

Submission to Draft 10 Year Plan
Hamilton City Council

Kiaora,

1.0 My submission is as follows:

1.1 I request that the HCC IMMEDIATELY cease increasing the City Debt & paying off all debt within the next 5 years (see below 1.2a to b & 1.4) or less.

1.2 I request that the HCC focus on cutting costs. Three examples of that are:

a. any or all present interest bearing debt be refinanced with interest free money from the RESERVE BANK OF NZ (RBNZ). See documentation (viewable here: <http://bit.ly/1P15tO7>) submitted on 8 May 2015 by the Hamilton Residents & Ratepayers Association (HRRRA) to Deputy Mayor Gordon Chesterman, Councillor Rob Pascoe and CEO Richard Briggs.

b. Halve the Management staff & let the spin doctors go.

1.3 I request that the HCC focus on reducing rates.

1.4 I request that the HCC utilise Part 6 of the Public Finance Act 1989 (copy viewable here: <http://bit.ly/1H5yOSP> & given to the above persons) on council borrowings from our own central bank the RBNZ with interest set at 0% nominal rate instead of the higher Local Govt. NZ rate(s). I support the HRRRA commentary as stated in x1.0 to x1.4 below.

2. I request that the HCC CEASE & PERMANENTLY BAN the use of MONSANTO'S ROUNDUP POISON (GLYPHOSPHATE). I support the HRRRA commentary as stated in x2.0 to x2.7 below.

3. I request that the HCC CEASE & PERMANENTLY BAN the use of 1080 POISON. I support the HRRRA commentary as stated in x3.0 to x3.2 below.

4. I request that the HCC CEASE, REVERSE, REMOVE & PERMANENTLY BAN the:

a. DEVIOUS IMPLEMENTATION of WATER METERS

b. SECRETIVE AGENDA to PRIVITISE the water & it's associated infra structure. I support the HRRRA commentary as stated in x4.0 to x4.0 below.

5. I request that the HCC CEASE & PERMANENTLY BAN the MASS MEDICATION by COERCIVE means of adding Hydrofluorosilicic Acid into the drinking water OR provide UNfluoridated water supply(ies) as well as FILTERING the CHLORINE therefrom. I support the HRRRA commentary as stated in x5.0 to x5.2 below.

6. I request that the HCC support the HRRRA's position to:

a. retain pensioner housing.

b. that all projects that are not CORE activities be deferred.

7. I request that the HCC consider establishing a committee in conjunction with the community groups etc (eg) HRRRA to look at:

a. financially healthier methods of funding the City's needs &;

b. PERMANENTLY ABOLISHING ALL RATES or LAND TAXES in their ENTIRETY!

8. Municipal Pools. I support the HRRRA commentary as follows:

"We are supportive of the Sink or Swim group wishing to retain and revamp our historical pools. It appears they have a strong group dedicated with expertise, time, passion and with correct support of funding (points 1 & 2 above) and fundraising themselves will achieve their goal of an outdoor pool. It is unique, needed and wanted by many groups in the central city including local schools, athletes who need conditions outdoors for long distance and triathalon events. The cheaper option is preferable and we are told it does not have to be done all at once. Defer the new pools for the other parts of the city".

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Our Deflationary Economy.

x1.0 Why would a council want to borrow more money when last week it was made known that New Zealand is in a deflationary position? After 10 years Japan is STILL not out of deflation. Council have had predictions that our city must increase its borrowing due to growth of our population but we want the concrete evidence to support and quantify this argument. The English Geographer who is charting the world wide decline in populations is Dr. Peter Matanle. The NZ birthrate has been below replacement level since the 1970s and by 2014 was half of what it was in 1960. If we are to receive newcomers from Auckland due to the housing "bubble" and its high prices then surely this Council must make submissions to Central Government to address this problem causing this exodus? In any case, developers of new subdivisions should be shouldering the majority of costs and not ratepayers. Members would like to know what the debt cap is presently and are you staying close to budget and what are we paying in interest for city debt? Could we please have a monthly report of the city's interest bill?

x1.1 We wonder if Hamilton City Council has a conversation with other councils in your area on their rates rises? Who in your council considers how a ratepayer is to cope with escalating rates rises having to pay 2 councils where there is no extra income for people to give? People are finding it more impossible to make ends meet and many including the elderly and families are becoming more disadvantaged. Is this the New Zealand we want? This council needs to realise that PEOPLE MATTER MOST and in times of financial hardship we don't NEED to always be having nice things all of the time! Rates as per current 10 Year Plan are set to increase by 50% and our Association will not be surprised to see an exodus of people moving away from Hamilton. With the behaviour of this current council refusing to consider their own consultation process and the outcome of public opinion people are becoming disenfranchised and angry because council are going against common sense and community. The majority of people said 3 years ago no to rates being based on capital value and no this time yet it was changed. Pensioner housing; the majority said no sale. Council ignored community and now you have some 300 elderly people very worried about their future. I hear rents are to rise by 11% - where are these people on fixed incomes going to find more and where will they go if they cannot afford to stay? You have created a problem when there was none. When a city cannot look after the very people who built it by paying their fair share of rates and taxes we are seen to be a poor and sad society indeed. SHAME on this council.

x1.2 With the substantial reliance on the dairy income in this region we think with the drastic downturn in the income for dairy farmers this will negatively effect their ability to actually retain their homes and farms and meet rates and tax bills. This in turn will negatively effect the rest of the regional communities to retain their homes and business'. Where will ownership of our lands then go to? You have to ask the bigger question of Central Govt as a council as to whom we are indebted to? The NZ debt clock as of 5 May 2015 is \$86b with govt borrowing between \$30 - \$60 million daily to keep us afloat. I am going to place with you 2 very important documents regarding funding of local governments.

a. copy of Public Finance Act 1989. See link in 1.4 above

b. copy of Democrats for Social Credit Submission to Local Govt. Funding Review Committee. See link in 1.2a above.

x1.3 Now is the time to drastically prune your costs. Rates ought to be cut - not increased in our current deflationary economic environment. We are all going to be in for a rough ride and our living standards are likely to tumble. Cut out the consultants - rely more on your qualified staff!

x1.4 Many of us have submitted in recent years to Council that it should dismantle itself from the United Nations Agenda 21 Sustainable Development as this is an agenda, by stealth, to enable the erosion of property rights and personal freedoms. It's an agenda that documents and controls all life on the planet. So it appears you did not listen and obviously did not research anything people said and we still have your planners full steam ahead on their traffic calming concrete jungles, roundabouts in place, trees (known to grow large) planted in the middle of roads, ridiculous speed restrictions making everything a traffic hazard and parking spaces on the decrease everyweek!! Try and drive easily on a rainy dark night- it turns into a nightmare! Last years monster District Plan must of won a prize from the United Nations surely?! This plan including Waikato Regional Council's Spatial Plan - straight from Agenda 21 to make us ripe for corporate takeover of New Zealand. Where does this detailed information go - to the overseas corporations who want to rape this country of ours of all its oil & mineral wealth? Another piece in this puzzle has to do with our email to Alan Sanson head of your Mayoral Forum last year in an attempt to address the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) problem. It appears that he and possibly the other members in this club (and we must ask is this forum legal?) do not think it is a local government issue!?! Of course it is! Why - because these corporations can bring in their overseas workers in to replace New Zealanders' jobs which includes council contract(ors) and so on. Our government is having secret talks with 600 overseas corporations and 11 other pacific nations including Australia and USA. It gives the rights to these corporations to do business, mine, frack, whatever they see fit to do and should we or the government object they are able to SUE our government for billions as we are seen to be impeding their rights to "profit". Australia is presently being sued for billions by the Philip Morris Tobacco corporation over their policy of plain packaging of cigarettes. New Zealand's asset last count was worth \$49b. We are as a nation hopelessly being lead into the largest debt we have ever seen - hence you have the responsibility for being fiscally prudent and using the knowledge in the 2 documents above for borrowings for infrastructure the CITY NEEDS!!

Monsanto's Round Up Poison (Glyphosphate):

x2.0 Glyphosate is used in the streets and parks of Hamilton and the Waikato to control grass and weeds, but was classified as "probably carcinogenic to humans" in April 2015 by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an arm of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

x2.1 Over the last few months we have had world renowned health professionals with 2 speaking tours visit. They were Dr Vandana Shiva (India), Professor Gilles-Eric Seralini, Dr Don Huber (USA), paediatrician Dr Michelle Perro (USA) and Dr Michael Antoniou (England). Their dire message was that if we continue to eat GMO food and spray our crops, lands, and waterways with Roundup/glyphosate we will have 1 out of 2 children with autism. There are less toxic methods available - high pressure steam, salt vinegar and water with detergent as a solution and so on.

x2.2 Glyphosate was first patented by Monsanto in the US as an antibiotic in 2002; it kills beneficial bacteria in the human gut and in soil. Because it is an antibiotic it kills beneficial microbes and bacteria like rhizobia, the bacterium that fixes nitrogen in the soil. Invasive weeds have been shown to become glyphosate resistant also due to its antibiotic properties. This is being sprayed in our public spaces and over time we will see more weeds and compromised soil. Use of glyphosate is not sustainable and its application should be stopped now.

x2.3 Glyphosate was developed under the erroneous belief that the enzyme it inhibits in plants, which is essential for the biosynthesis of certain amino acids, is not found in animals and humans. That is untrue. Absorption of nutrients in animals and humans is via the gut microbiome; the collective genome of organisms inhabiting our body that has an identical enzyme system to plants. Since 80% of the human immune cells reside in the gut, use of glyphosate by the Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council and other corporations and agencies, is contributing to the rise in auto immune disorders: eczema, asthma and allergies, especially in young children whose immune systems are not fully developed yet. Celiac disease and wheat intolerance and their associated negative effect on fertility have also been attributed to the use of glyphosate because of the damage that subsequently occurs in the gut.

x2.4 Defenders of glyphosate say it is biologically degraded over time by soil microorganisms into materials that are naturally occurring, including carbon dioxide and phosphate. But in 2013, Friends of the Earth Europe commissioned an independent laboratory in Germany to test urine samples from people in 18 countries for glyphosate. The results showed traces of the chemical in 44% of samples on average. Mom's across America have recently published results showing glyphosate in human breast milk and here in NZ it has been found in cows milk. It is also found in our water.

x2.5 Several European countries, including Holland, Denmark and Sweden, have banned or restricted the use of glyphosate herbicides by local authorities, because of alleged links with a variety of health problems – not just cancer – ranging from birth defects and kidney failure to celiac disease, colitis and autism. The totality of the evidence has been enough to convince some cities, including Chicago and Paris, to make their public spaces glyphosate-free. The City of Vancouver has gone a step further, banning the public and private use of herbicides including glyphosate, aside from the treatment of invasive weeds.

x2.6 Another study, in Argentina, suggests a correlation between glyphosate use and the decline in activity in honeybee colonies. And in New York, an environmental group is suing the Environmental Protection Agency for ignoring the dangers of glyphosate which, it claims, has resulted in the demise of the monarch butterfly population.

x2.7 Here in NZ, we ask that this Council take a precautionary approach, please do not wait for Round up to be banned in the US before we cease using it here.. Our health, our soil's health and our babies health depend on it. Ban Round up and glyphosate now.

1080 Poison

x3.0 This next paragraph was previously submitted to the Waikato Regional Council & is relevant to an issue about the cumulative effects of 1080 fluoride poison and the hydrofluorosilicic acid that Hamilton City Council discharges into our waterways. Who is responsible for monitoring these poisoning effects to all life including the citizens living in our area?

x3.1 Excerpt as follows:-

..... we support the councillors who wish to cease the use of aerially dropped 1080 poison onto our lands and waterways in favour of hunting and trapping possums. We see this practice as an inhumane way to die for all living things that come into contact with this poison.

x3.2 Our members are most concerned at the toxic health effects that 1080 poison has on the land and our waterways and especially when it can be absorbed by plants and animal products we consume and the water we drink. It has come to our notice that the health authorities are using a flawed method of testing for 1080 using parts per billion instead of parts per "trillion" (ppt) where the human hormonal systems operate at ppt. and thus the excuse used that it has not been found in natural or public water supplies. Since Hamilton City Council is also dosing the drinking water supply with hydrofluorosilicic acid another fluoride poison as with 1080, who within the HCC is testing for the cumulative effects of environment (soil and water) and all life? As the old saying goes "If in doubt, throw it out" - it is time for aerial 1080 poison to be stopped.

Water Meters & Privitisation:

x4.0 Council says this is not in the 10 Year Plan. We know that the "provision" has been made for the Smart meter network where new subdivisions are made or renewals in existing residential areas by stealth. We are not impressed. We do have drought for a short period of time in summer but conditioning our citizens that we are running out and all the water is "allocated" is false information - the UNITED NATIONS AGENDA 21 in action again eluding to scarcity! Do you ever think you will see the Waikato River as a dried up creek? Incidentally in our considered opinion the Smart meter network will become a failure. Saskatchewan Province in Canada has had its authorities order that 300,000 smart meters be removed from houses as they were not willing to put their residents at risk of fire. Stockton in California recently had 5800 smart meters explode on their residents' houses due to a vehicle crashing into a power pole. People are now becoming sick with the electromagnetic effects and there are cyber security issues with them.

Hydrofluorosilic Acid:

x5.0 An important message from Mary Byrne, co-ordinator of Fluoride Free NZ is that in recent weeks US Department of Health and Human Services has dropped the maximum level to 0.7ppm for fluoridated public drinking water supplies. New Zealand's maximum levels are still higher and between 0.7ppm to 1.0ppm. What will Hamilton City Council do about the levels it COERCIVELY medicates

its population with? Since Hamilton's Fluoride Tribunals in 2013 & 2014, more studies have been published with data showing that its causing more harm. There is a huge body of evidence of harm by Irish Environmental Scientist Declan Waugh soon to be published. I have seen some of his work and note that Irish studies of their population where half are mandatorily fluoridated show a correlation to harm similar to NZ's fluoridated communities. As an example asthma rates in people are higher in fluoridated areas than in non-fluoridated areas. Waugh's evidence I/we believe was used to end mandatory fluoridation in Israel recently.

x5.1 So to me/us this lowering of the maximum level is in recognition that populations are being overdosed because no-one can measure an individual's total dietary and bodily intake of fluoride.

x5.2 So if fluoridation is not ceased the 11,000 odd people who voted for no fluoride and those that had no say (babies, children under 18 and the disabled) will need council to seriously consider a number of sources free of fluoride to cater for ethical and/or medical needs of this sector of the community. Councils' such as Waikato District Council have generously provided 2 filling stations for less than 4000 residents with similar dotted around the country. Hamilton has a population of 218,000 with no unfluoridated source for it's citizens and many stretch their budget to buy in or travel to the Kaimai's to fill up with clean water.