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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 389131 - [REDACTED] - proposed rates increase - water infrastructure  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

1. *What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year?*
  - a. *What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure?*
  - b. *What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure?*
2. *What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure?*
3. *How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure?*
  - a. *What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years?*

**Our response:**

1. **What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year?**  
19.9%
  - a. **What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure?**  
3.6%
  - b. **What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure?**  
0.4% (Defined servicing debt as the additional cost of interest payments AP23-24 vs LTP 24-25. Excludes any principal debt repayments)
2. **What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure?**  
35%
3. **How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure?**  
Forecast 30 June 2024: \$392 million
  - a. **What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years?**  
\$543 million interest costs (includes current and any additional debt incurred over the 10 years)  
(Defined as interest costs, excludes any principal debt repayments)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:47 PM

**Subject:** LGOIMA Request

To whom it may concern,

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I request the following information:

1. What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year?
  - a. What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure?
  - b. What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure?
2. What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure?
3. How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure?
  - a. What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years?

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

| **Researcher**

**Labour Leader's Office**

Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

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