

Papamoa Residents & Ratepayers Association

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Papamoa Residents and Ratepayers Association calls on the unelected Commissioners at Tauranga City Council to delay the setting of the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

Currently the Commissioners and council staff have brought the LTP process forward by 4 months as they are determined to commit Tauranga to expensive extravagant projects in such a way that the incoming elected council in July 2024 cannot reverse easily. Projects that Tauranga can ill afford. They are rushing without any regard for the changes in legislation that the new elected national government will introduce.

The new national government have announced changes to 3 Waters legislation and transportation funding. This will have a marked effect on the balance sheet of the LTP.

Polls indicate the majority of Tauranga Ratepayers believe many of the projects are not required and cannot be afforded by the community. Given the uncertainty of the incoming government's proposals, responsible Commissioners and council should delay any LTP decisions.

Recently the Western Bay of Plenty District Council "deferred adoption of its Long-term Plan due to a "lack of clear national direction" on core water and transportation services."