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The Gisborne District Council undertook a comprehensive consultation process that involved general meetings, targeted stakeholder meetings and a variety of promotional activities through the media and website. Consultation for the draft 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan also involved a number of new initiatives for the Gisborne District Council. These were:

- ▶ More pre-decision information to submitters.
- ▶ A new submission record and retrieval system.
- ▶ A 'rates look-up' tool online.
- ▶ Grouping of submissions by subject
- ▶ Making available online staff responses to submissions and the summary of submissions.

Copies of the draft Ten Year Plan and its summary document were available from Council's offices, the website and consultation meetings. The summary document was posted to households across the Gisborne district.

The process for making a submission and meeting times were publicised to the community through the Council's website, newsletters and posters and the media. In total, Council held 21 public meetings in 22 communities and made presentations at 16 stakeholder meetings. Council also provided a draft Ten Year Plan information stall at the local Farmers Market. Approximately 400-500 people attended either a public or stakeholder meeting.

Submissions formally closed on 1 May. Submissions were received from 409 groups, of which 61 presented in person.

The major decisions made at the end of the consultation process were:

1. Reduction of wastewater capital rate collected in 2010 and 2011.
2. No inflation on employee benefits (salaries and wages) for 2010.
3. Deletion of Makaraka wastewater reticulation.
4. Deletion of mobile library.
5. Deletion of universal water metering.
6. Inclusion of Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme upgrade.
7. War Memorial Theatre upgrade brought forward to Year 2011.
8. Redevelopment of Inner Harbour moved forward from 2016 to 2014.
9. Learn to Swim Pool deferred from 2010 to 2015.
10. Lawson Field Theatre retractable seating deferred from 2010 to 2012.