

DRAFT
Annual Plan
2014/15 SUMMARY



Putting Northland first



A word from the chairman and CEO

Welcome to this summary of our Draft Annual Plan (DAP) for 2014/15.

Some may wonder about the relevance of our DAP given the current debate over what form Northland's local government should take and whether the regional council will even be around in future. However, our draft is very much based on a 'business as usual' approach as if any major changes do happen, they'll be well outside the 12 months it covers.

'Business as usual' includes legally required 10-yearly reviews of our Regional Air Quality, Regional Water and Soil and our Regional Coastal Plans to ensure these are as relevant as possible.

Our Long Term Plan 2012-22 (LTP) indicates an average general rates rise of 7.22 percent in 2014/15. But through careful cost management and better-than-expected investment returns, not only are we now forecasting a nil average general rates rise; we actually plan to do more for the same money.

We're proposing to give our popular Environment Fund a \$235,000 boost over the next 12 months, increasing its budget to \$635,000 to help more people enhance and protect Northland's natural environment.

Council is also keen to foster stronger ties with tāngata whenua and is setting up the Te Taitokerau Regional Māori Advisory Committee. A working party will work with Māori to establish the terms of reference and membership for this important committee.

Under our draft plan, our Waiora Northland Water programme will get \$165,000 extra for monitoring – as part of our work with people and our communities through local catchment groups and to help meet our obligations under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater and the recently introduced Environmental Reporting Bill.

We also plan to invest up to \$100,000 for new aerial photography which will be invaluable for a wide range of tasks including land use planning and an extra \$66,000 has been earmarked to better understand and reduce the spread of the disease-causing agent killing kauri trees.

Among other proposed changes our DAP contains from previous LTP forecasts, we intend to transfer a smaller amount – now \$1.7M plus interest – into our Investment and Growth Reserve in 2014/15. (Again this helps keeps costs to ratepayers down, but we're confident the fund – which will already sit at about \$4.5M at the start of the 2014/15 year – will still be sufficient for the types of economic development projects likely to be submitted to it.) We are also proposing to fund \$100,000 of regional promotion from the reserve (instead of your rates) as a core economic activity.

Another change from the LTP since its adoption two years ago is the expected cost of the Kotuku flood detention dam which is designed to better protect central Whangarei from flooding. Costs have been revised upwards by about \$1.6M to \$8.5M to cover greater than anticipated costs in the completion of a detailed dam design, costs to relocate gas/power/fibre services and land acquisitions.

Construction of this dam – to be paid for via a targeted rate on more than 17,000 properties in Whangarei's Central Business District and contributing catchment areas – will begin in late 2014.

Despite this, it won't directly affect rates bill this year as council has not changed its Whangarei Urban Rivers Management Rate for the coming 12 months. (As costs become more certain, we will probably consider doing this as part of our consultation on our next Long Term Plan for 2015-2025).

In the meantime, we'll continue to work with the Urban Whāngārei Rivers Liaison Committee and the community to ensure the project remains affordable. This will include a public meeting on river management that will provide a project update for residents on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 6.00pm at the council chambers, 36 Water Street.

Meanwhile, although our rates are not expected to rise, we are proposing to increase our non-fixed fees and charges by 2.4%, essentially to recoup inflationary costs.

Details of many of the issues outlined in this foreword and council's wider programme of works for 2014/15 are spelled out more in the rest of this summary, or in the full Draft Annual Plan.

Please take the time to read and consider these and let us know what we've got right – or what you think we should change – by 3.00pm on Thursday 1 May. Information on how to make a submission is on page 10 of this summary, together with a submission form.



Bill Shepherd
Chairman



Malcolm Nicolson
Chief Executive Officer

Focus for 2014/15

Better local government in Northland

The outcomes of the Local Government Commission's proposed process for Local Government Reorganisation in Northland are far from certain. Given this, we've prepared our Draft Annual Plan on a 'business as usual' basis, in line with our Long Term Plan 2012-2022 and intend to deliver its services and activities.

'Business as usual' for us includes working in partnership with other Northland councils (and in line with our Triennial Agreement 2014) on common priorities and shared services for the benefit of Northland ratepayers.

We have not supported the commission's draft proposal in its current form. Instead, we've asked the commission to carry out further analysis and provide Northlanders with more information, including a fresh draft proposal. We'll continue to provide information to Northland's communities.

For more information visit www.nrc.govt.nz/LGreform

Waiora Northland Water

Through our Waiora Northland Water programme, we'll continue our work to protect and maintain Northland's freshwater to suit a range of needs and values, and implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in Northland.

During 2014/15 we'll focus on our priority catchments and outstanding water bodies, working with local communities to identify local uses and values, issues to be managed and action to be taken. We'll continue to develop the region-wide approach to freshwater management, including the development and implementation of good management practices, establishing regional objectives and management options.

As proposed, the programme will get \$165,000 extra for monitoring in 2014/15. Some of this will help us meet our obligations under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater and the proposed Environmental Reporting Bill. It will also aid our work with people and our communities through local catchment groups, including new groups in the Poutō and Waitangi areas.

For more information on Waiora Northland Water, see the 'Resource management' activities section in the Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/waiora

**WAIORA
NORTHLAND
WATER**



Te Taitokerau Regional Māori Advisory Committee

Council is committed to establishing a relationship based on genuine partnership with Māori. We're working with iwi authorities in Tai Tokerau on the potential membership of a new committee, tentatively named 'Te Taitokerau Regional Māori Advisory Committee', and its terms of reference.

For more information visit www.nrc.govt.nz/legendas

Regional Policy Statement and regional plans

We're currently in the middle of the appeal process on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement. The resolution of these appeals will affect the timing of when the whole Regional Policy Statement will have legal force, however, many provisions and the management direction for Northland's natural and physical resources are now beyond challenge.

We're now also reviewing our regional plans; the Regional Air Quality Plan, Regional Water and Soil Plan and Regional Coastal Plan. This has to happen at least every 10 years and will involve key stakeholders including Northland councils and agencies, iwi groups, interest groups and industry organisations.

The review and the development of the next generation of regional plans is also aligned with the review of council's Regional Pest Management Strategies and Waiora Northland Water to ensure council's strategies, programmes and plans are mutually reinforcing.

For more information on our regional plans (including our RPS), see the 'Resource management' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/regionalplans or www.nrc.govt.nz/newrps

Environment Fund

The Environment Fund is one of our key non-regulatory tools for supporting water quality improvement, CoastCare, soil conservation, biodiversity and biosecurity. We're proposing to give it a \$235,000 boost over the next 12 months (its budget increasing to \$635,000) to meet growing demand.

Investments from this fund have been helping people to enhance and protect Northland's natural environment for almost 20 years.

For more information on the Environment Fund, see the 'Resource management' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/environmentfund

Regional Pest Management Strategies and Kauri dieback

The Northland Regional Pest Management Strategies 2010-2015 cover plant, animal and marine pests.

Council recently began reviewing these strategies and will consult key stakeholders and the wider regional community on potential changes to them this year.

We also plan to invest another \$66,000 in 2014/15 as part of the ongoing bid to better understand and reduce the spread of the disease-causing agent killing kauri trees. This proposed extra funding will bring council's annual contribution to the programme to \$87,000.

During 2013 council reprioritised some of its species and site led pest management work including its focus on Community Pest Control Areas (CPCA) to address the discovery of Mediterranean fanworm – an internationally recognised significant marine pest. This reprioritisation meant that the performance target of five CPCA per year was unlikely to be met during the 2013/14 year. This year we have formally changed our target to three CPCA in recognition of the need to continue to monitor for fanworm's presence, undertake control work as necessary, and work with others such as Auckland Council, industry and boaties to minimise incursion risks during 2014/15.

For more information on Regional Pest Management Strategies or kauri dieback, see the 'Resource management' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/nasties or www.nrc.govt.nz/kauridieback

Flood protection improvements

Our ongoing priority rivers project – which aims to develop or update flood risk reduction plans for the 26 rivers in Northland with the highest levels of flood risk – continues to progress well.

Several major flood protection schemes are underway around Northland, and work is planned to continue over the coming year.

Construction of an \$8.5 million detention dam for Whāngārei – to be paid for via a targeted rate on more than 17,000 properties in Whāngārei's Central Business District and contributing catchment areas – will go begin in late 2014 and is due for completion by mid-2015.



We'll continue to work with the Urban Whāngārei Rivers Liaison Committee and the community to ensure this project remains affordable. (This will include a public meeting on river management that will provide a project update for residents on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 6pm at the council chambers, 36 Water St.)

Council has not changed its Whāngārei Urban Rivers Management Rate for the 12 months covered by this Draft Annual Plan. (However, we will likely consider doing so in future, as overall project costs become more certain, probably in time for the adoption of our next Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.)

Meanwhile, design work is continuing for capital works on the Kerikeri-Waipapa and Awanui River Flood Management Schemes and will be further progressed with local river liaison committee input over the coming year.

For more information about the flood protection work planned for Northland, see the 'River management' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/priorityrivers

Economic development and Investment and Growth Reserve criteria

We plan to continue our efforts in economic development through Northland Inc (a Council Controlled Organisation) and remain committed to funding projects that will increase jobs in Northland, boost the average weekly household income of Northlanders and raise the GDP of Northland.

Eligible projects will be funded from the Investment and Growth Reserve (established under our Annual Plan 2011/12 and funded from our investment income). Applications for funding are administered by Northland Inc, a council-controlled organisation.

In a proposed change from previous LTP forecasts, we also intend to transfer a smaller amount – now \$1.7M plus interest – into our Investment and Growth Reserve during the 2014/15 year.

This will help keep costs to ratepayers down, but we're confident the fund will still be sufficient for the types of economic development projects likely to be submitted to it. (It will already contain about \$4.5M at the start of the 2014/15 year.)

We've also changed the criteria to provide for a wider range of projects to be funded. The criteria are available on council's website www.nrc.govt.nz/economicdevelopment and people are encouraged to approach Northland Inc if they have projects they think match these criteria.

As a core economic activity, we're also proposing to fund \$100,000 of regional promotion (through Northland Inc) from the reserve, instead of rating for it as we've done for the past two years.

KEY QUESTION – HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you support using an additional \$1M of our investment income to keep rates low and deliver more core services?

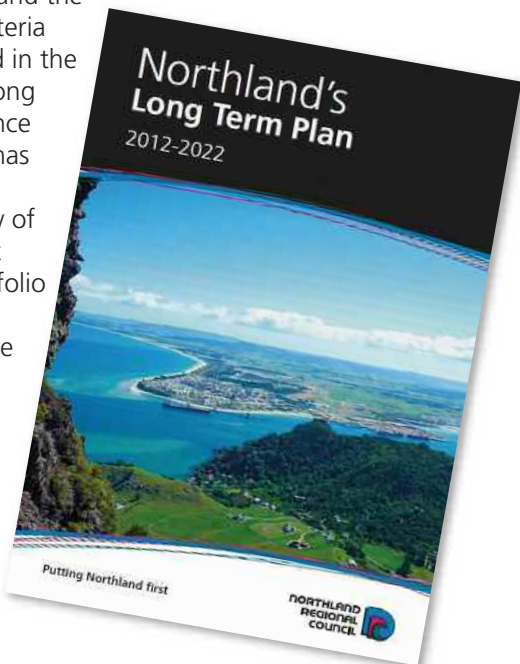
For more information, see the 'Economic development' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/economicdevelopment

Potential sale of council's leasehold investment properties

Council would like to know your views on its proposed decision to sell some of its leasehold properties on a discretionary, case-by-case basis.

Council has previously undertaken an independent review of its property portfolio to ensure these leasehold properties continue to represent the best use of ratepayer money. As a result of the review council decided to sell some of the longer term leases (21 year rent review period) on a discretionary, case-by-case basis provided certain criteria where met.

This decision and the associated criteria were included in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan. Since then council has undertaken further review of its investment property portfolio to determine which of those 21 year rent review period leasehold properties were potentially suitable for sale.



Council now wishes to have the flexibility to manage its entire property portfolio on a more commercial basis and ensure that future decisions on whether it should sell a property are not linked to the period of rent review contained in the leasehold agreement. It therefore proposes it should have the discretion to sell any of its leasehold investment properties on a case-by-case basis subject to the following criteria:

- Any sale would always be at or above market value.
- A potential sale demonstrates clear economic development benefits including:
 - The intention to expand the business or upgrade current buildings or infrastructure
 - Job creation
 - Other business development opportunities that would not otherwise be available if the land was leasehold
 - Providing an advantage over the sale of other properties because of its strategic location for the matters listed above.

KEY QUESTION – HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you agree with the proposal to allow the council to sell some of the leasehold investment properties on a discretionary case-by-case basis? Do you think the criteria for the sale of the council's leasehold properties are correct?

For more information, see the 'Economic development' activities section of the full Draft Annual Plan or visit www.nrc.govt.nz/economicdevelopment

Proposed amendments to Charging Policy

We impose fees and charges for some of our services. Fees and charges are applied in accordance with the council's Charging Policy.

The council is proposing to increase its fees and charges across most activity areas by approximately 2.4% to reflect inflation-related cost increases.

This includes things like our staff charge-out rates, consent application fees and fees for moorings and marine structures (for example, jetties and boat ramps).

The Resource Management Act 1991 and the Aquaculture Reform (Repeals and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004 authorise the regional council to fix resource consent charges relating to the council's functions and responsibilities under the Act.

Costs are also recoverable under the Building Act 2004, Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002 and Property Law Act 2007 and under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Costs may also be recovered under the authority of the council's Navigational Safety Bylaws.

For more information about proposed amendments, see the 'Charging Policy' section of the full Draft Annual Plan.

Proposed amendments to Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw charges 2014

Proposed Amendments included in the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 are:

We are proposing to adjust the user fees and charges for navigation, water transport and maritime safety that are affected by price level changes by 2.4%. In addition to this change, council proposes to change:

Section 3(b)(3)(b) and (c) – to clarify the existing fee for the situation where 10 to 24 swing and/or pile moorings are owned by one person or organisation and ensures (b) and (c) apply a consistent threshold

Section 3(b) 5 – to remove the reference to private accommodation and replace it with the phrase “non-commercial structures”

Section 3(b) 13(a) & (b) – to include charges for applications to modify mooring licence conditions and owner benefit inspections. Actual officer time will be charged in accordance with the council’s charging policy

Section 7(c) – to remove references to vessels from 100 to 500 GT as these are not typically piloted by council. Consequently 7(c)(iii) becomes section 7(c)(ii)

Section 9 – to provide for full cost recovery.

This is a bylaw change so we’re legally required to specifically consult you about it.

For more information about proposed amendments, see the ‘Proposed amendments to the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw charges 2014’ section of the full Draft Annual Plan.

KEY QUESTION – HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you support the proposed changes to the Charging Policy and bylaw?

No extra funding for public requests

In line with our strategy for keeping expenditure to a minimum, we are not proposing to allocate funds towards any new public requests for funding in the coming year.

Our activities

Over the coming year we aim to continue with the activities set out in our Long Term Plan 2012-2022. This section provides a snapshot of those activities.

Resource management

This area of work includes resource management planning, consents and monitoring, biosecurity, land management and biodiversity. Four of our key projects in this area are:

- Legally required 10-yearly reviews of our regional plans (the Regional Air Quality Plan, the Regional Water and Soil Plan and the Regional Coastal Plan) to ensure these are as relevant as possible in today’s climate and for the foreseeable future;
- Waioara Northland Water – a broad programme for improving freshwater quality, quantity and management in the region; and

- New Regional Policy Statement – working through the final stages of its development (decisions, and appeals) and beginning its implementation.
- Northland Regional Pest Management Strategies (RPMS) – we plan to consult key stakeholders and the wider regional community on potential changes to our Regional Pest Management Strategies 2010-2015 to develop our RPMS 2015-2020 (and associated funding) in time for the next council Long Term Plan.

For more information, see the ‘Resource management’ activities section in the Draft Annual Plan.





Economic development

This area of work includes economic development and the rating for the rescue helicopter, the Northland Events Centre and the Marsden Point Rail Link Joint Venture.

We also plan to invest in economic development projects that are eligible for funding from our Investment and Growth Reserve through Northland Inc (a Council Controlled Organisation). Northland Inc will administer applications for funding from the reserve, and we've also changed the criteria to provide for a wider range of projects.

Council also plans to continue directly supporting economic development by:

- Embedding economic well-being into its key planning documents;
- Implementing internal improvement processes to build a business friendly environment that encourages business and employment opportunities;
- Collating and producing a quarterly "State of the Economy" report tracking regional economic performance and trends; and

For more information, see the 'Economic development' activities section in the Draft Annual Plan.

River management

This area of work covers flood protection and control works, with a specific focus on the 26 priority rivers that have been identified around Northland. Key work planned for the coming year includes:

- Construction of a detention dam in Whāngārei;
- Preparations for stage 2 of the Kaeo flood scheme works, currently scheduled for 2015/16;
- Ongoing maintenance for the Kaihū River channel;
- Detailed scoping for proposed flood protection works in the Kerikeri-Waipapa Rivers and Awanui River; and
- Minor works on several rivers around Northland.

For more information, see the 'River management' activities section in the Draft Annual Plan.

Hazard management

This area of our work includes civil defence emergency management, natural hazard management and oil pollution response. Our key projects include:

- Implementing, monitoring and reporting on the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan for Northland;
- Reviewing the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan for Northland in preparation for the next plan; and
- Preparing and adopting a new plan in 2014, in accordance with the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act.

For more information, see the 'Hazard management' activities section in the Draft Annual Plan.

Transport

Our key projects in the transport areas are:

- Regional transport management – strategic planning for the future transport needs of the region and active involvement in regional road safety issues;
- Passenger transport administration – administering urban bus services in Whāngārei and Kaitiāia and investigating their viability in other areas, and administering the Total Mobility scheme; and
- Harbour safety and navigation – promoting the safety of people and vessels using the harbours and coastal areas of Northland, providing and maintaining navigational aids, and undertaking education and enforcement activities.

For more information, see the 'Transport activities' section in the Draft Annual Plan.



Community representation and engagement

As our DAP was being prepared the LGC was in the process of hearing public submissions on its 'Draft Proposal for Reorganisation of Local Government in Northland'. Whether or not the commission's proposal will proceed in its current form is unknown at this stage, and council will examine whether a specific budget for communication (included in this plan) is needed (or is sufficient) as part of its deliberations on this DAP.

For more information, see the 'Community representation and engagement' section in the Draft Annual Plan.

Money matters

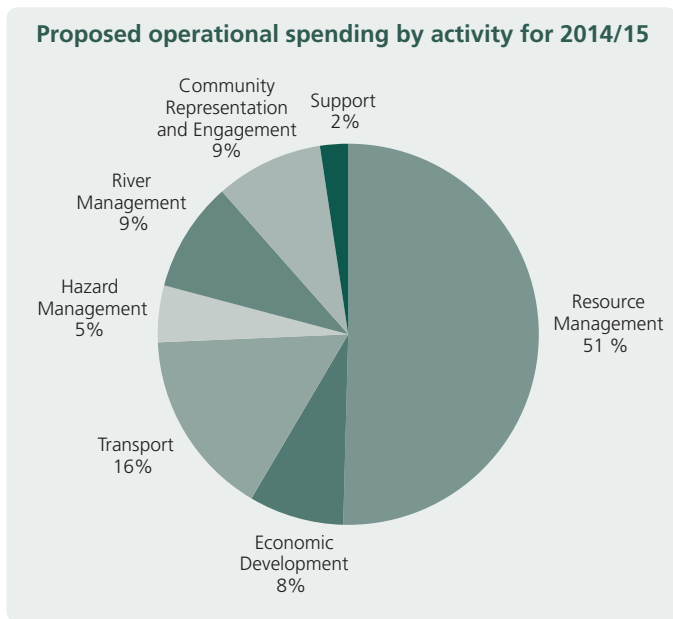
Operational spending

We are forecasting total operational spending of \$29.4 million during 2014/15.

Operational spending provides for the council’s day-to-day operations and services; things like working with the community to care for Northland’s environment – air, land, water and coast. The prospective statement of comprehensive revenue and expense shows our budgeted operating revenue and expenditure.

Prospective Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	Annual Plan 2013/14 \$	LTP Year 3 2014/15 \$	Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 \$	Variance to LTP \$
Total Revenue	30,777,015	32,771,870	32,227,977	(543,893)
Total Operating Expenditure	27,565,732	28,365,982	29,357,143	(991,161)
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3,211,283	4,405,888	2,870,834	(1,535,054)
Gain/(Loss) on Infrastructure Asset Revaluation	742,795	–	–	–
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(2,900,901)	(4,024,937)	(2,389,959)	1,634,978
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR	1,053,177	380,951	480,875	99,924

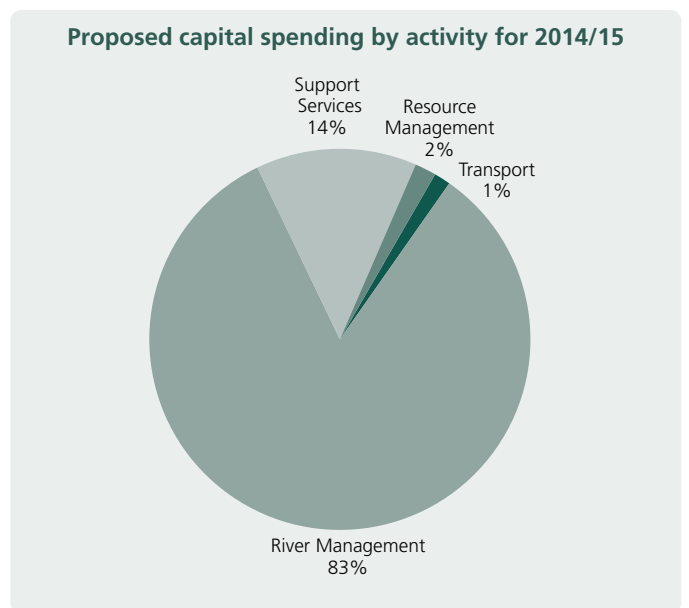
The graph (below) shows our activity groups and what proportion of our total operating expenditure they will account for in the coming year.



Capital spending

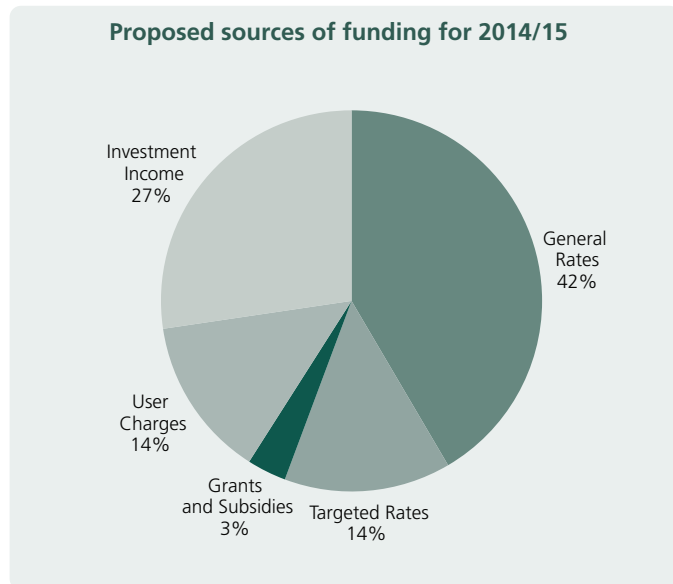
Our proposed capital spending for 2014/15 is \$6.9 million. A detention dam designed to reduce the impacts of flooding in urban Whāngārei will account for \$3.3 million and Kerikeri-Waipapa River works \$2.13 million of this. The remainder is made up of equipment replacement, information technology, and vehicle replacements.

The graph (opposite) shows our activity groups and what proportion of our total capital expenditure they will account for in the coming year.



Where will the money come from?

Our expenses are funded through rates, fees and charges, grants and subsidies and other income. The graph (below) shows what proportion each of these sources contributes to our total funding for the next 12 months.



Rates

Keeping rates as low as possible – but without compromising the services we deliver – has again been a key focus of our Draft Annual Plan.

Our Long Term Plan 2012-22 had indicated an average general rates rise of 7.22 percent in 2014/15 but we're very happy to advise that we're now able to forecast a nil average general rates rise. We've achieved this through a combination of careful cost management and better-than-expected returns on some investments.

Targeted rates – like those collected for river management schemes and urban bus services – will also remain largely unchanged under this Draft Annual Plan. However, while it won't change in the 2014/15 year, the Whangarei Urban Rivers Management Rate, being collected to build a detention dam designed to better protect central Whāngārei from flooding, is likely to increase in future.

The table (below) identifies what your rates will be if your property has a land value of \$225,000. It doesn't include river management rates or the Kaitiāia Transport Rate, which are levied on specific areas.

When our last LTP was adopted two years ago, the Kotuku dam was expected to cost almost \$7M. Costs have been revised to \$8.5M to cover greater than anticipated costs in the completion of a detailed dam design, costs to relocate gas/power/fibre services and land acquisitions. We'll consult the public about increasing the rate for this project as costs become more certain, probably in time for the adoption of the next Long Term Plan for 2015-2025.

In another proposed changes from previous LTP forecasts, we intend to transfer a smaller amount – now \$1.7M plus interest – into our Investment and Growth Reserve during the 2014/15 year.

Again this helps keeps costs to ratepayers down, but we're confident the fund – which will already sit at about \$4.5M at the start of the 2014/15 year – will still be sufficient for the types of economic development projects likely to be submitted to it. (We're also proposing to fund \$100,000 of regional promotion from the reserve, instead of your rates, as a core economic activity.)

The final rates levels adopted by the council for the next 12 months will depend on public submissions made during the current consultation period on our Draft Annual Plan.

What level of rates can you expect to pay?

Targeted general rates are made up of two rates; the Council Services Rate and the Land Management Rate. Targeted general rates are paid on all rateable properties in Northland.

Other targeted rates include river flood management rates in several areas, the Regional Recreational Facilities Rate, the Regional Infrastructure Rate, the Whāngārei Transport Rate (Whāngārei), the Kaitiāia Transport Rate (Far North) and the Rescue Helicopter Service Rate.

Note that the Land Management Rate and Regional Infrastructure Rate are set as a rate in the dollar per dollar of land value. The rate in the dollar is different for each district as the rates are equalised using data provided by Quotable Value to effectively align the three districts' values dates. If the valuation dates were aligned, the Land Management Rate and Regional Infrastructure Rate would be set as the same rate in the dollar across all three districts.

Proposed 2014/15 Financial Year Rates

(assuming Land Value is \$225,000)

	Far North (per SUIP) \$ Incl GST	Kaipara (per RU) \$ Incl GST	Whāngārei (per SUIP) \$ Incl GST
Targeted Council Services Rate	89.08	112.08	107.28
Targeted Land Management Rate	75.49	73.85	75.62
Regional Recreational Facilities Rate	5.75	5.75	28.75
Regional Infrastructure Rate	8.15	8.06	8.12
Rescue Helicopter Services Rate	8.10	8.10	8.10
Transport Rate (Whāngārei District)	–	–	12.58
TOTAL (including GST)	\$186.57	\$207.84	\$240.45

Have your say

Consultation on the Draft Annual Plan is open for just over a month, from Monday 31 March to Thursday 1 May 2014. This is your chance to have your say on the council's budget and activities for 2014/15, so get involved and tell us what you think.

During the submission period, council staff will be available to talk you and interested community groups and stakeholders about the proposals in this plan. To arrange a meeting please call us on 09 470 1200 or 0800 002 004 or email us at mailroom@nrc.govt.nz

After consultation closes you will have the opportunity to present your views in person at the council hearings (we will notify submitters of dates and times). The councillors will have read your submission, so this is a chance to highlight your key points and provide any clarification required by the councillors. Your submission will be printed and made publicly available.

How to make a submission

Submissions close at 3.00pm on Thursday 1 May 2014.

You can:

- Fill in a form online at www.nrc.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- Email us at mailroom@nrc.govt.nz
- Write to us and post it to: Northland Regional Council, Annual Plan Submission, Freepost 139690, Private Bag 9021, Whāngārei 0148
- Fill in the submission form (opposite) and post or scan/email it to us
- Visit us at our regional offices or phone us (09 470 1200 or 0800 002 004) and we will record your submission for you.

Submissions received after 3.00pm are considered "late submissions" in line with our Late Submissions Policy.

This is available at www.nrc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

What is a submission?

A submission is a letter, fax, email or any other form of written communication, which outlines your opinion on a particular matter in the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15. Please use the submission form (opposite).

Where to find more information

Full Draft Annual Plan

- On our website at www.nrc.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- At your local library
- At our regional offices in Whāngārei, Dargaville, Kaitiāia and Ōpua
- Phone us on 09 470 1200 or 0800 002 004 for a copy to be sent to you.

Long Term Plan 2012-2022

- On our website at www.nrc.govt.nz/ltp
- At your local library or a regional council office
- Phone us on 09 470 1200 or 0800 002 004 for a copy to be sent to you.

If you have any questions about the Draft Annual Plan and the submission process, please contact the regional council on 09 470 1200 or 0800 002 004.

Key consultation dates

31 March 2014	Public consultation begins.
1 May 2014	Public consultation ends – submission period closes.
5 May 2014	Letters advising hearing appointments sent out.
13-14 May 2014	Submission hearings tentatively scheduled for this week.
30 May 2014	Council meeting to make decisions.
17 June 2014	Council meeting to adopt final Annual Plan and set rates for 2014/15.

Submission form

Draft Annual Plan 2014/15



Submitter details (please print clearly)

Dr	Mr	Mrs	Ms	Miss	Other (please specify)
First name:			Surname:		
Organisation/group (if applicable):					
Postal address:					
			Post code:		
Email:				<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you prefer to be contacted by email	
Business hours telephone:			After hours telephone:		

Please write your comments in the space provided and forward your submission to:

Draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Submission
 Northland Regional Council
 Freepost 139690
 Private Bag 9021, Whāngārei Mail Centre
 Whāngārei 0148

You can also make your submission online via:
www.nrc.govt.nz/haveyoursay
 Fax: 09 470 1202
 e-mail: mailroom@nrc.govt.nz

Submissions should reach the council by 3.00pm, Thursday 1 May 2014

Submissions received after 3.00pm are considered "late submissions" and are considered as per the council's Late Submissions Policy.

Please Do you wish to present your comments to the council in person at a hearing?

It is anticipated the hearing of submissions will be held 13-14 May 2014.

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Your submission to the Draft Annual Plan 2014/15

I support / oppose:

Because:

There is space on the next page for more comments – you can also attach more pages if necessary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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