



**NAPIER**  
CITY COUNCIL  
*Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri*

# Long Term Plan 2021 to 2031



**April 2021**



**Easy Read**

## Before you start



This is an Easy Read document about the **Napier City Council Long Term Plan 2021 to 2023**.



This is a long document.

While it is written in Easy Read it can be hard for some people to read a document this long.



Some things you can do to make it easier are:



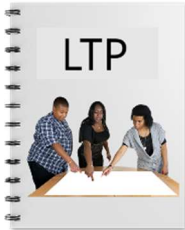
- read it a few pages at a time
- have someone help you to understand it.

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# What the Napier City Council does



**Napier** is a city in the North Island of New Zealand.



The **Napier City Council** looks after the services that makes Napier a great place for everyone to live.



The services the Council looks after are:

- local roads and footpaths
- water
- sewerage (what happens after we flush the toilet)
- rubbish and recycling





Some other services the Council looks after are:

- outdoor spaces like:
  - playgrounds
  - parks
  - sports fields
- libraries
- swimming pools
- dog registration (money that is paid by owners to the Council)
- Civil Defence (for example being ready if we have an earthquake).



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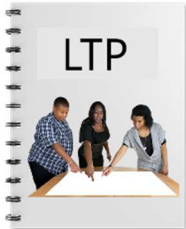
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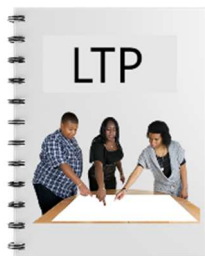
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# What is a Long Term Plan?



A **Long Term Plan** is a plan for the next 10 years for our:

- activities
- major projects
- how much money we will get
- how much new things will cost
- what our **rates** will be.



A **Long Term Plan** is also called a **LTP**.

We review our LTP every 3 years.



## Rates and costs



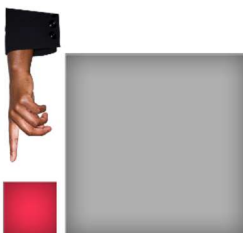
Councils help local communities run smoothly by running lots of services.



**Rates** are a kind of tax that are paid by people who own:

- houses
- buildings.

Rates are used by your council to pay for services.



Keeping our rates low has been important to us.



Our rates are going to be higher over the next 10 years.



To see how the increase we are planning will change your rates use our **rates calculator** at:



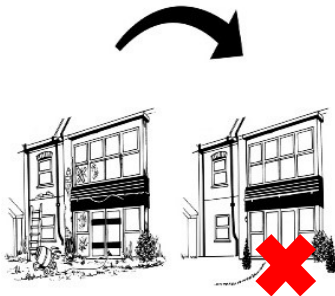
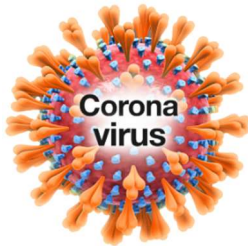
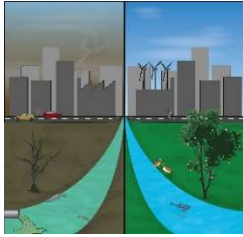
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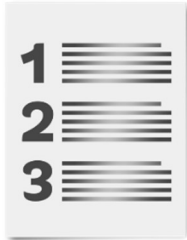
Some of the things that affect the choices we make are:



- **climate change** – making sure we are able to deal with the changes climate change is causing
- **COVID-19** – making sure we have enough money to help people after losing money from COVID-19
- **3 waters reform** – making our water services better – see page 13 for more about this
- **deferred renewals** - things that need to be fixed but cannot be as there is not enough money.



We do not have enough money to fix everything at the same time.



We are making a list of what are the most important things to fix.



We plan to save money over the next 10 years so we do not have to wait to fix things again.

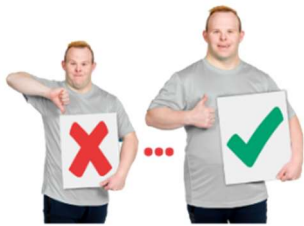


## 3 Waters Reform



When we say **3 waters** we mean:

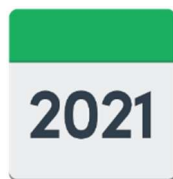
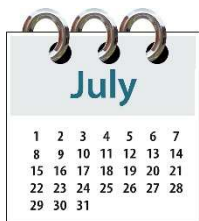
- drinking water
- **stormwater** or rainwater
- **wastewater** which is dirty water.



**Reform** means making something better.



The Government has made a new organisation called **Taumata Arowai**.



From 1 July 2021 Taumata Arowai will look after water services in New Zealand.



**Tell us what you think**

1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not sure

After May 2021 we will ask our local community if they:

- want us to be part of a new water service
- do not want us to be part of a new water service.

# Water, stormwater and wastewater

## Water



We want to make sure that Napier:

- has clean water to drink and swim in
- looks after the sea and shoreline
- has clean waterways in our parks.



To improve how we get our water we want to:

- build new water treatment plants
- find new water underground.



We also want to build 3 new **reservoirs**.

**Reservoirs** are places to collect water.



For this to happen we have bought land at Mataruahou (Napier Hill).

## Stormwater



Most of our stormwater goes to Ahuriti Estuary.



We want to start cleaning our stormwater to help the Ahuriti Estuary.

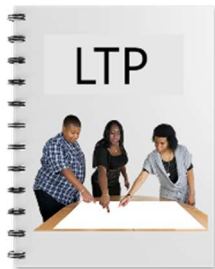


## Wastewater



We know keeping our seas clean is an important issue for the people living in Napier.

We want to make sure our wastewater is clean before it goes to the sea.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about what we can do about our water supply.



We have 2 options on how to manage our water supply:

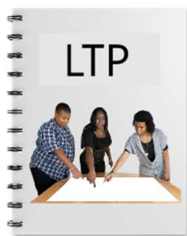


1. start the work now

2. start the work later.



We think we should start the work now.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about our 2 options.



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## Ahuriri Regional Park



We want to create a new regional park called Ahuriri Regional Park.

**Regional park** means it would be a large park.



We would do this with:

- Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- mana whenua



Having this space as a regional park would mean we can look after the land and waterways in the area better.



We have 2 options:



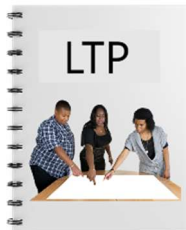
1. put a lot money into making Ahuriri Regional Park better



2. not put money into making Ahuriri Regional Park better.



We want to put money into making Ahuriri Regional Park better.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about our 2 options.



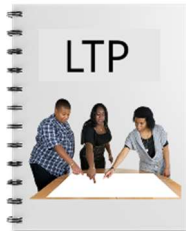
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# Te Pihinga



We know that people in Napier want more spaces to use.



In the LTP we look at what we want to do with **Te Pihinga**.



**Te Pihinga** is a new community building in Napier.

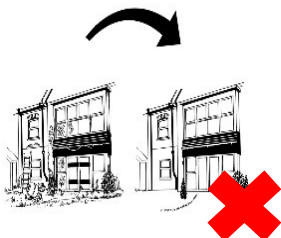


We have 3 options on what do about Te Pihinga:



1. finish it now - 2021 to 2023

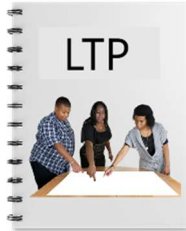
2. finish it later - 2023 to 2025



3. do not finish it.



We would like to finish it later which means finishing it between 2023 and 2025.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about our 3 options.



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# Housing



We know that housing is an important issue for many people.



**Community housing** is also going to cost more.



**Community houses** are houses owned by the government.



We have almost 4 hundred community housing units across Napier.

These community housing units are:

- getting old
- need fixing.





Fixing up our community housing units needs to be done by 2024 to pass housing rules.



Most of our money that we set to do this has been used.



We are looking over our options for what community housing will look like in the future.





We have 2 options on how to deal with our housing situation:

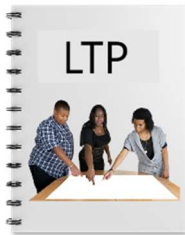


1. borrow money

2. use money from rates.



We want to borrow money.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about our 2 options.



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# Faraday Centre



The **Faraday Centre** is a museum in Napier.



The Faraday Centre building needs fixing up.



We are finding out:

- where the new Faraday Centre should be
- how much it will cost.





While we wait for the research to finish we have 2 options:



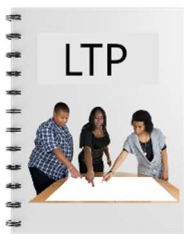
1. keep the Faraday Centre open



2. close the Faraday Centre for now until we can decide what the best thing to do is for the years to come.



We want to keep the Faraday Centre open.



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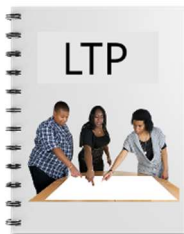
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## Other places and spaces



Other important places and spaces that we want to make better are:

- Napier Library Civic Precedent
- National Aquarium
- Napier Aquatic Centre – swimming pool.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about these projects.



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## Community safety



Safety is important to us all.

When we feel safe:



- we can about go about our lives easily
- our feelings of being part of the community is strong.



We want to make our public spaces safer.



Every year we put money into programs that help keep Napier safe like **street patrols**.



**Street patrols** are groups of people that walk around the streets to keep them safe.



We want to look into how **street ambassadors** would work in supporting our community.



**Street ambassadors** are people that help people living on the streets to find support.





We have 2 options here:



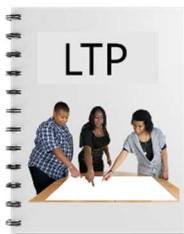
1. spend money to set up a street ambassadors program that would start in 2022



2. keep things as they are with our street patrols.



We would like to look at the **street ambassadors** program.



The LTP also goes into a lot more detail about our 2 options.



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## Traffic safety plans



We also know that keeping traffic down to help keep our streets safe is important.



Some of the things we do to make to things safer are to put in:



- speed bumps to slow down cars
- bollards to stop cars going on things like footpaths



- bicycle lanes.



Every year we write 1 traffic plan help manage traffic to keep our streets safe.



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We want to be able to write 3 traffic plans every year so that we can make our streets safer.



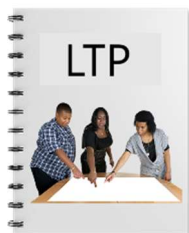
We have 2 options:

1. make 3 plans each year

2. only make 1 plan each year.



We think we should make 3 plans each year.



The LTP also goes into more detail about our 2 options.



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## We want you to have your say



Before making this LTP we asked the Napier community **what matters to you?**

We were told that:



- water matters a lot



- people matter:
  - having places to meet other people
  - being a part of our neighbourhoods



- being close to nature matters



- being safe matters.



You can let us know what you think of our LTP by:

- 1) Going to our **website** to fill in our **online feedback form**:

[www.sayitnapier.nz/ncc/ltp/have-your-say/](http://www.sayitnapier.nz/ncc/ltp/have-your-say/)



- 2) Filling in the **Your Feedback form** which you can find on **pages 37 to 44** of this document.



The last day to give us your feedback is **Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 5pm.**



You can ask someone you assist you to fill in the feedback form.



We have already had some **community meetings** in April 2021.



If you missed these meetings you can still ask us questions at our next **Facebook live** session on:

**Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7:00pm.**



See our Facebook page for more details.



You can also talk with a **Napier Councillor** for **15 minutes**:



- online
- in person
- on the phone.







To book an appointment with a  
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**sayitnapier/ltp**



Or phone:

**06 835 7579.**

# Your Feedback about the Long Term Plan



**Your name**

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**Your phone number:**

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Please put a tick in the box to show us your answer.



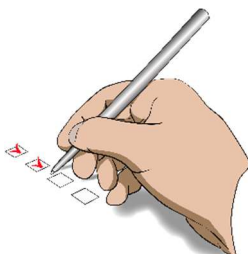
You can also write any comments you have into the **Comments** on **pages 42 to 43**.

You can answer:

- all the questions

or

- some of the questions



You can have someone support you with filling in this feedback form.



## 1. Water, stormwater and wastewater

See pages 14 to 17

☐

Begin the work now

☐

Begin the work later



## 2. Ahuriri Regional Park

See pages 18 to 19

☐

Spend a lot of money on  
making the park

☐

Do not spend a lot of money  
making the park



### 3. Te Pihinga

See pages 20 to 21

☐

Finish it now – 2021 to 2023

☐

Finish it later – 2023 to 2025

☐

Do not do it



### 4. Housing

See pages 22 to 24

☐

Use a loan to pay for our  
community housing

☐

Use rates to pay for our  
community housing



## 5. Faraday Centre

See pages 25 to 26

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Keep it open

☐

Close it down for now



## 6. Community safety

See pages 28 to 30

☐

Look at what more we can do

☐

Keep things to same





## 7. Traffic safety plans

See pages 31 to 32

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Do 3 traffic safety plans each year

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Keep doing only 1 traffic plan each year

**Comments:**

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**Thank you for your feedback**



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Long Term Plan Submissions

Napier City Council

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Napier 4142



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