



# CONSULTATION UPDATE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTERS

On 4 November Council received a further report from the consultants developing the design of the Oruku Landing Conference and Multi-Events Centre. This report has implications for the cost of the project - a further \$13.15m which would result in a further 1% rates increase if the project proceeds at the current scope. The report is part of the work that was commissioned in association with the Government to further refine the costs of the project. To ensure transparency and assist the consultation process we have released the report to the public.

The Beca Oruku Landing CEC Preliminary Design Report indicates that the costs for the project could be up to \$13.15m higher than the estimate of up to \$123m that Council knew of at the time consultation began (18 October). If Council were to proceed with the project with the extra \$13.15m of costs the effect would be an additional general rates increase of 1% on top of the 6% in the consultation document, totalling a 7% increase.

Council is continuing with the consultation it began on 18 October, updating its website, informing submitters of this new information and has included it in this week's public presentations (8, 9, 11 November).

We have also generated this page outlining these developments and their impacts to provide at Consultation Document pick-up points, including Council offices at Rust Ave Whangarei, Takutai Place Ruakaka and Council libraries.

Once Council has received all submissions it will have numerous options to consider. These include but are not limited to:

- Proceeding with the project and fund the extra \$13.15m through debt, with a higher rates increase (7%)
- Seeking funding for the extra \$13.15m from Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP)
- Asking that CIP agree for the bridge and ferry terminal to be dropped from the project – Oruku ferry terminal cost \$2.6m – Oruku to Town Basin Hātea Bridge (shared path) cost of approximately \$18.5-\$20m
- Deciding not to proceed with the project once all of the submissions are received.

Once all of the submissions are received, Council will consider all options.

If you have already made a submission and would like to change it in any way after considering this information please make a new submission and state in it that it is your second submission.

We will ensure that only your final submission is considered.

For more information and to read the new documents go to [www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)