differently by the process.⁷³

- Most reliable research would indicate that there is no single cause which triggers problem gambling. The phenomenon is a result of the combination of several factors, some of which have been outlined in the diagram below.⁷⁴ **Several of these factors can be influenced by the Council.**



73 Griffiths, M.D (2007). Gambling addiction and its treatment within the NHS. London: British Medical Association. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.bma.org.uk/images/gambling_tcm41-146741.pdf

74 Productivity Commission. (1999). Australia's Gambling Industries, Report No. 10, AusInfo, Canberra, Vol 1, p. 323. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/82552/gambling1.pdf

ETHICS OF GAMBLING FUNDING

How Gambling Machine Trusts Work

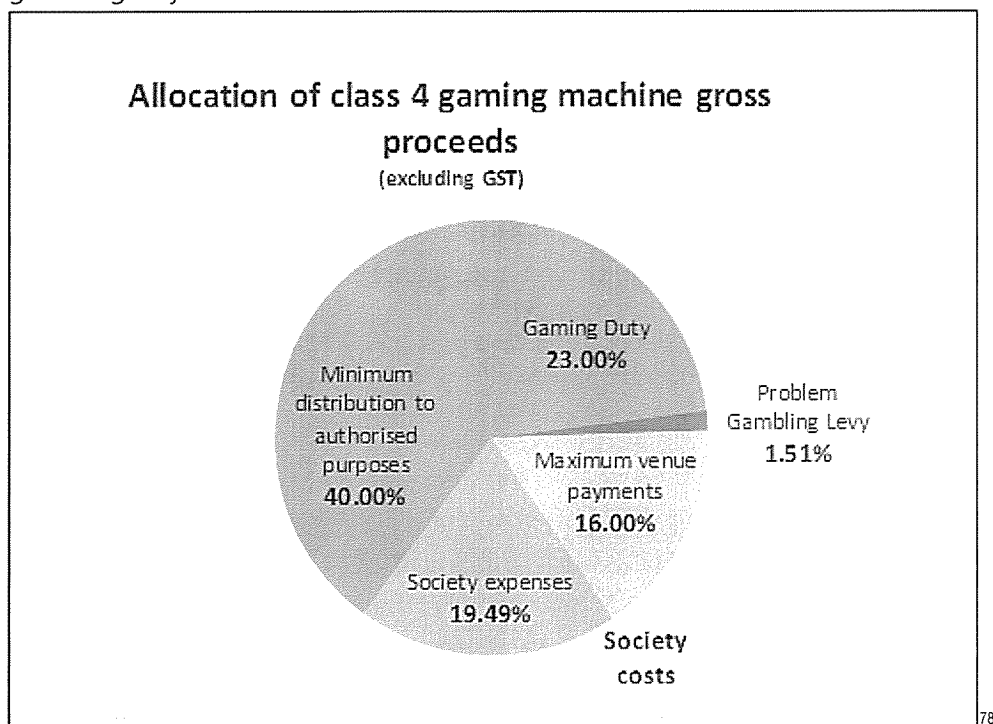
- Gambling trusts were established under the Gambling Act 2003 in an attempt to off-set some of the harm caused by gambling by returning some of the gambling expenditure to the people in the form of community grants. **Although the purpose of the trusts is to distribute money to the community, the purpose of gambling is *not* to raise money for the community.**
- Gambling machines are licensed to operate in pubs and clubs only as a form of community fundraising.⁷⁵ Licence holders must distribute their net proceeds to the community by way of grants.
- They are currently required to distribute a minimum of 40% of their GST exclusive gross proceeds for each of its financial years (Gambling (Class 4 Net Proceeds) Regulations 2004. Part 2 Section 9 (1) and 10).⁷⁶ The gambling trusts have recently lobbied the Government to stop this increasing, and a freeze at 40% is planned.
- Legislation dictates that each dollar of gross proceeds (i.e., turnover [aggregate stakes] minus user wins) must be distributed in accordance with the pie chart shown in the figure below.⁷⁷ These include the fixed amounts towards gambling duty and the problem

75 Clubs are permitted to be societies and to operate their own machines in their own clubrooms. They are not required to make grants to other community organisations but can do so.

76 Government also receives tax revenue from gambling taxes and levies which it redistributes for public purposes. NCGM gambling machines are the largest source of tax revenue: 20 percent tax rate, 1.1 percent problem gambling levy and GST (Inland Revenue 2006).

77 Ministry of Health. 2009. Problem Gambling Resource for Local Government. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/problem-gambling-resource-local-government.doc>

gambling levy.



- In 2005 (the last time DIA completed an analysis of grants), gambling machine societies allocated \$317 million to authorised purposes. 47% of that went to sports and physical activities, the single largest category of recipient in 2005. **In 2005 almost 8% (over \$20 million) went to horse racing, mostly for stake money for races.**⁷⁹ Of machines operated by the New Zealand Racing Board, approximately 80% of income from machines goes to support racing.
- While the grants made by community funding bodies like the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board are well documented, no comparable aggregate statistics are readily available for the allocation to authorised purposes of the profits of non-casino gambling machines.⁸⁰

78 Chart originally published by the DIA in the document "Pokies in New Zealand: A guide to how the system works", downloaded from <http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Gambling-in-Pubs-and-Clubs-%28Class-4%29>

79 Department of Internal Affairs. (2007). Where do gaming profits go? A survey of the allocation for authorized purposes of non-casino gaming machine profits in 2005. Page 33. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/\\$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf)

80 Ibid.

- The Problem Gambling Foundation believes that we need a more open, lower cost, and transparent system to end the rorts, the lack of compliance, and the illegal activity associated with the current gambling machine trusts system.⁸¹ We also want greater transparency around who does and doesn't get grants and why.
- The current gambling machine trust system (around 37 gambling machine trusts) is inefficient. Society expenses are approximately 22%⁸² (over \$150 million) with much duplication of roles and resources. This means that less of the money that leaves communities ever returns.

Regressive nature

- Gambling generates significant funding for community purposes. However, gambling funding raises revenue at a very high cost. International and New Zealand studies have identified that gambling is sharply regressive. **Income is effectively being redistributed away from low income communities.**⁸³
- One attraction of using gambling to collect public funding is that it appears to be "painless" or "voluntary". The "painless voluntary donation" view has been criticised on grounds that it is highly regressive and exploits the false hopes or financial risk-taking of those on lower incomes. It is also argued that many of the gamblers contributing are, at the time of making their contribution, affected by drugs, alcohol, and possibly mental illness. **In other words, for a problem gambler, the contribution is not a voluntary one.**⁸⁴

81 There have been a steady stream of media stories in recent years highlighting rorts and illegal activity surrounding pokie trusts and the pokie grant system. PGF has these documented in its online library and they can be made available on request.

82 Department of Internal Affairs. (2007). Where do gaming profits go? A survey of the allocation for authorized purposes of non-casino gaming machine profits in 2005. Page 33. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/\\$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf)

83 Hancock, L. & O'Neil, M. (2010, August). Risky business: Why the commonwealth needs to take over gambling legislation (Alfred Deakin Research Institute working paper 11). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/assets/resources/publications/workingpapers/adri-working-paper-11.pdf>

Uniting Care Australia (2009), Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's Gambling Industries. Page 50. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.unitingcare.org.au/images/stories/submissions/sub_productivity_com_gambling_may09.pdf

84 Bostock, W. (2005) Australia's gambling policy: motivations, implications and options. Journal of Gambling Issues, 13. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://jgi.camh.net/doi/full/10.4309/jgi.2005.13.4>

- **A significant amount of the money generated from gambling comes at the expense of people with gambling problems.** A 2000 study in New Zealand estimated that problem gamblers account for about 20% of gambling expenditure.⁸⁵ A 2010 report in Australia said figures could be as high as 40-60% for gambling machine gambling.⁸⁶
- Studies involving cost benefit analysis have argued that the benefits from gambling for the majority of people gambling are individually very small relative to the costs borne by the minority of people experiencing gambling harm.⁸⁷
- **Lower-income households spend proportionately more** of their money on gambling than higher-income households.⁸⁸ People who are already socially and economically disadvantaged are most susceptible to gambling problems.⁸⁹ This can concentrate the negative impact of gambling in areas which are already deprived, and thereby increase inequalities in our communities.
- Furthermore, the **revenue generated by gambling within a community is often spent in a more affluent community.**⁹⁰ A 2004 study examining distribution of community benefit funding from six major EGM trusts found that more affluent areas (such as

85 Abbott, M. W. and Volberg, R. A. (2000), Taking the Pulse on Gambling and Problem Gambling in New Zealand: A Report on Phase One of the 1999 National Prevalence Study, Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Research-and-Reports-New-Zealand-Gaming-Survey?OpenDocument#ph1

86 Australian Productivity Commission. (2010). Gambling: Inquiry Report. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia. 16. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/95680/gambling-report-volume1.pdf

87 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf

88 McMullan, J.L. (2005). The Gambling Problem and Problem Gambling. Conference conducted at the 4th Annual Alberta Conference on Gambling Research, Public Policy Implication of Gambling Research, University of Alberta, Canada. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/bitstream/1880/47421/13/mcmullan.pdf>

89 Abbott, M., Landon, J., Page, A., Palmer, K., Thorne, H. (2010). Focused literature review for the problem gambling programme: Final report for the Health Sponsorship Council. Auckland University of Technology, Auckland. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.hsc.org.nz/sites/default/files/publications/HSC-PG-ReviewFinal-Sept2010.pdf>
 Doughney, J. , & Kelleher, T. (2008/09). Victorian and Maribyrnong gambling: a case of diverted consumer spending. An Unconscionable Business: TheBusiness: The Ugly Reality of Electronic Gambling: a Selection of Critical Essays on Gambling Research, Ethics and Economics. Cited in Borrell, J. (2009). Submission to the productivity commission gambling inquiry. Kildonan Uniting Care: Whittlesea, Melbourne. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/87630/sub163.pdf

90 Adams, P.J., & Rossen, F.V. (2005). The ethics of receiving funds from the proceeds of gambling. Centre for Gambling Studies, University of Auckland: Auckland.

Central Auckland and the North Shore) were receiving considerably more funding per capita than the lower income areas (such as Manukau City).⁹¹ It is the Problem Gambling Foundation's experience that jazz festivals and sports fields in richer suburbs are well funded, while poor schools are not.

Impact of Proposed Policy on Community Funding

- There are concerns that a reduction in gambling machines will cause a reduction in gambling machine income to societies which will have the flow on effect of cutting the level of grants made to local community groups.
- While gambling machine revenue is declining, recent years have still seen record gambling machine grants to the community.⁹²
- Gambling machine trusts often insinuate that many community groups would not survive without gambling machine money. While it's true that some groups would suffer, gambling machine trusts account for only 10.2% of charitable giving in New Zealand; as a comparison, personal giving accounts for 58% of charitable giving in New Zealand.
- Existing gambling machine venues are not affected by a "sinking lid" policy. A "sinking lid" only prevents new venues from being granted a licence, so the decline in venues and machines happens gradually. Therefore, a "sinking lid" policy should not have an immediate or significant impact on community funding.
- Some groups have even argued that gambling machine handouts actually weaken community groups and that traditional fundraisers are much better at building community spirit and keeping sports and other groups strong.⁹³

91 Adams, P., Brown, P., Brown, R., Garland, J., Perese, L., Rossen, F., & Townsend, S. (2004) Gambling Impact Assessment for Seven Auckland Territorial Authorities. Part One: Introduction and Overview. Centre for Gambling Studies, University of Auckland. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/soph/centres/cgs/_docs/2004adams2_overview.pdf

92 Department of Internal Affairs. (2010). Gambling Expenditure Statistics 1986-2010. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from: [http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf/\\$file/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf/$file/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf)
Department of Internal Affairs. (2007). Where do gaming profits go? A survey of the allocation for authorized purposes of non-casino gaming machine profits in 2005. Page 33. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/\\$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf)

93 Gamblefree Day prompts call for funding boycott. (2011 September 1). ONE News. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/gamblefree-day-prompts-call-funding-boycott-4378621>

Inglis, S. (2011 August 20). Editorial: Gambling much bigger problem. Bay of Plenty Times. Copy available upon request.

de Graaf, P. (2010 July 18). Pub: Ditching pokies worth the gamble. Northern Advocate. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/local/news/pub-ditching-pokies-worth-the-gamble/3917450/>

- When it comes to raising money through gambling, a 2007 survey indicated 51% of people felt that it did more harm than good. Only 26% felt that it did more good than harm.⁹⁴
- Very few people (12%) support the current gambling machine trust system of distributing gambling machine funding. People were most supportive of a system similar to the Lottery Grants Board.⁹⁵

Thomas, A. (2009 February 16). Rugby – 'crisis meeting' resuscitates Mangakahia. Northern Advocate Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/sport/news/rugby-crisis-meeting-resuscitates-mangakahia/3795053/>

McNeilly, H. (2008 July 31). Giving up pokie funding right call: Mission. Tauranga Daily Times. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/15633/giving-pokie-funding-right-call-mission>

94 National Research Council. (2007). 2006/07 Gaming and betting activities survey: New Zealanders' knowledge, views and experiences of gambling and gambling related harm. Commissioned by the Health Sponsorship Council. National Research Council: Auckland.

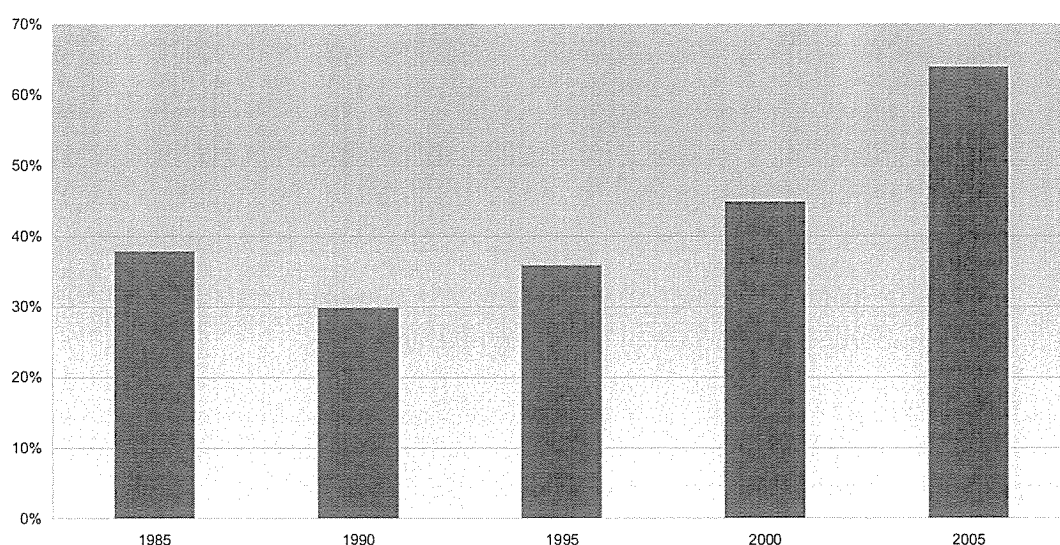
95 Ibid.

PUBLIC ATTITUDES

The majority of people consider gambling machines socially undesirable.

- The Department of Internal Affairs' national surveys of gambling conducted in 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 provide some indication of public attitudes over time.⁹⁶
- Over the period surveyed, New Zealanders had become increasingly concerned about the negative social impacts of gambling. There had been a steady increase in public awareness about problem gambling and the adverse impacts on individuals and the community.
- Those widely available forms most strongly linked to problem gambling in New Zealand (gambling machines, track betting and casino gambling) are also the forms of gambling that increasing proportions of adults regard as undesirable.
- In particular, the surveys found that the majority of respondents (64%) considered class 4 gambling machines to be socially undesirable.⁹⁷

**DIA Survey: Respondents' views on socially undesirable activities:
Non-casino gambling machines**



96 Department of Internal Affairs (2008) Peoples participation in, and attitudes to, gambling, 1985-2005. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/\\$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf)

97 Department of Internal Affairs (2008) Peoples participation in, and attitudes to, gambling, 1985-2005. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/\\$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf)

- Only 1% of adults said that there were any additional forms of gambling that they would like to see in New Zealand. Nearly half of respondents (46%) felt that the number of gambling venues in their area was about right, a further 41% thought there were too many places, and only 1% thought there were not enough places to gamble in the area they lived in.
 - Most of the 41% of respondents who thought that there were too many places to gamble in their area said that there were too many gambling machine venues (87%), followed by TABs (20%), Lotto/Keno/Instant Kiwi outlets and casinos (both 14%).
 - Over three-quarters of adults said that there should be special laws controlling gambling.
 - Over half said preventing criminal activity was a relevant consideration.
 - Over a third mentioned restricting opportunities to gamble.
 - 72% of people believed the role of Government in addressing gambling harm should be extensive.
- Community perception studies undertaken by other territorial authorities also indicate that communities generally hold negative views on gambling, with specific concerns that communities are being seriously damaged by the growth of the gambling industry.⁹⁸
 - A Napier survey of residents (October 2009) showed that 82% think there are too many gambling machines.⁹⁹ A public survey in Nelson demonstrated overwhelming support for Councils having stronger powers to control the location and number of gambling machines.
 - Similarly, a 2010 referendum of 14,386 people in Wanganui resulted in 11,491 people (80%) supporting a reduction of gambling machines.

98 E.g. Nelson, Wanganui, Hastings, amongst others.

Support for tougher control on pokies. (2011 January 18). The Nelson Mail. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/4552424/Support-for-tougher-controls-on-pokies>

Final results of referendum 10. (2010 October 9). Wanganui District Council Website. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.wanganuireferendum.govt.nz/Results.asp>

McCracken, H. (2010 September 15). \$100,000 a day lost on pokies. Hawke's Bay Today. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.hawkesbaytoday.co.nz/local/news/100000-a-day-lost-on-pokies/3922735/>

99 Napier City Council. (2009). Social Impact Assessment: Class 4 and TAB venues in Napier. Copy available upon request.

- Seventeen councils now have adopted a “sinking lid” policy; twenty-three have adopted a sinking lid or a district-wide cap that is below their existing number of venues and machines.¹⁰⁰ These include large cities such as Auckland and Christchurch and Dunedin, and smaller locations like Gisborne, Wanganui, Invercargill, and the Far North District. Rangitikei should join this number.

¹⁰⁰ The strongest sinking lid policies have been adopted by councils such as Auckland, Christchurch City and Kawerau; these policies ban new venues, new machines, and transfers of existing venues or machines. Weak sinking lids (sinking lids that don’t explicitly forbid transfers of pokie machines) exist in Far North, Gisborne, Gore, Tauranga, Gisborne, Hastings, Horowhenua, Tauranga, Kaipara, Otorohanga, South Waikato, Thames-Coromandel, Waiora, Wanganui, and Whangarei.

It is also worth noting that in effect, Central Hawkes Bay, Hauraki, Lower Hutt, Rotorua, Tararua, and Whakatane are currently practicing sinking lid policies; the caps they have set are lower than the current number of pokies in their council areas.

CONCLUSION

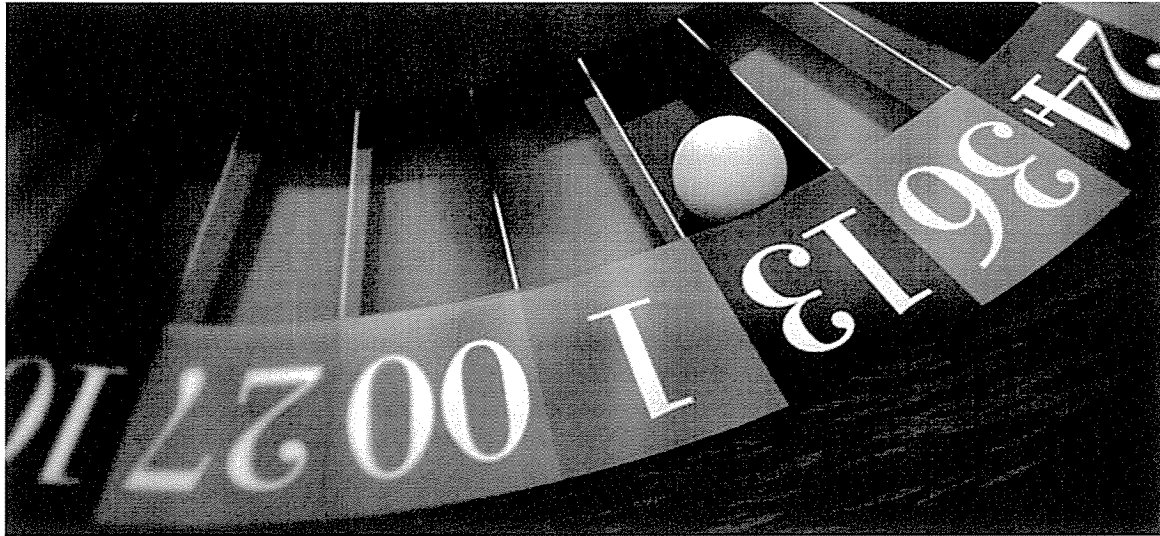
Suggested Policy

As stated at the beginning of this submission, the Problem Gambling Foundation recommends that the Rangitikei District Council adopt a “sinking lid” policy with a district ban on any new class 4 venues and machines or transfers. Rangitikei should also restrict new TAB venues while these venues contain pokie machines. It should discard a population ratio that may eventually see an increase in machine numbers and harm.

Rangitikei has 70 machines and 7 venues. These are high numbers for the Rangitikei population, and current policy allows both these numbers to increase significantly. This would be a negative and unpopular outcome for Rangitikei, and would perpetuate the overall harm to the community these cause. The proposed policy options should be rejected in favour of a “sinking lid” policy to reduce venue numbers and improve the wellbeing and health of Rangitikei.

Closing Thoughts

- Gambling machines are not a harmless bit of fun for everyone. Gambling machines are addictive and dangerous machines, with harms that have severe consequences in Rangitikei. The monetary benefits from gambling are small relative to the high social and health costs which affect communities, families/whanau and individuals.
- Given that access to gambling is necessary for the development of problem gambling, reducing access is key to a public health approach. There are already too many gambling machines in Rangitikei. The Problem Gambling Foundation urges that the Rangitikei District Council adopts a “sinking lid” policy without relocations as an important beginning step for the continued reduction of gambling machine harm in Rangitikei, and an improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Rangitikei residents.



THE SHAME AND STIGMA OF GAMBLING

Article in *'The Hoopla'* By Dr Samantha Thomas – 15 July 2014

Over the years people have regularly asked me why I have focused most of my research on gambling. It is definitely not an area for the faint-hearted.

It is highly political, dominated by powerful industries that are highly resistant to comprehensive reform, concerning individuals who are stigmatised and held responsible for their own lack of control, and governments who focus on soft policies that repeatedly put the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff rather than the fence at the top.

But my answer is always that after hearing the stories of people who have been impacted by problem gambling, many more of us should be seeking to shine a spotlight on this increasingly important public health issue.

Australia has been dubbed the 'gambling capital of the world'. About \$19 billion was spent on gambling in Australia in 2008-9, with Australians gambling and losing more money per capita than any other nation. Under the shine of promised employment and tourism from new Casino licenses, is easy to forget that problem gambling either directly or indirectly impacts between 5 and 10 million people in our community. Yet the stories of those who have experienced problems with gambling are almost completely hidden from Australia's gambling narrative.

One of the reasons for this is that problem gamblers experience immense stigma. In a research study that I conducted in 2010, participants referred to problem gamblers as "lower class", "low-income", "unemployed" and "uneducated", "lazy", that they lacked "self-control", and were "greedy" and "selfish".

These public attitudes are perhaps unsurprising when we consider that many of the so-called solutions for problem gambling are based on personal responsibility rather than a comprehensive approach to harm prevention. This includes governments and industry acting responsibly to minimise and prevent the harm caused by gambling products to individuals and communities.

It is also unsurprising that only one in 10 people who experience a problem with gambling feel that they can seek help. Take for example the following ex-problem gambler who spoke to us about how public perception of problem gambling had impacted on his life:

"I think the... general public attitude towards problem gamblers is that it's almost as if it's a choice that they're choosing to go and spend money and they're choosing to blow it and they're choosing to do all these things. There's certainly a lot of stigma associated with being a problem gambler. There is a perception that gamblers, unlike other addicts, gamblers are in control. That's one of the reasons I think people don't stop, why people don't talk about it, because you know they risk the scorn of the world on your shoulders. I know I certainly felt that way. I felt I couldn't say anything because there was nothing lower than a problem gambler in the eyes of society."

Another stated that he believed and was told, that he should have taken personal responsibility for his gambling.

"There were stages there where I was thinking, 'If this gets worse and I just can't stop I might need to seek help.' But I never did, and it didn't quite get there... There's that little bit of shame I suppose, just telling people that you've allowed a problem to get out of control, out of your own control."

In our research, gamblers have stressed the importance of early intervention for those who experience problems with gambling, as well as a comprehensive approach to preventing gambling harm.

Gamblers who had sought help often described the significant "gap" between recognising that they were developing a problem with gambling, and when they actually sought help. They described how it was important to try to identify ways to address this recognition-to-treatment gap to encourage individuals to seek help sooner.

One of the biggest improvements in treatment provision that I have seen over the last five years is the range of different services that are available to those who have experienced gambling problems. These services are free and confidential and include face-to-face to phone support, financial counselling, online services and support, and tools to help those who have experienced a problem with gambling, their family members and friends.

But if we are to encourage people to use these services then we must also recognise the need to tackle stigma.

And as more people feel able to tell their story about problem gambling, we hope that governments will finally recognise the need to implement interventions which prevent the harm caused by gambling to our communities.

** This post is sponsored by Victorian Responsible Gambling.*



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Samantha's research focuses on complex public health issues and public health advocacy. She has conducted research with unaccompanied refugee children; military populations; people who experience mental health problems; prisoners; and individuals who experience the harm associated with gambling.

Samantha's most recent research has explored the impact of industry strategies on the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities, and populations.

In gambling, she has conducted research into gamblers conceptualisations of risks; how parents and children interact with gambling advertising campaigns; the causes of gambling stigma, and the strategies used by the gambling industry to promote their products and services.

Samantha has provided invited testimony to the Australian Parliamentary Committee on Gambling Reform, has advised government and community organisations on public health approaches to gambling reform, and comments regularly in the Australian media.

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DRAFT DOG CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY, AND CONTROL OF DOGS BYLAW

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PAGE 1: Dog Control and Responsibility Policy

Q1: Are you generally supportive of Section 7.5: Dog Owner Classification found within the policy (including 7.5.1 & 7.5.2)?

Yes,

Comments

Control of the owners as well as the dogs, the owner has to prove they have undergone training prior to dog ownership. Once they have a certificate, they have a dog trained as well. All dogs removed if training not undertaken.

Q2: Do you agree that Council's dog control officers should regularly inspect all properties of registered dog owners to ensure compliance to the Policy, Bylaw and the Dog Control Act 1996?

Yes,

Comments

Have not had an inspect my property in 22 years.

Q3: Is a maximum interval between inspections of 5 years the right timeframe for inspections?

No,

Comments

Yearly. randomised and not let owner know

PAGE 2: Dog Control and Responsibility Policy

Q4: Which of the following options do you prefer? Please tick only one response

Option A: All dogs classified as menacing must to be neutered (blanket)

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Comments

Its a dilution of the act. The whole behaviour of the dog changes when it is neutered- more controllable. Pitbulls are breed to fight .

PAGE 3: Control of Dogs Bylaw

Q5: Are you generally supportive of the contents of Council's Control of Dogs Bylaw?

Yes

Q6: Do you have any further comments you wish to make to Council with regards to the Dog Control and Responsibility Policy, and/or the Control of Dogs Bylaw?

More staff and better training of dog control officers/ dog control rangers. Officers need to know what is happening in the community. delegating work out to junior/cadet dog rangers. Is it possible to have a space dedicated in Marton as a Dog Park (e.g boundary line of ward near blue gums) for dogs to run off their leash and socially interact with other dogs.

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Q7: Oral submissions will be held at the Marton Council Chambers on 16 May 2016. I wish to speak to my submission

Yes I wish to speak to my submission

Q8: All submissions will be public, please tick this box if you would like your name withheld

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Would you like to participate in future engagement opportunities with Council?

Yes

Q10: Address

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Dog Control and Responsibility Policy

Dog Owner Classification

Question 1: Are you generally supportive of *Section 7.5: Dog Owner Classification* found within the policy (including 7.5.1 & 7.5.2)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Scheduled registered owner property visits

Question 2: Do you agree that Council's dog control officers should regularly inspect all properties of registered dog owners to ensure compliance to the Policy, Bylaw and the Dog Control Act 1996?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question 2a: Is a maximum interval between inspections of 5 years the right timeframe for inspections?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

As long as the owner has been notified of the inspection.
I would like all dog owners to be inspected, not just the good owners. *Please turn over*

Neutering Menacing Dog

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, a dog can be classified as menacing if the Council's dog control officers believe that the dog may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of observed or reported behaviour of the dog or any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type. Council's Policy may also require all menacing dogs to be neutered

Question 3: Which of the following options do you prefer?

Please tick only one response

☐ Option A: All dogs classified as menacing must to be neutered (blanket)

☒ Option B: A dog classified as menacing is neutered only at the discretion of Senior Dog control officer (discretion)

Comments:

No I don't think all menacing dogs should be neutered. Mistakes are made by dog control officers, Is there any way a good owner can get their dog taken off the menacing code

Control of Dogs Bylaw

Question 4: Are you generally supportive of the contents of Council's Control of Bylaw?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

I can't understand why a menacing dog has the same penalty as a dangerous dog. Shouldn't the menacing dogs be able to be tested to get this lifted and have a lighter sentence

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If an incident arises is all the power put on one person (Dog Ranger) to set the punishment or ^{are} the dogs tested first. The way its been portrayed to us good owners is that the dog and good owner hasn't any rights and in one case they are not ~~tested~~ too. The Dog owner know their dog best and it necessary could have their dog seen by a Animal behaviourist. would this lift the menacing dog label.

Signed: M. Rahim

Date: 5-5-16



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7.5.1 6) dog should not be on running wire all
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7.5.1 9) should be exceptions, Dog being adopted
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Comments:

To neuter a dog does not mean he or she change their behaviour. Any dog can turn out to be menacing if not brought up properly from a Puppier stage. The owners need to be educated how to rise a dog.

Control of Dogs Bylaw

Question 4: Are you generally supportive of the contents of Council's Control of Dogs Bylaw?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Comments:


- * No Dogs of Leard should be in Town or Town Area.*
- * If excessive barking of Dog, Neighbour should talk to Dog owner first, if that does not help, then Ranger should get involved.*

Question 5: Do you have any further comments you wish to make to Council with regards to the Dog Control and Responsibility Policy, and/or the Control of Dogs Bylaw?

- * If Dog adopted from Pound or SPCA it can happen that Dog could run off, so therefore the Dog should not be impounded the first time.*
- * Make sure the scanner from Ranger works otherwise what is the point to Micro Chip the Dog.*
- * Putting signs up in Pens to pick up after Dog has done business otherwise there will be a fine for not doing so. (example Bulls Domain etc.)*
- * We need a Dog exercise Area in Morton*

Council welcomes additional information or pages if necessary

Signed:

Silvia Rizzi 

Date:

4/5/2016