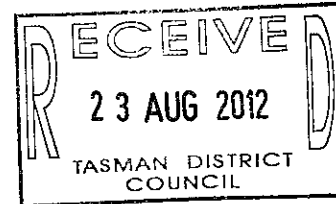


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Dear Lindsay

**LONG TERM PLAN 2012-22 SUBMISSIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS**

Thank you for the submission from Tasman District Council to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-22. Throughout the meetings to consider submissions Councillors discussed the issues raised and the ongoing relationship with Tasman District Council as a key regional partner.

In response to the presentation of the Tasman District Council submission by Mayor Kempthorne, the Long Term Plan reflects Council's support in principle for the Lee Valley Dam project, and Council would like to continue discussions with Tasman District Council and the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee regarding this significant regional project.

Council also discussed the governance, management and funding of a number of facilities that provide a regional benefit, and would welcome the opportunity to explore this with Tasman District Council. These include the Nelson School of Music, Theatre Royal, Nelson Provincial Museum and associated storage facilities, the Suter Gallery and the Trafalgar Centre.

The governance, funding and management of sports and leisure facilities is also a matter Council would like to take forward with Tasman District Council. This includes management of ASB Aquatic Centre, and development of Saxton Field.

Council also made the decision to reduce the allocation of funding for Bells Island Pipeline, which will need to be taken forward through the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit. The governance of the NRSBU is also an issue raised by Council which will need discussion with colleagues at Tasman District Council.

The Council would also like to explore the feasibility of a shared Holding Company with Tasman District Council, as this was a subject raised through many submissions, and a concept that Council has been discussing for some time.



Council is committed to working closely with Tasman District Council on regional issues and the discussions our mayors have begun around a joint committee of Councillors to advance this work is a positive step.

Copies of our Long Term Plan have been sent to Mark Tregurtha.

Yours sincerely

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