

# TIME TO ACT

Kia Rite!

2021 - 2031

Have your  
say to protect  
our future

## Help us to decide

### Āwhinatia mai mātau ki te whakatau

It's time to act. Hawke's Bay has a legacy of issues where our environment has seen too little investment for too long. We need to continue the work we accelerated in 2018.

We are currently consulting on our plan for the next ten years. We propose to spend an extra \$10.5 million on the activities and services we deliver and \$14.7 million on infrastructure and capital projects in 2021-22. This takes advantage of funding already secured from the Government's COVID-19 stimulus package.

Doing more puts more pressure on rates, so to reduce the impact on ratepayers, we will continue to borrow for capital projects - and now also to cover operational costs for the next 4 years. We borrowed to defer last year's rate increase (7.3% or \$1.8 million) to provide immediate relief to ratepayers.

In the full consultation document on our plan we talk about the things we have to do. We want your feedback on this and our six proposals where there is real choice on when, what or how future work is delivered.

The task before us is huge and we can't do it alone.

*This plan proposes a rate increase of 19.5% for the 2021-22 year, noting that rating affects each property differently. On average per week that's \$0.94 cents for residential, \$3.60 for commercial and \$4.49 for rural ratepayers.*

See how it affects your property by looking at our online rates calculator at [hbrc.govt.nz](https://hbrc.govt.nz), search: **#ratescalculator**.

Please have your say on how we protect and restore the natural environment of Te Matau-a-Māui. Your opinions matter to us and we encourage your feedback.

Find out more at [hbrc.govt.nz](https://hbrc.govt.nz).



  
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### MUST-DO WORK PROGRAMME

\$9.7 million increase  
in operational spend  
this coming year

23 new staff to  
increase our service  
delivery for Hawke's  
Bay's environment

### CONSULTATION TOPICS

Right Tree Right Place

Future water use

Upper Tukituki gravel

Clive River dredging in 2030

On-demand  
public transport

Ahuriri Regional Park

# Action now to protect our future

## Me mahi ināianei hai tiaki i te anamata

### SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL TO ACT NOW

**Our role is to protect and enhance Hawke's Bay's environment, and most of our functions and activities are prescribed by law.**

Our planning has highlighted the need for 'must do' new investment and roles to ensure our existing work programmes remain fit-for-purpose.

Recent law changes and increased community expectations - particularly around freshwater reform - contribute to significant cost and activity increases over the next 10 years.

These 'must dos' will cost an additional \$9.7 million of the total \$10.5 million in operating costs in the first year of the plan alone.

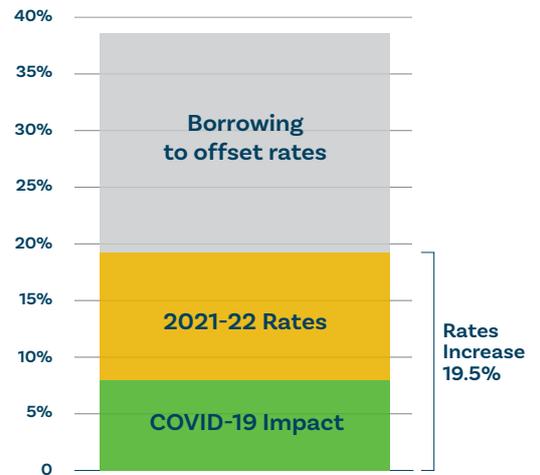
Paying for the Regional Council's work comes from a mix of funding sources such as fees and charges for

consents, subsidies and grants, investments, borrowing and rates.

The graph (right) shows the proposed rate increase of 19.5% and the borrowing (18.8%) required after all other funding is applied.

We understand that passing on the total rate increase for 2021-22 in one year would put too much pressure on ratepayers. To make it more affordable we propose to borrow to spread the rates impact across multiple years.

### Rates Funding Increase for 2021-22



**This year's total rate increase of 19.5% is the result of deferring last year's rate increase due to COVID-19 (8.5%) and this year's rate increase of 11%.**

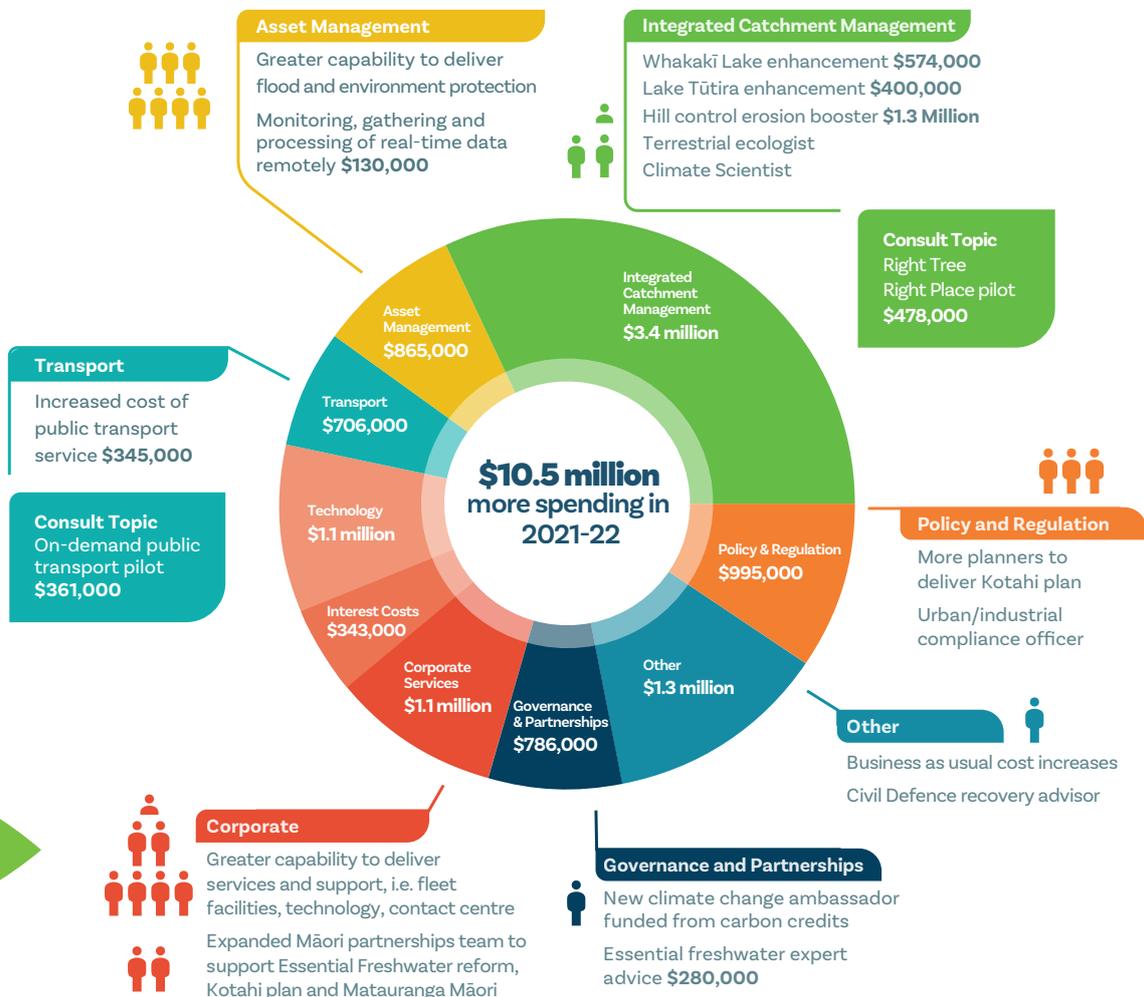
On average, the annual increase this year will be around:

- \$48 for residential
- \$187 for commercial
- \$233 for rural

For the full finance picture and to take a look at how your rates will be affected, go to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz). You can also search [#ratescalculator](https://twitter.com/ratescalculator).

## What's new Ngā mea hou

Take a look at the major increases in spending for 2021-22 by the biggest contributors, plus two of the six consultation topics - which have a financial impact in the coming year.



**We welcome your feedback on any aspect of this plan.**



## CONSULTATION TOPICS

### We have six specific consultation proposals that need your feedback.

Each proposal has options to consider as well as cost, funding, rates, debt and level of service impacts.

Please tell us which option you support using the submission form online, or included with this summary. There is more detail on each of the consultation topics at [hbrc.govt.nz](https://hbrc.govt.nz).

These proposals will cost an additional \$840,000 in 2021-22 in operational costs. Additional costs fall in later years or will be funded in other ways.

### We're also talking to people about our:

- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Fees and Charges
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Recovery of freshwater management costs from affected consent holders
- 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy featuring \$206.1 million worth of assets
- 10 Year Financial Strategy

These policies, charges, strategies and proposals are available in full with our supporting information at [hbrc.govt.nz](https://hbrc.govt.nz).

Consultation topics – preferred options	Effect on Ratepayers
<p><b>1. Right Tree Right Place</b></p> <p>Plant up more of our erodible farmland, to show farmers and other investors an economically viable alternative to whole farm afforestation.</p> <p>Fund the development and pilot of Right Tree Right Place at a cost of \$4.8 million over 3 years.</p>	<p>No impact on rates</p> <p>Operating costs funded from reserves and any capital costs funded by the recipient</p>
<p><b>2. Future water use</b></p> <p>Work with water users to drive more efficient and effective use to complement our focus on water storage.</p> <p>Put aside \$1 million over 3 years.</p>	<p>No impact on rates</p> <p>Funded from reserves</p>
<p><b>3. Upper Tukituki gravel</b></p> <p>Remove the gravel build-up from the upper Tukituki River to keep the community safe from floods.</p> <p>Invest \$2.5 million to unlock a \$4.5 million grant from Government.</p>	<p>Costs loan-funded and repaid by ratepayers with the split of:</p> <p>82.5% scheme members</p> <p>17.5% general rates</p>
<p><b>4. Clive River dredging - in 2030</b></p> <p>Deepen Clive River as far as Kohupātiki Marae, for recreation and environmental benefits, and deposit the silt to land, instead of the sea.</p> <p>Total rates of \$2.8 million over 9 years.</p>	<p>70% targeted to Napier and Hastings ratepayers (Heretaunga Plains Flood Control Scheme)</p> <p>30% general rates</p>
<p><b>5. On-demand public transport</b></p> <p>Pilot a virtual bus-stop, technology-enabled service starting with Hastings, followed by Napier – more convenient and less emissions.</p> <p><b>2021-22 Hastings pilot:</b> an extra cost of \$361,000 in 2021 and \$249,000 in 2022, replacing current routes 16A, 16B and 17.</p> <p><b>2023-24 Napier:</b> expand service to Napier at a total extra cost of \$582,000 in 2023 and \$447,000 in 2024, replacing current routes 13, 14 and 15.</p>	<p>100% targeted to Napier and Hastings urban ratepayers</p>
<p><b>6. Ahuriri Regional Park</b></p> <p>Kick-start improvements to the environment around Ahuriri Estuary, in partnership with Napier City Council and Mana Ahuriri.</p> <p>The Regional Council will loan-fund \$1.2 million in 2023-24 and \$9 million over the course of years 4-10 to develop a Regional Park in the upper Ahuriri Estuary.</p>	<p>100% general rates</p>

## We've achieved a lot in the last 3 years

### He huhua tonu ngā whakatutukitanga i roto i te 3 tau kua taha ake nei

#### Your rates have contributed to a major step-change in our work, such as:

- A swimmable Lake Tūtira
- More advisors to work with landowners reducing erosion and improving water quality
- 1,400 hectares of land planted through our Erosion Control Scheme
- Developing regional parks and trails
- \$13 million of funds into the Sustainable Homes scheme
- A groundbreaking 3D survey of our aquifers
- More marine science to explore our coastal environment
- Stronger regulation - more prosecutions.



# Have your say

## Tukua mai ō whakaaro

Please get your feedback to us by  
8pm on Sunday 2 May 2021.

### Tell us what you think about our six proposals or comment on any area of our work.

For more information go to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz)

### Meeting Dates:

**Central Hawke's Bay** – 20 April, 6-8pm  
(Upper Tukituki gravel specific meeting 4.30-5.30pm)  
CHB Town Hall, Kenilworth Street, Waipawa

**Hastings** – 22 April, 6-8pm  
Karamū High School, Windsor Avenue, Hastings

**Wairoa** – 27 April, 6-8pm  
War Memorial Hall, 97-103 Queen Street, Wairoa

**Napier** – 28 April, 6-8pm  
Council Chamber, 159 Dalton Street, Napier

Or join us on **Facebook Live** – 21 April, 6-8pm  
[facebook.com/HBRegionalCouncil](https://facebook.com/HBRegionalCouncil)

### Can we come to your meeting?

Ask us along to your own events, it might be a Rotary meeting, a community group, or business event – we'll be happy to come and share our plan, talk about our proposals and answer any questions. Call **06 835 9200** and ask for **Rebecca Ashcroft-Cullen**.

### Ways to tell us what you think:

**Online:** Have your say. Give us your feedback instantly by going to [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz).

**In person:** Come and see us at one of our events, or we can come to talk to your group at a time that works for you.

**Social media:** We will post regularly on Facebook. The comments you make on these posts will be part of our decision-making process. Go to [facebook.com/HBRegionalCouncil](https://facebook.com/HBRegionalCouncil).

**In writing:** Email your paper submission form to [ourplan@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:ourplan@hbrc.govt.nz) or post it to **Long Term Plan c/- Hawke's Bay Regional Council Private Bag 6006, Napier 4142**

### Did we leave anything out?

If you have any questions, call **06 835 9200** or drop an email to [ourplan@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:ourplan@hbrc.govt.nz)

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