

I do not believe the Hamilton City Council decisions are based on democracy as is required under the local government act, 2002 No 84, Part 2,14.

As ratepayers we did not vote for Hamilton City Council to increase debt to \$760 million, which equates to \$12,000 per Ratepayer secured by the ability of Council to enforce rates on our homes.

The over whelming majority voted against increasing our rates by 24% - 26% to materialize 9 projects the Council wants but the resounding ratepayers voice was against. We do not believe the Councillors elected by the ratepayers are representing the interests of the ratepayer.

The majority of votes are against 'wanna have's' by the Mayor, Councillors and high flying businessmen. We dont want to be held ransom for an excessive theatre, re arranging of Garden Place, again, plus we were horrified at the above market value purchase of heritage protected buildings by the Council so it could demolish them to make a central public place.

We do not believe HCC took any serious notice to the public response to the 10 year plan submissions.

We want the Hamilton City Council to be open and transparent and democratic regarding the decisions it makes for Hamilton, above everything, we want it to be realistic and to function within its means.