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Dunne's Weekly: The Dysfunctional Wellington City Council Plumbs New Depths

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As the city of Tauranga prepares to elect a new Mayor and Council after three and half years being run by government-appointed Commissioners, the case for replacing the Wellington City Council with Commissioners strengthens.

You've seen the headlines, had the debates. Wellingtonians are angry, and rightfully so. This year, Wellington homeowners will pay an extra eye-watering 21% or more in rates this year than last year.

In 5 years' time, the projection is double that amount. If Auckland can keep their rates increase to 6%, why can't Wellington? Well, we can, but first we need to stop the rot.

- Eliminate wasteful spending.
- Stop the millions of dollars being spent on climate change mitigation & cycle lanes.
- Reduce council staff numbers.
- Concentrate on doing what councils are traditionally supposed to do.



STOP THE MADNESS. VOTE FOR CHANGE.

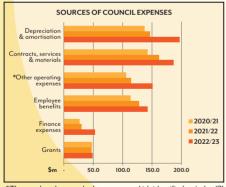


IF THE WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL WAS A "NORMAL" BUSINESS, IT WOULD BE INSOLVENT.

But it's not normal because it can raise taxes through your rates. It takes your money to keep its spending programme going!

This Council:

- Has doubled the city's debt to **\$1.5 billion** in just 3 years! This falls on each and every ratepayer. Debt projected to be **\$2.5 billion** by the next election!
- Borrowed more than \$70 million to redesign Courtenay Place and Lambton Quay, ignoring objections from local businesses. Taking another \$70 million in taxpayer funds to finish the job! It will remove all traffic from Lambton Quay except for buses, but it is also removing every other bus stop because "it's healthier for people to walk further!"
- Is spending **\$262 million** on cycle lanes and has abolished 2000 car parks from the city
- Has lost control of the Town Hall refurbishment from the initial **\$70 million** and will now spend **\$450 million** to complete.
- Chose to spend **\$250 million** on rebuilding the City Library, when it would have cost **\$180 million** to tear down and build a new one!
- Installing hundreds of speed-humps and raised pedestrian crossings, slowing down emergency services, putting lives in danger!
- Proposed a city-wide 30 km/h speed for all roads #Failed!
- Wants the City's six mosques to broadcast the Islamic Call to Prayer across the City
- Has no plans to stop its spending programme!



Apathy got us here, only action will get us out of this.

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*The number three ranked expense, and it's identified as 'other'?! Yet another example of Council transparency.

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