
Get your 2025/2026 Upper Hutt and Regional Rates

For **Wellington Regional Council Rates**, go to this site and enter your homes Valuation. (CV/RV), it will give you your Wellington Regional Council rates.



<https://rates.gw.govt.nz/>

For your **Upper Hutt Rates**, go to this site and enter your address which will give you your estimated rates for Upper Hutt.



<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2b22ea71f5dc4628a775ecb0d8aac17b/>

How a QR Code Works

A QR Code is a strange looking square like this. It is a way to be able to get to websites which can be hard to type in.



You need to have a smartphone with QR Code ability through camera app or Downloaded App. You can install a QR Code app from Play Store (Android) or App Store (Apple).

- Go to your Play Store  App Store 
- Search for QR Code Scanner
- Select one of the free apps and install it.
- Once installed, run the app and point your camera at the QR Code until it scans it.
- The app will either prompt you to open the link or take you straight to the link.
- The link will take you directly to the website/video etc.

To use the QR Code through the camera

- Open your camera or QR Code App and point it at the QR Code.
- Your camera should show a link. Yellow in the picture below.
- You click the link, and it will take you directly to the website/video etc.



Council Annual Plan and Water Consultation



Annual Plan



Local Water

Annual Plan 2025/2026 Relevant Pages

- Page 47 - Revenue and Financing
- Page 80 - Gambling Venues Policy Review
- Page 149 - Alcohol Licencing Subsidies.
- Page 186 - Fees and Charges
- Page 270 - Kerbside Recycling



Supporting Info

Rates Myths

- Having more properties means lower rates.

Developments, more houses on one section.

Rates are basically a piece of the pie.

The council sets a budget it needs to run the services it has.

Then from that budget it splits the amount required by the property's valuations.

So each rateable property pays its share of the pie.

- Our CV's lowering will mean we will have lower rates.

Our CV's lowering means that the dividing up of the pie (Council budget required) is a different portion. Depending on the valuations your piece of the pie may slightly alter up or down, but all in all the pie of the rates pie will be the same.

Alcohol Licencing Subsidies.



Here is a link to the current costs and subsidies for Liquor Licences.



Link to the proposal for Licencing Fees

The liquor licencing allows for UHCC currently provides a subsidy for liquor premises. The council are asking us if the establishment should pay more of that licence or if the council should continue to subsidise at the levels it is now.

Do you agree with this or should there be some sort of discounting system for those clubs/bars etc who have good bar management? A bit like no claim's bonuses on our insurance?

Local Water Done Well Options

Upper Hutt Council are providing 2 options for our water,

(Option 1 - is the direction which Government wish regions to head towards)

1. A Council controlled organisation which will own and manage Water/Waste and Stormwater assets and services.
2. Existing Wellington Water with modifications to allow asset ownership and charge consumers for services.

(Option 2 - The status quo is a required option by the government legislation)

Overall, in essence these options are the same.

- The organisation would still be council controlled
- Both will own the water assets (Different than now)
- Both will charge consumers for water services.



Cr Chris Carson stating, at the 11th Dec 2024 council meeting, that the two Local Water options are effectively the same.

Roadside Recycling.

The Council have been given set up fees for Kerbside recycling which will expire.

Concerns and thoughts which have been raised in the public arena:

- Lower Hutt has seen diligent recyclers having their bins removed and letters sent to them due to “illegal material” being put in the bins. Often this just simply a person walking past and being lazy to use a bin for their use.
- On going cost of \$3 per week (Or more depending), or would you like a larger or multiple recycling centre/s which the council run, Mayor Guppy has stated that would be around \$500,000 per year more to maintain (About 50c per week on Rates). This could also be passed on in rents depending on the landlord.
- Concerns over rubbish/recycling being blown around on windy days.
- Concerns over large city-wide contracts are putting smaller businesses out of business and creating less competition, thus potential higher charges.
- Some have trouble getting to the recycling station as they do not have a vehicle so kerbside would be a benefit.
- Sometimes it is simply that the numbers on the recycling items are hard to read...or education and rules are too complicated. (Kerbside recycling will not include food waste/scraps)
- UHCC rubbish bags are being discontinued.
- Do you feel the recycling station, if it stays, have someone there to assist with recycling correctly?
- Uncertain if there is an ability to opt out of the Kerbside Recycling if it is implemented.

Fly Tipping (Illegal dumping of rubbish) is impacting our community and our environment. In just the last week there have been 4+ instances of fly tipping.

The current fine for fly tipping is \$100.. Do you think this is too low?

Why not have a conversation with a councillor about it and share your views on fly tipping and the fine imposed if caught.



Article : **Rising tide of illegal dumping along the Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt Riverside**

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/news/rising-tide-of-illegal-dumping-along-the-te-awa-kairangihutt-riverside/>

Gambling

Credit to the council on this one, the page in the Consultation booklet actually summarises this one quite well..

Gambling Venues Policy review

We are required to have and review the Gambling Venues Policy every three years.

The policy specifies how many Class 4 gambling venues (venues with pokies) can be established in the city, and where they can be located.

Key elements of the existing policy include a cap of 174 machines, which are limited to the Upper Hutt City Business Commercial Zones under the District Plan.

Venues can be relocated and there are restrictions on new venues near schools, childcare centres, Kōhanga Reo, community facilities, and existing gambling venues.

The proposed change is to remove community facilities as a limit on where new gambling venues can be located.

This means there will be fewer restrictions on where new venues can open.

For more information including the options, please see our statement of proposal in the supporting documents.

Option 1

Status quo with administrative changes.

The existing policy includes a cap of 174 machines, the ability to relocate licenses, and restrictions on new venues near schools, childcare centres, Kōhanga Reo, community facilities, and existing gambling venues. The administrative changes will align the zone names with the District Plan. This would remove the words 'Upper Hutt City Business Commercial Zone' and replace them with City Centre Zone, Local Centre Zone, Neighbourhood Centre Zone, and Town Zone.

Option 2

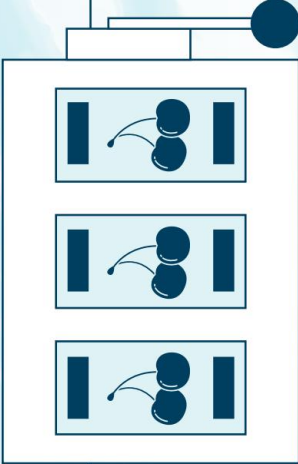
Council is proposing to remove the words 'or other community facility' from the existing policy. The same administrative changes would be made as Option One.

Option 3

Sinking Lid to allow no new machines or venues. This means venues or machines that are closed or removed cannot be replaced. Like Option One, administrative changes would be made.

Option 4

Reduce the cap from 174 to 156 pokie machines. Like Option One, administrative changes would be made.



We are seeking feedback on these options to ensure we make an informed decision.

Other Resources



Mayor/Councillors Contact Details

Elected members of our council who are there to serve our community. They should be able to help you navigate council process, weather operational or governance.



Fortnightly Community Hui

Heather Blissett runs a safe environment to discuss ideas and concerns in our community



Citizens Advice Bureau

Free Advice service for our community run by volunteers.



Upper Hutt Connection

Run by Ben Knowles – Basically an Online Upper Hutt Leader Newspaper



NZ Empowered Local Water Done Well

Website run by the community trying to put information in an understandable format.



Reporting a water leak to Council/Wellington Water

The form does not allow the addition of a video but if you send a video to council that is great for knowing how serious the leak is. Recommend no longer than 10 seconds.

If it is serious, call an elected councillor to help you through the process.



Videos and pictures can be helpful when reporting issues.

Here is how to send a video/picture you have taken via email.



UHCC Report Illegal Dumping of Rubbish.

Different areas have different responsibility for the rubbish dumping. For dumping along the Hutt River call Greater Wellington's environmental pollution hotline on **0800 496 734**



If you would like a printable copy of this document scan the link or head here www.nzempowered.com/info then click on **Printable Information Document April 2025**
