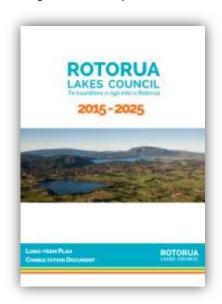
## Consultation

Following new legislation, Council produced its first formal 'consultation document' and adopted it for public consultation on 29 April 2015. The consultation document set down the major issues the council will face during the next ten years and provided options on how these issues might be addressed.

During a month-long consultation period from 1 May to 2 June, Council sought community feedback on the issues within the consultation document.



The consultation document, a 42 page publication, set out its direction and the issues the district will face under five key challenges. In turn, each key challenge outlined the options considered and the impact of the preferred option on the cost of doing business.

When the consultation period ended a total of 496 submissions were received. Hearings were held on 8, 11, 12 and 15 June, with approximately 130 submitters being heard in support of their written submission.

Consideration of all submissions was undertaken on 15, 16, 17, and 25 June.

The final decision of the Council is summarised in the following pages.

## The challenges we face

