


**Reference Number: 2024/1064**

8 March 2024



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for email of 20 February 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to Three Waters spending implications for the LTP. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

***What is the council's current debt?***

Net debt for Horowhenua District Council as at 31 January 2024 was \$158 million. Gross debt was \$181 million.

***What is the forecast three waters infrastructure spending required over the next decade?***

Forecast three waters infrastructure capital spending from the current draft long term plan 2024-44 over the next decade (2024/25 financial year to 2033/34 financial year) is approximately \$337 million.

Forecast three waters infrastructure operating spending from the current draft long term plan 2024-44 over the next decade (2024/25 financial year to 2033/34 financial year) is approximately \$342 million.

***How many rating units are in the council's boundary?***

As at 31 January 2024 there was 18,976 rating units in the district. Note this includes both rateable, and non-rateable rating units.

***What is the council's current debt limit?***

Horowhenua District Council's debt will be managed within the following limits:

- Net annual interest costs will not exceed 20% of total annual operating revenue.
- Net annual interest costs will not exceed 25% of total annual rates revenue.
- Net debt shall not exceed 250% of total operating revenue.

***What was the council's income for FY 22/23?***

Total revenue for Horowhenua District Council for the 2022/23 financial year was \$74,898,000.

***What is the council's forecast income for FY 23/24?***

Total forecast revenue for Horowhenua District Council for the 2023/24 financial year is approximately \$76,406,000 as at 31 January 2024.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Jacinta Straker (Group Manager Organisation Performance) on [jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



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