

# Chairmans Report

## Oct 2021

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# PRRA

Covid has cancelled a few meetings recently.

Had the commissioners along 3 times to tell us what is good for Papamoa. They smile, listen but do not appear to hear and carry on regardless.

Next meeting 8 November 2021. October meeting cancelled again due to COVID restrictions.

**YES**

**Tauranga is part of  
PAPAMOA**



# Tauranga Ratepayers Alliance TRA

In Tauranga there are decisions being made by government appointed representatives without any local and democratic input. (The Government dismissed our local elected council and we no longer have **local democracy** in Tauranga. Instead we have four Government appointed representatives called commissioners.)

Tauranga Ratepayers Alliance has formed to work for the community in this void. We hear often that TRA is a bunch of disgruntled ex-councillors. Not true, believe it or not, existing councillors have retained their titles and responsibilities without pay. The TRA committee has three councillors and many other concerned Citizens who are working for Tauranga.

Latest news is on the facebook page  
or  
[www.taurangaratepayers.nz](http://www.taurangaratepayers.nz)

Picture is protest against rate rises  
outside and inside the council chambers.



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# Commissioners

They are talking to many community groups and listening but not hearing. There is no debate with them, whatever the council officers recommend and/or central government demands, they agree and implement. (Central government is their master or they are their puppets). Listening to the online council meetings is a show of mock democracy. The four commissioners vote on all items – unanimously.

## **Commissioners have not told the truth about many key items.**

Long Term Plan rate increases were NOT about growth –but obviously growth is the reason when the background data was released. See graph in next slide. Most of 3 Waters expenditure is on Growth.

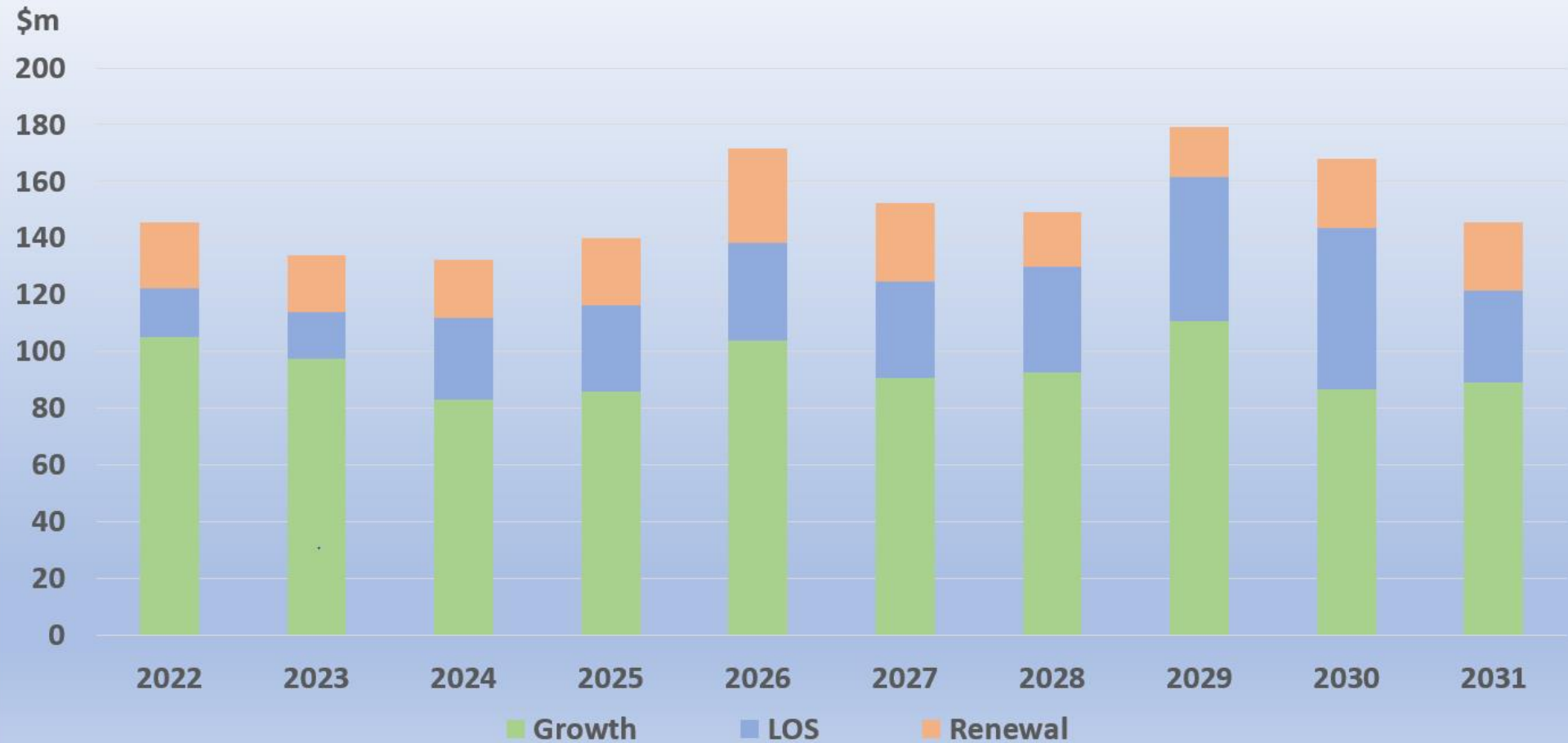
Three Waters, one of the commissioner, Stephen Selwood, has been very pro three waters for years, working with Minister Mahuta, and should declare a conflict of interest in the decision. (He did not.)

Claim that the new “Representation of Wards” is a result of community input. In fact, the commissioners are on record as saying that “the online comments and feedback from the council website survey were not representative of the ratepayers” and they would ignore the results.

They may be here for another term of three years. Remember ..... **STOP PRESS** Mahuta is going to delay local body elections by one more year. Going thru Parliament now.

**“Local democracy may not be perfect, but at least you can vote them out.”**

# 3Waters Capital Expenditure



From LTP , green is growth = new subdivisions and buildings. Largest expenditure. LOS (level of service) Renewal ( replacement of old infrastructure)

# Three Waters – the largest heist in NZ’s history.

What do you know? Should you know more? Who is going to tell you? **Three Waters = fresh, waste and storm waters.**

What has Tauranga City Council told you? Do you feel like a mushroom? ( Kept in the dark and fed bulls\*\*t).

Commissioners made a fudged decision on Monday 4 October at 10.30am. Read it online.

Who has asked you for your opinion? This is your investment, your children’s legacy.

**QUICK SUMMARY – read the full story at [www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com](http://www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com)**

- \$1.6 billion dollars of water infrastructure assets in Tauranga will be taken and compensation is \$49 million over 5 years. ( in fact only half is from government, the other half is from the new entities ie you)
- Some “unknown” in TCC has made the comment to the commissioners and government that they should hurry up and make the changes.
- 4 entities will control NZ water each with a governance structure of 50% iwi and 50% appointees.

16.7% (iwi) of the population will control 50% of the water entities.

At present only 5 or 6 out of 67 local authorities are signing up. And Tauranga is one of those six who have not said NO.

# Three Waters – the largest heist in NZ’s history (cont).

Make your views known at [www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com](http://www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com) by completing the online Three Waters survey. Interim results of the survey can be seen online.

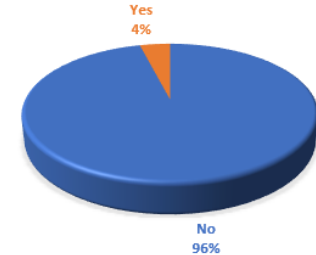
Write to your Labour list MPs and tell them what you think. Tell them that your vote may change at the next election. The list MPs are Angie Warren Clark and Jan Tinetti.

Minister Mahuta plans to push this through regardless of opposition. Our commissioners are aiding and abetting.

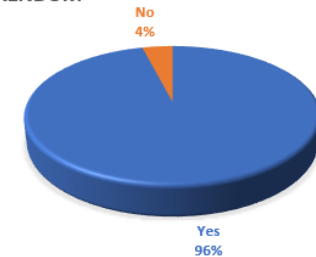
Protest on 4 October 2021, 9am outside Council Chambers. There will be more protests. You are needed.



SHOULD THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE THIS DECISION TO OPT INTO THREE WATERS FOR THE RATEPAYERS OF TAURANGA?



SHOULD THE RATEPAYERS OF TAURANGA MAKE THE DECISION TO OPT IN OR OPT OUT BY REFERENDUM



# Planting in Palm Beach Reserve

Unresolved and is becoming murkier as the consents referred to are not in existence or can't be found and there is hard line group of TCC officers who are determined to plant flaxes throughout the Palm Beach Reserve. The misinformation in the council e-letter about the planting should be embarrassing for the council but they still continue to send them out.

Luckily there is a dedicated band of people who are vigorously monitoring all council activities around the Palm Beach Reserve. **All the residents want is keep the status quo.** No change, just good management.

This group in council imagines whitebait swimming up thru Harrisons Cut from the sea and multiplying in the ponds while iwi fish them. Just a little ludicrous! And this will of course drain the ponds. Go to [www.palmbeachreserve.com](http://www.palmbeachreserve.com) for the latest information.

This group met with the commissioner Anne Tolley and Bill Walmsley last week to find some common ground.





# Representation Review.

As required by the Local Government Act. Undertaken by the commissioners. They ignored the online feedback from ratepayers on the council website as being not representative of community feelings.

## The commissioners chose

1 maori ward – at large  
9 general ward councillors

You vote for only one councillor

You can only talk to your ward councillor. “No good if your local councillor is a plonker.”

No community boards

## A better option

1 maori ward – at large  
5 general ward councillors  
6 at large councillors

You vote for 7 councillors

Add community boards?

Although submissions have closed this is still very much alive until sign off early next year. What are your views? PRRA is planning to conduct a poll of members. Please send in options.

# Plan 27 Flooding -- still ongoing

New government created theoretical high intensity rain storm which must be used by councils to design their stormwater systems. The way TCC applied it looks haphazard and done on the cheap and the results in places are stupid.

BUT regardless, TCC tagged your house files as flood prone without any consultation. This may create future problems with house sales and insurance. 30,000 + properties were tagged. We have heard of property sales falling over when the tag was discovered.

If you were one of these properties and followed advice you will have requested a resurvey of your property to validate the results. Have they done this yet?

Problems: Very old topographical maps were used. Ground contours have changed during development. They were very coarse and to save money(?) the house slab layer was turned off in the analysis. Concrete slabs will be above the water level. My neighbour has half his slab area covered by water. Not possible – it is a level slab.

There is a further submission period in October 2021. The analysis needs to be peer reviewed.

This looks like another piece of the puzzle that Mahuta is using to take over Three Waters claiming it is too much and too expensive for councils to be able to take care of stormwater created by this rain event.

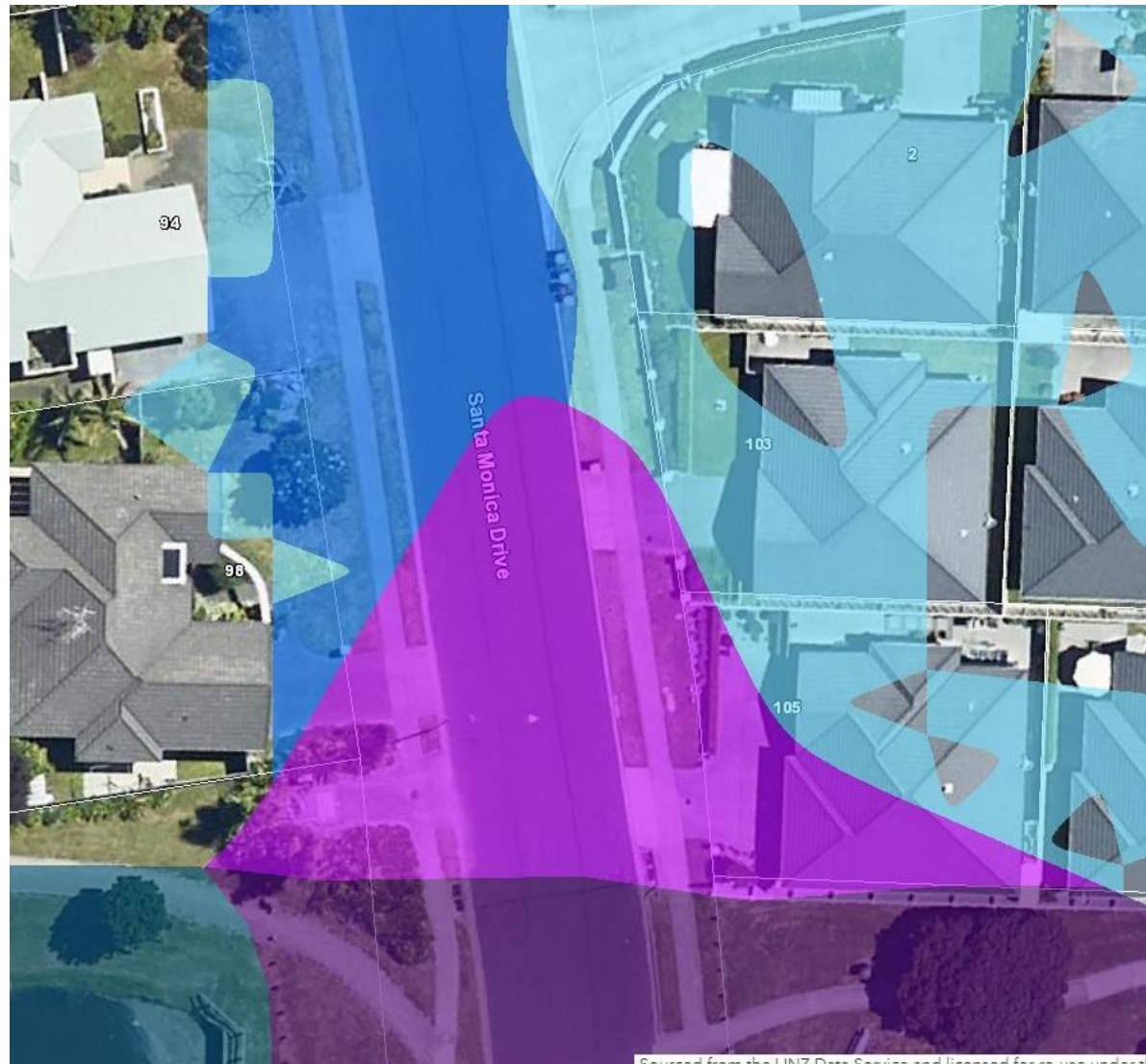
Plan 27 -- still ongoing Lots of potential flooding



**Tauranga City Flood Risk Assessment**  
Papamoa West Hazard Susceptibility Area



**Plan 27** -- still ongoing -- to check your property, go to the TCC website and follow links to Plan 27 maps. You will need to turn on all the layers.



- Plan changes
  - Plan change 26 (Housing Choice)
    - Te Papa housing overlay maximum height
  - Natural hazard susceptibility area
  - Suburban residential zone
  - City living zone (residential)
  - City living zone (mixed use)
  - Commercial business zone
- Plan change 27 (Flooding from intense rainfall)
  - Floodplain
  - Overland flow path
    - Mejor
    - Minor
  - Flood prone area
    - Depth >300mm
    - Depth 100-300mm



# He PuaPua

- Creating a two system New Zealand, one for Maoris and one for others. Being used by the Labour Government to create a divided New Zealand.
- Go to [www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com](http://www.taurangacommunityfeedback.com) for more details.

## KEY POINTS

- Education - rewrite of NZ history
- DOC Land – DOC estate being handed over to iwi management.
- Water – Maori ownership and control
- Land & Business
- Government – 2 complete governments that overlap
- Health – 2 Health care systems -- Maori DHBs
- Justice – 2 justice systems
- Local Council -- 50% of seats on councils held by Maoris
- Media – specific guidelines for govt funding -- \$55 million currently No criticism of government race based sto

# Cameron Rd Upgrade

”This project is building new, peak travel-time bus lanes in both directions and a two-way cycleway on the eastern side of the road, along with improvements to make the Cameron Road area safer and more walkable, attractive and community-friendly.” from TCC website

## Summary:

\$48million original budget blown out to \$72 million already

Objective is to punish motorists into using public transport by choking the roads. But this also slows the buses down and increases the carbon output from idling vehicles.

Key Partners (TCC, Waka Kotari and BOPRC) do not think the objectives of the upgrade can be achieved

(From documents obtained from a LOGIMA request  
-- thankyou to BOP Sustainable Trust)

**Do we need this? The promotional image to the right is interesting, contra flow cycle lanes and bus patrons must walk through the cycle lane to board a bus.**



# Opal Drive Wastewater Rising Main Renewal



For information only

56% of respondents were in favour of the above ground option and 11% support the below ground option. No feedback was received on the options via Domain and Topaz Drive. Taking this into account along with technical considerations previously outlined, Tauranga City Council have approved the project to go ahead with the route constructing the pipeline in the reserve including the boardwalk.

