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Dear Mayor/Chair,

Improving information contributions to the National Infrastructure Pipeline

We are writing to request your council's continued input into the National Infrastructure Pipeline administered by the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission.

Last month, the Government welcomed the draft of the National Infrastructure Plan, which was produced by the Infrastructure Commission. The Plan is an important milestone that will help us improve the way we plan, fund, maintain and build our infrastructure.

A key evidence base informing the Plan is the National Infrastructure Pipeline, New Zealand's national dataset of infrastructure initiatives. We wrote to all councils last year requesting information contributions to the Pipeline about their activities to maintain, renew, and improve infrastructure. We have included a summary of councils' Pipeline submissions from the previous quarter below.

We strongly encourage you to make continued updates to and improvements in the quality and completeness of your submitted data. Pipeline information received by the end September 2025 (covering a 10-year view of infrastructure projects and maintenance programmes) is particularly important, because it will inform the final version of the National Infrastructure Plan.

Ongoing contributions to the Pipeline are essential to support decision-making across sectors, regions, and the construction market and it's important that your region's activity and needs are accurately represented. For example, data and insights from the Pipeline helped inform the Government's response to, and recovery planning for extreme weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle. As Government, we are especially keen to have full visibility of projects entering into procurement and construction to give industry better certainty about upcoming work.

We also encourage your council to submit on the draft National Infrastructure Plan, which provides a strategic overview and recommendations for New Zealand's infrastructure system settings and spending. The draft Plan has now been released for public consultation on the Infrastructure Commission's website here: <https://tewaihang.govt.nz/national-infrastructure-plan>.

Please forward this letter to any council-controlled or council-owned organisations with a role in planning and commissioning infrastructure, requesting that these organisations regularly contribute information to the Pipeline.

To discuss Pipeline information requirements, please email the Infrastructure Commission on pipeline@tewaihangā.govt.nz. More information on the Pipeline is also available on the Commission's website: <https://tewaihangā.govt.nz/the-pipeline>.

Yours Sincerely

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Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure

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Hon Simon Watts
Minister of Local Government

Council contributions to the National Infrastructure Pipeline

Councils continue working to improve the quality of their Pipeline submissions and include information on all anticipated infrastructure investment and activities. The following tables highlight the latest submission quarter that councils updated their initiatives in the Pipeline. The total value is recorded in millions of dollars based on information as at 30 June 2025 and includes committed and uncommitted initiatives. Total value for councils with three or less initiatives in the Pipeline is withheld. The tables split councils into groups of metro, provincial, rural, and regional councils. The red shading indicates councils that are yet to submit information on infrastructure initiatives they have underway and in planning to the Pipeline.

Table 1: Metro council Pipeline contributions

Organisation	Latest submission quarter	Total value of initiatives (\$M)	Notes and indications
Auckland Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 3,398	
Auckland Transport	30 Jun 2025	\$ 3,934	
Watercare	31 Dec 2023	\$ 11,098	Committed to update Sept 2025
Christchurch City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 4,018	
Dunedin City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 378	
Hamilton City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 3,316	
Hutt City Council†	30 Jun 2025	\$ 618	
Palmerston North City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 855	
Porirua City Council†	30 Jun 2025	\$ 296	
Queenstown Lakes District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 3,804	
Tauranga City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 2,706	
Upper Hutt City Council†	30 Jun 2025	\$ 2,463	
Wellington City Council†	30 Jun 2025	\$ 1,211	
Wellington Water	30 Jun 2025	\$ 657	
Whangarei District Council	31 Mar 2025	\$ 704	
Total		\$ 39,456	

† Wellington Water is joint owned by Hutt, Porirua, Upper Hutt and Wellington city councils, South Wairarapa District Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Table 2: Provincial council Pipeline contributions

Organisation	Latest submission quarter	Total value of initiatives (\$M)	Notes and indications
Ashburton District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 65	
Central Otago District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 101	
Far North District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 229	
Gisborne District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 494	
Hastings District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 463	
Horowhenua District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 49	
Invercargill City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 537	
Kaipara District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 167	
Kapiti Coast District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 232	
Manawatu District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 72	
Marlborough District Council	31 Mar 2025	\$ 360	
Masterton District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 319	
Matamata-Piako District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 342	
Napier City Council			Committed to submit in 2026
Nelson City Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 219	
New Plymouth District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 1,166	
Rotorua District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 604	
Selwyn District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 251	
South Taranaki District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 129	
South Waikato District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 245	
Southland District Council			
Tasman District Council	31 Dec 2024	\$ 717	
Taupo District Council			
Thames-Coromandel District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 603	
Timaru District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 63	
Waikato District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 165	
Waimakariri District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 378	
Waipa District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 177	
Waitaki District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 206	
Western Bay of Plenty District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 539	
Whakatane District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 340	
Whanganui District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 381	
Total		\$ 9,615	

Table 3: Rural council Pipeline contributions

Organisation	Latest submission quarter	Total value of initiatives (\$M)	Notes and indications
Butler District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 40	
Carterton District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 64	
Central Hawkes Bay District Council	31 Mar 2025	TBC	
Chatham Islands Council			
Clutha District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 234	
Gore District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 488	
Grey District Council			
Hauraki District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 390	
Hurunui District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 242	
Kaikoura District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 49	
Kawerau District Council			
Mackenzie District Council			
Opotiki District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 17	
Otorohanga District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 18	
Rangitikei District Council			
Ruapehu District Council			
South Wairarapa District Council†			
Stratford District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 50	
Tararua District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 277	
Waimate District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 76	
Wairoa District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 221	
Waitomo District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 159	
Westland District Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 479	
Total		\$ 2,803	

Table 4: Regional council Pipeline contributions

Organisation	Latest submission quarter	Total value of initiatives (\$M)	Notes and indications
Greater Wellington Regional Council†	30 Jun 2025	Witheld	
Canterbury Regional Council	31 Mar 2025	\$ 64	
Waikato Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 26	
Southland Regional Council	31 Mar 2025	Witheld	
Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council			
Northland Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 24	
Otago Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 32	
Hawkes Bay Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 1,022	
Taranaki Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	Witheld	
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 76	
West Coast Regional Council	30 Jun 2025	\$ 71	
Total		\$ 1,315	