

**Q5: Council to support initiatives that provide for the reduction of energy use and for services that are environmentally friendly (eg. solar heating, composting toilets)**

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Yes and the overriding factor for this should be sustaining and nurturing our environment especially our streams rivers and coastal waters. However I believe this is beyond the scope of this community plan as Council can only support these initiatives as far as the building/planning codes allow, which are nationally set by Government. There is currently the scope for special design (usually at a cost to the applicant to put forward a design for peer review and approval.) It would be advantageous if these were made available by council for consideration and selection.

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Council support means costs and costs mean increased rates. If someone wants to go alternative that's their cost and prerogative

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Only if it isn't a abcess to our sight such as the dreadful solar energy panels alongside the Pitoone Stream in the camping ground. They ruined a beautiful visa of the stream. Visual polution such as this should be banned.

I don't want to use a composting toilet unless I am desperate. They are often not able to work well, especially if people are not always using their beach home.

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Well, too complicated. An 'initiative' doesn't mean funding, and the economic aspect can't be neglected and will boil down to personal choices.

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I feel this topic is one of national importance and one for discussion throughout the country and not just a council by council decision.

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Council should advocate on the communities behalf to ensure we have practical, attainable policies and programmes to implement proven environmentally sustainable alternate technologies - I agree with Solar Energy, but have doubts about the widespread suitability of composting toilets in a built up environment.

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Council blue bags are not compostible

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This would be an awesome thing to do.

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a reduction in rates for solar power would be great

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that is the future

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Individuals should be responsible to conserve energy within their own environment. We can't rely on Council support at this level when they struggle to cut the grass.

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As well as pushing council support for such initiatives, I think it's really important that the community independently creates and follows through on its own initiatives. A bunch of clever locals could build a composting toilet...

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As an owner of a composting toilet council was not supportive of its installation although it was many years ago so perhaps they are more encouraging these days. We want to work to make Kuaotunu as green and environmentally friendly as possible .Could consider exploring ways to help the community reduce plastic use

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Again a bit pie in the sky, but if the community wants this it is important to voice the opinion. I am somewhat neutral on Council becoming the lead agency in these things, because they inevitably ball everything up in policy, bureaucracy and delay (yearly and ten yearly planning

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cycles). Important that council DOES NOT erect planning barriers to people putting solar panels etc on roofs.

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Additional toilet facilities needed around boat ramp

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I understand that the Council already supports these initiatives

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Maybe in new builds not existing

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I agree with environmentally friendly but what is council to do? I disagree with subsidies. This should be the initiative of the residents, not council.

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That's our development plans

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This space will change dramatically over the next 20 odd years and I don't think Councils should use ratepayer money to try and influence the future...they might get it completely wrong. Let individuals make these choices.

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Support for energy saving would be great from council.

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Solar heating for what

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The more we can rely on natural resources, the better off our environment will be.

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We have a wonderful environment that could be easily spoiled if we don't work proactively here

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Most of us if not all supply our own water and sewerage but are still charges full rates.

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Things we should be considering for the future.

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It would be great if this could occur without an increase in rates, but it's probably not that realistic at this point in time. Perhaps when these sorts of things become more affordable it would be good to revisit, but I am happy in general with the rates I pay and the services I receive in return from the council.

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This initiative needs to be Council driven and building codes should reflect that. Small houses, less toilets, less consumption of resources. No more buildings on the beachfront. But could we ask for some of our rubbish bins in public places to be recycling bins. And as a village have a zero tolerance to litter that is clear to visitors?

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Now your speaking my language.

Mer could have world class composting loos that work well don't smell and are great for this planet

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