

TECT Community Trust

Draft Distribution Plan 2026/2027

Community Consultation Feedback



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A Lee	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Unsure	
Abby Wakerley	Yes		Yes		Yes	Tauranga desperately needs more indoor court space	Yes	
Alexander Lee		I support the intention to ensure funding is directed toward initiatives that create long-term community benefit.	Yes	I support the strong level of funding being directed toward community facilities and initiatives that promote participation in sport and recreation.	Yes	<p>I strongly support funding for the proposed Badminton and Multisport Community Centre in Mount Maunganui.</p> <p>I am actively involved in badminton as both a competitive player and developing coach, and I see firsthand the growing demand for indoor courts across New Zealand. Many clubs currently rely on shared multisport courts or school halls, and sessions are frequently oversubscribed or occasionally cancelled due to limited availability.</p> <p>Badminton is one of the most accessible and widely played sports globally, and it is particularly popular among migrant communities. In my experience, badminton clubs often play an important role in helping people integrate socially, build friendships, and develop positive community connections.</p> <p>A purpose-built facility with dedicated badminton courts would significantly improve access to sport and recreation for people of all ages and abilities, while also supporting</p>	Yes	Facilities that support patients and families undergoing cancer treatment provide an important service to the wider community.

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						<p>organised competitions and community participation.</p> <p>The collaboration between Bay of Plenty Badminton, Tauranga City Council, and TECT represents a strong opportunity to create a lasting facility that will benefit the region for generations.</p> <p>I strongly encourage TECT to support this project.</p> <p>Alexander Lee</p>		
Alison Wills-Olsen	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Allan Hosking	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Amelia Hirota	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	<p>Our badminton community has been working hard with Delwyn Cooper as our lead for about 20 years to bring a badminton and multisport facility to Tauranga. We are finally almost there. Could you please fund this awesome facility! Even Rotorua has a dedicated badminton and pickleball facility and has for many years. Badminton is the fastest growing sport in NZ and can be played by all ages. It's a wonderful, healthy and friendly sport that brings people of all ages together. PLEASE fund this facility.</p>	Unsure	
ANGELI KAWAHARA	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>As a rapidly blossoming sport in Tauranga, this is a phenomenal chance to seize your support and unlock TECT funding, empowering us to strengthen our foundation and nurture a diverse pool of talented young athletes eager to elevate their skills, thereby solidifying our presence and fueling the vibrant expansion of our community.</p>	Unsure	
Annamaria O'Reilly	Yes		Yes	Personally, I rely on this.	Yes		Yes	

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Anne Roberts	Unsure				Yes	Definitely support funding for the multipart Centre	Yes	Definitely support Funding for Cancer centre.
Artem Overall	Yes		Yes		Yes	As a past representative player, it is a major inconvenience not having dedicated badminton courts here for training and games. Currently representing BOP involves constant travel to Auckland or Wellington for gear. The closet place to rent a court is Rotorua, which often gets the benefit of housing, feeding, and entertaining teams post matches. Seeing as badminton is a winter sport, I think it would bring in more income for the wider community, as well as some job opportunities.	Yes	
Bevan Boyce	Yes		Yes		Yes	The Tauranga aera need a home for Badminton were it is the main sport not a ather through.	Yes	
Braden Hungerford	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Unsure	
Bree McBride	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
brendon good	Yes		Unsure		Yes	Tauranga city needs a facility such as this. Brookfield New World supports badminton and other sports that will benefit from the new facility - we hear the needs of the volunteers involved in these sports. Badminton is a game thats accessible to so many people and has potential to be much more accessible with decent facilities. We very much support this Community Centre	Unsure	
Brian Christensen	Yes		Yes		Yes	New facility will free up public and school halls for other uses.It will centralize Badminton into a purpose built hall with different clubs on each night of the week.Also have a place for National events in the BOP	Yes	
Brodie Davis	Yes		Yes		Yes	Great to support an active healthy community and indoor winter sport options are needed.	Yes	Another wonderful community facility.
Carl Simmons	Yes	Regular review and updating of the percentages is	Yes	No additional comments	Yes	This is a very good initiative in my view, and in the minds of those I have discussed it with. The Mount area is	Yes	The prevalence of cancer and cancer-related conditions is frightening!

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		sensible in the face of ongoing community change and the cost of living pressures, which means that organisations are not receiving the community support they might once have enjoyed. TECT fills a much needed gap in this space.				sadly lacking in indoor sports and recreation space. Whilst Baypark is close by, it is very heavily utilised, already making space difficult to book. Additionally, the specialist nature of some sports makes purpose-built much better. I am NOT a badminton player or member of a club in any capacity, but I can see the need for this facility with growing membership demand for non-contact sports across our region. I can also see the financial benefit this will create with visiting teams and tournaments inputting into the local area.		The ability to look after those going through treatment and their families is critical. Especially when the duration can be long and the costs unaffordable for most people to remain in paid accommodation. Additionally, the environment the lodge creates to care of those going through the ordeal is significant. I have visited lodges in other regions and only have a very high opinion of the service they provide.
Chad Hooker	Yes	I am submitting on behalf of Bay Venues. We fully support the changes to the funding framework. Tauranga Moana has a significant shortfall across most types of community facilities. Increasing financial pressure on local government is making it harder for them to invest in new/upgraded facilities. Additional investment from TECT will be very welcome for the city and region as we try to cater for increasing demand for community facilities from a fast-growing population. High profile facilities	Yes		Yes	We consider that extending the Mercury Baypark Arena to be a higher priority, but are also supportive of additional facilities.	Yes	

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		that we consider as high priorities for future investment are: Mercury Baypark Arena Extension; Memorial Park Aquatic Centre; Adams Centre for High Performance; and, Mauao Landslide Recovery and Opportunities (potentially including the Mount Hot Pools).						
Cheryl Chye	Yes		Yes		Yes	We have been requiring a dedicated badminton hall for a long time, where we know that the lights will not blind us while we're playing, and that the courts are not slippery. We have a lot of players in Tauranga who have to commute to Rotorua to play competitive games as our home courts. This centre will allow us to attract more players into badminton and create a space for badminton players to extend their skills by using the courts for coaching.	Yes	
Chris Mills	Yes		Yes		Yes	This facility exactly aligns with the requirements "Facilities of Regional Significance". It is a multisport facility adding to the Tauranga indoor network, it will facilitate participation across ages, genders, cultures, support of youth pathways, and provide affordable community access to these fantastic sports and facilities. It is a facility that the region will be proud of, that will have a significant regional and national profile, and will support local players and allow Tauranga to host both local and national events - bringing others to Tauranga.	Yes	This seems to be a very worthwhile use of funds

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Chris Robinson	Yes	<p>Increasing funding for Facilities of Regional Significance makes sense, as larger community projects often need strong support to get underway and can deliver long-term benefits for the wider region. It's also good to see the responsive funds maintained so local groups and community initiatives can continue to access funding.</p> <p>Overall, the change seems like a good balance between supporting major regional projects and ongoing community funding.</p>	Yes	<p>It's good to see increased funding available across the different funds, particularly for community facilities and regional projects that will support the growing population of Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. At the same time, maintaining strong support for community development and events helps ensure local organisations and initiatives can continue to thrive.</p>	Yes	<p>There is a clear shortage of indoor court space in the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty region, and this facility would help meet the growing demand for badminton and other indoor sports. It would provide opportunities for both organised sport and casual community use, while also supporting regional and national events.</p> <p>Facilities like this play an important role in encouraging participation in sport, strengthening community connections, and supporting the wellbeing of people across the region.</p>	Yes	<p>A facility like this would provide important support for people in our region who are undergoing cancer treatment, as well as their families and carers. Having accommodation and support services available locally would help reduce barriers for those needing treatment and improve overall wellbeing during a very challenging time.</p> <p>It would be a valuable addition to the region's health support services and benefit many people in the wider community.</p>
Claire Earl	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Clare Arnt	Yes		Yes		Yes	I think it's a great idea to fund community centres for sport and recreation.	Yes	
Clive Seine	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	

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Craig Davies	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>Badminton Bay of plenty have done a huge amount of work to get to this stage. They have a great team and sound plan to execute the build. Badminton is a non contact sport that can be enjoyed by all, it has growing numbers at the grass roots right through to National levels. Having this facility to offer courts for rent will be a game changer for revenue allowing the association to be more self sufficient. AIMS games will appreciate a world class venue and the possibility of other large National tournaments would be a huge asset for the sporting community. Thank you for listening and also I appreciate what an amazing organization TECT is. My kids and I regularly ride on the motorbike tracks and other activities at TECT Park.</p> <p>Many thanks Craig</p>	Yes	
Craig McQuoid	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>An incredible sporting and recreational facility for the BOP region that will be used by the general public for a multitude of sports. Well overdue community facility which will be well patronized and bring in revenue for the BOP.</p>	Yes	<p>Incredibly important for the district as no one is immune from the effects of cancer either directly, or indirectly. Well overdue for cancer patients and their families.</p>

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craig summers	No	I think there are too many funds and its starting to dilute the fund. It needs to cement community group support before funding other infrastructure projects.	No	The distribution needs to revert back to 70% community and 30 % new projects. TECT needs to stick to it core funding of supporting community groups and events in the BOP . Perhaps solve community homeless crisis, before moving onto the flash stuff. TECT risks distributing too much of the funds into nice to do projects...Local govt and central govt have the mandate to fund these options..eg Museums, sporting facilities. Local govt should do most of the heavy lifting. TECT input should be modest.	No	Perhaps in 5 years. Its too specialised and targets too few BOP residents	No	This is encroaching on central govt responsibilities. Would support a purpose built lodge or support centre for the mental health/neurodivergent community in Tauranga. Our local mental health services are appalling.

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Dale Hobson	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>In the TECT funding process please consider the Badminton Community Centre.</p> <p>The BOP region has an overwhelming number of keen and enthusiastic badminton players from various ages, gender and ethnicity. As a regular player at several different clubs I can vouch for participants' enthusiasm to play a sport that actively engages exercise, mental stimulation and social interaction whether that be representative players, competitive players wanting to excel, children learning a new sport or the extensive BOP senior community wanting to connect and stay active.</p> <p>However the lack of venues for the sport seriously affects the growth and uptake of the sport, the combination of more participants than available courts, different level of ability and the demands on venues from other sports highlights the need for a dedicated purpose-built badminton facility.</p> <p>The proposed badminton facility would be a great asset not only to the players in the region offering a purpose-built facility, pro shop and casual outside hours booking accessibility but would offer a fantastic venue for national competitions bringing more visitors to the region and the positive effects that creates for the wider community.</p> <p>Dale Hobson, President, Tauranga Morning Badminton Club</p>	Yes	
Daniel Klinkenberg	Yes	Love the investment into the Badminton	Yes		Yes	Love this! Great facility that will benefit our city hugely!	Yes	

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		and Community sports facility!						
Darleen Bailey	Yes		Unsure		Yes	Great idea, very needed.	Yes	
Daryl Anderson	Yes		Yes		Yes	This multisport facility will promote Community Wellbeing by making sport and activity accessible to all without barriers. This in turn will provide a positive impact on our generation and on future generations. The more facilities that we have to encourage activity and community the better our community strength and resilience will be.	Yes	
Dave Russell	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	
David Jenner	Yes		Yes		Yes	This funding would provide a huge benefit for BOP and NZ badminton. Providing these world class facilities would enable international and national badminton events to be held in Tauranga, while also supporting local and national badminton growth.	Unsure	
David Leong	Yes	More sport activity like badminton auditorium.	No		Yes	Need to have a dedicated hall for just badminton as this sport is gaining popularity.	Unsure	
David Proudfoot	Yes		Yes		Yes	I believe that as the community continues to grow that we need more sports facilities and this facility is what the community needs. Whilst its main purpose will be Badminton it will also provide other sports codes an excellent venue which will attract more visitors to the region to compete in both regional and international events providing employment opportunities not only at the centre but will benefit the wider community in general	Yes	

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David Taylor	Yes	<p>Submission: Support for a Dedicated Badminton Facility in Tauranga</p> <p>To Tauranga City Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the development of a dedicated badminton facility in Tauranga. I have played badminton for 50 years.</p> <p>Badminton is one of the fastest-growing sports in New Zealand and is widely played by people of all ages and backgrounds. In Tauranga, participation continues to increase, yet the current facilities available for badminton are extremely limited. Many players struggle to find consistent court availability, and clubs often compete with other sports for access to shared venues.</p> <p>A purpose-built badminton hall would provide</p>	Yes		Yes		Yes	

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		<p>significant benefits to the Tauranga community. First, it would support physical health and wellbeing by making a highly accessible sport available to more residents. Badminton is unique in that it can be played by children, adults, seniors, and people of varying fitness levels.</p> <p>Second, it would strengthen community connections. Badminton brings together diverse cultural groups and provides an inclusive environment where people can socialize, compete, and stay active. Tauranga has a large and growing population that values community sport, and a dedicated facility would help meet this demand.</p> <p>Third, the facility would support youth development and talent pathways. Local schools and clubs would have access to consistent training spaces, allowing young</p>						

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		<p>athletes to develop their skills and potentially represent the region and New Zealand in future competitions.</p> <p>Finally, a dedicated badminton venue could host regional and national tournaments, bringing visitors and economic activity to Tauranga. Sports events contribute to local hospitality, accommodation, and tourism industries.</p> <p>Tauranga is one of New Zealand's fastest-growing cities, and investment in sports infrastructure is essential to keep pace with population growth. A purpose-built badminton facility would be a valuable and well-used asset for the community.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this submission and for your ongoing work to support recreation and wellbeing in Tauranga.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>						

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		David Taylor Te Puke Club President						
Deborah Bartle	Unsure				Yes	Some of the badminton halls as we call them are just that - halls...with windows and horrible lighting. It would be so nice to have a Badminton and multi sport place where we can play with proper lighting. To have a central place to host competitions in the Tauranga area, that isn't the Queen Elizabeth, that lighting is terrible.	Yes	
Delwyn Cooper	Yes		Yes		Yes	This facility will add much needed indoor courts to the Tauranga network! Badminton clubs around Tauranga will move to the new facility freeing up court space in other venues for other sports as well as having multipurpose courts available for them to hire in this new facility. This will be a great place for people from different sports to be able to meet up. There are also going to be social facilities that community groups will be able to hire ie awards night, community fundraising events and also a place that businesses could hire ie space for conferences .	Yes	
Denise Cooper	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	This facility is desperately needed. Tauranga is way behind other cities and towns when it comes to these facilities. More tournaments and players would come to play in Tauranga if we had a proper hall.	Unsure	
Diana Judge	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Donald Koh	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>I have been with BOP Badminton since 2023. Over the last 3 years, we worked at the mercy of school halls as well as public facilities, often have to cancel our training due to halls unavailability. We also can't plan our training programs and competitions well due largely without our own facility and the players have only limited training hours because the school halls and public facilities have very limited availability. Despite these challenges, we seen tremendous growth in terms of the sport as well as more players are stepping up as coaches to provide guidance as well as skills transfer to the Tamariki.</p> <p>Having our own facility would very much shape the future of the badminton community as well as sports for Tamariki in Tauranga & the BOP region. We would be able to execute many more training programs to be inclusive for the community, domestic and international competitions for more sports that would position Tauranga as a strategic event city thus bringing more tourists and revenue to the city.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that TECT would grant the funding to support the building of BOP Badminton facility as soon as possible.</p>	Yes	

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Duncan Pearce			Yes		Yes	<p>I strongly support the proposed investment in the badminton centre as part of the Trust's annual distribution plan.</p> <p>Badminton is a widely played and very accessible sport, enjoyed by people of all ages, cultures, and ability levels. Investing in a dedicated facility will help meet the growing demand for court space and ensure the community has access to quality indoor courts for both social and competitive play.</p> <p>This investment will also benefit the wider indoor court network in the region. Increasing indoor court capacity can reduce pressure on existing venues and provide more space for clubs, schools, and community groups to run programmes and activities. It also helps future-proof our sports facilities as participation continues to grow.</p> <p>Overall, investing in indoor sports infrastructure like this provides long-term benefits by supporting healthier, more connected communities, and I support the Trust including it in the annual distribution plan.</p>	Yes	
Elles Pearse-Danker	Yes		Yes		Yes		No	
Emma Sladek	Unsure	Focus on smaller local projects that need support	Unsure		Yes		Unsure	
Emma Smith	Yes	Great - love that TECT is backing sport.	Yes	Yay for a badminton facility - much needed.	Yes	It is such a growing sport but does not have the facilities to grow this in our young people in Bay of Plenty.	Yes	
Fiona Stone	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>We would really love for you to fund this project.</p>	Yes	

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						<p>There are very limited facilities for indoor sport in Tauranga.</p> <p>This facility would significantly increase access to indoor courts for sport, including badminton and other indoor sports</p>		
Gary & Wendy Cooper	Yes		Yes		Yes	Will be a great asset to the community! indoor sports struggle to get consistent hall hire to enable them to grow their sports especially children.	Yes	
gary prendergast	No	should return more to trustpower ex customers now mecury it should be incresed every year in line with inflation	No	return more to power user customers see previous feedback	No	why should power customers provide \$ to elite groups that not mecury customers	Yes	maybe
Grace Gao	Yes		Yes		Yes	WE NEED THIS FOR MOUNT AND BOP RESIDENTS!!! I wish I could be at the meeting on 26/03 to speak more about this but I'm overseas at the moment...	Unsure	
Graeme Neilson	Yes	I appreciate the maintained focus on strategic funds which feeds into the future, this is so important! I value that you have stated a minimum level of responsive funds, this brings confidence to those that are working in their communities that there will be support available!	Yes	This is a very exciting distribution plan which will make a huge difference in our Western Bay communities! Well done!	Yes	<p>The constraints within the indoor network is significant, so this goes a long way towards providing a solution! Tauranga needs to be a destination for major sporting events! Having an international badminton facility will be a gamechanger for hosting such events.</p> <p>This facility isn't just about badminton, but about the whole community, it's needs and the role that sport plays in engagement & wellbeing!</p>	Yes	This is a great initiative, and will bring significant support to those who are going through a tough journey! I know this first hand!!
Hamish Olesen	Yes		Yes		Yes	Thoroughly support this initiative. The clubs in the area need a facility like this.	Yes	
Harpreet Singh	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Hayley Ferris	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	

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Heather Neilson	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes!!!! This will be a great facility for not only badminton but other sports and will bring revenue into Tauranga city from people visiting for competitions. Having a badminton facility in Tauranga will enable all generations to be involved competitively, socially, and by supporting family members and friends who play. It's exciting to think that Tauranga will have a place to play badminton instead of relying on specific and limited bookings in other event centres. The scope that this allows for kids and young adults to increase their training times to excel at this sport and represent bay of plenty and NZ is huge!	Yes	
Helen O'Connor	Yes		Yes		Yes	This Facility is needed as badminton is one of the regions fastest growing sports. There are insufficient courts available for badminton in Tauranga, who currently use council and other school facilities to be able to operate, this significantly decreases their ability to operate. This facility will not just support badminton in Tauranga, but it will free up other indoor spaces for other sports in the region - it's a win-win for many sports if this facility is built.	Yes	Growing population means growing needs for this facility
Ian Nicholson	Unsure		Yes		Yes	BADMINTON IS HUGELY POPULAR IN TAURANGA WITH NUMEROUS CLUBS. THIS FACILITY WILL BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS AND ALSO THE BOP REPS TEAMS WHO CAN TRAIN TOGETHER IN ONE VENUE.	Yes	

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Indran Pillay	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>I strongly support TECT funding the Bay of Plenty Badminton & Multisport Community Centre. The project addresses a clear shortage of indoor facilities in Tauranga, where demand already exceeds capacity, limiting participation. Its multi-sport design ensures broad community benefit, high utilisation, and inclusive access for all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Rapid growth in badminton, particularly among the youth, highlights the urgency of investment. A key strength of this proposal is its multi-sport design. While anchored by badminton, the facility will support a wide range of indoor sports including basketball, netball, futsal, volleyball, and pickleball. This ensures broad community benefit, high utilisation, and strong alignment with TECT's objectives of maximising impact across diverse groups. Beyond sport, the facility will enhance wellbeing, strengthen community connection, and support youth development.</p> <p>With strong backing from Tauranga City Council, Sport Bay of Plenty, and Badminton New Zealand and other key stakeholders, and with planning complete, this shovel-ready project represents a high-impact, low-risk investment with lasting regional benefits.</p>	Yes	
Jacqueline Orr					Yes	Current facilities can't cope and not enough people can join in and play.	Unsure	
James Grafas		Nil	Yes	These projects are exciting!	Yes	Absolutely! This is an incredible proposal that will impact a significant number of people in the community. It fills a gap that will make a real difference!	Yes	Long term this project will be really valuable to people at a point where it means so much.

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Jane Yates	Yes		Yes		Yes	I am the grandmother of twin BOP rep players in the under 18 team with another playing at a lower level. The current facilities are ok when they are available, but there is, I understand, limited opportunity to play outside club and training times. In the past my daughter played for the Counties badminton club at rep level, and their facilities in Papakura, though older now were great, in that multiple competitive games could be watched and played at the same time. There was a mezzanine floor above the courts which meant non players and coaches and managers could view multiple games from above. For myself, the manager of eight teams from one school, this made it so easy to be sure players were on court at the right time and for the rest of the teams to cheer them on. There was, however limited space for too many other observers. I'm hoping that this new facility will have this well catered for as with the AIMS games and many other events being so important to the Tauranga and BOP area, facilities for supporters and others is really important as this is how sports grow in popularity and public awareness.	Yes	

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Jane Yates	Yes		Yes		Yes	I am the grandmother of twin BOP rep players in the under 18 team with another playing at a lower level. The current facilities are ok when they are available, but there is, I understand, limited opportunity to play outside club and training times. In the past my daughter played for the Counties badminton club at rep level, and their facilities in Papakura, though older now were great, in that multiple competitive games could be watched and played at the same time. There was a mezzanine floor above the courts which meant non players and coaches and managers could view multiple games from above. For myself, the manager of eight teams from one school, this made it so easy to be sure players were on court at the right time and for the rest of the teams to cheer them on. There was, however limited space for too many other observers. I'm hoping that this new facility will have this well catered for as with the AIMS games and many other events being so important to the Tauranga and BOP area, facilities for supporters and others is really important as this is how sports grow in popularity and public awareness.	Yes	
Jarrod Martin	Yes		Yes		Yes	This would help Bay of Plenty as a whole with the ability to hold more national and potentially international events amid a massive feat and will be beneficial for so many areas of sports and economy within the bay.	Yes	
Jason Ion	Yes		Yes		Yes	I've been living in Tauranga for 11 years, and have played badminton consistently for the past 30 years. Tauranga is the only place I have lived where we have not had a dedicated badminton facility. I grew up in Christchurch and played at their badminton hall on 220 Pages	Yes	

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						<p>Road right from High School through to adulthood.</p> <p>Then after moving to Auckland in 2010, I played badminton at North Harbour, New Market and Waitakere halls before moving to Tauranga. In Tauranga we've had to rely on playing badminton at Bethlehem College, Aquinas College, Tauranga Boys College and QEYC. All of those venues we can get kicked out of if another event comes up (eg. School exams take over the Tauranga Boys College hall, so do Art exhibitions). We got kicked out of QE2 when there was some sort of boxing or MMA event going on in the hall (The casual Friday badminton was cancelled without notice).</p> <p>The closest dedicated badminton hall to us that I know of is the one in Rotorua, and that was built in the 1980's when their population was only 50-60,000. Tauranga's population is estimated at around 160,000. Three times what Rotorua was when they had their hall built. It would give a home to all the clubs currently spread around different multisport facilities, and allow those clubs to grow in size. Currently clubs have to turn players away because there isn't enough courts to use at different school facilities. Or, players are put off having to wait two rounds before getting to play a game on the limited courts available.</p> <p>I think a badminton hall would make a great addition to the community facilities in Tauranga, and something I would use often.</p>		

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Jayden Park	Yes		Yes		Yes	This is a real gap in BOP and I believe this facility will be a great asset to Tauranga and New Zealand. Being able to host badminton national events in particular will be great.	Yes	
Jenny Kirk	Yes		Yes		Yes	Please keep going with funding the Badminton Center. It will be well used and will also free up much needed indoor court space for other users. Delwyn has spent 18 years getting to this stage and it would be wonderful to see it happen in this funding round.	Unsure	
Jizzy Green	No	<p>Community Development Strategic Funds down from 23% to 20%</p> <p>Grow On Katikati (GOK) feels that Community Development is vitally important and connected communities are resilient communities. In the face of man-made or natural disasters, strong and resilient communities bounce back faster and progress is enhanced as the cohesiveness of community allows for people to understand the needs and respond faster and more efficiently than waiting for government organisations to</p>	No	<p>Again' Community Development down from \$7,864,743 to \$5,000,000, although unused funds will bump that up to a similar amount this year, what about the next year?</p> <p>Community Development is crucial to healthy, happy, connected communities.</p>	Yes	<p>Ratepayers will be the ones who foot the bulk of this project, and perhaps they are the ones most likely to benefit. TDC will pay \$5Million, and so will TECT. Perhaps TECT could fund a bit less than TDC, who ultimately will end up owning this facility and earning revenue from it. Perhaps TECT could donate \$3.5Mill - and the remaining amount could go to funding other organisations that foster community connection and growth.</p>	No	<p>The Cancer Society is one of THE most wealthiest organisations in the world. With all their wealth, they should fund the Cancer Lodge, along with Pharmaceutical companies who earn so much from this nasty disease that they have never truly found a true cure for.</p> <p>AI reports: Big picture (simple summary)</p> <p>Each regional Cancer Society: roughly \$3M - \$10M+ in assets (varies widely)</p> <p>Combined nationally: tens of millions of dollars in total assets across all regions</p>

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Jo Reid	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Joanne O'Keeffe	Yes		Yes		Yes			
Joel Wanhill	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
John Peake	Yes		Yes		Yes	This hall is very needed. Getting access to play badminton is getting harder all the time with local schools making it harder to book their gyms. If you want to book a single court to play badminton, you currently have to drive to Rotorua. Having the multi sport option means that many other people, not just badminton players, will also benefit from this facility.	Yes	

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Jonathon Stone	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	<p>On behalf of Badminton New Zealand:</p> <p>Badminton New Zealand strongly supports the proposed development of the Bay of Plenty Badminton & Multisport Community Centre in Mount Maunganui. Badminton is one of New Zealand's fastest growing participation sports, particularly among children and young people. Badminton in Bay of Plenty has shown strong growth, with increasing demand for coaching programmes, youth competitions, and social play opportunities. However, the lack of dedicated indoor court space in Tauranga has become a major constraint. Currently, badminton operates in shared venues with restricted hours, limited court markings, and insufficient capacity to meet community demand. This limits the ability to expand youth programmes, host tournaments, and deliver structured development pathways for players. A purpose-built Badminton & Multisport Community Centre would transform the ability of badminton and other indoor sports to grow sustainably in the Western Bay of Plenty. Dedicated courts would allow for significantly expanded junior programmes, stronger club competition structures, and improved access for casual and recreational participants. Importantly, the facility would also enable the region to host national and international events, attracting visitors and strengthening Tauranga's reputation as a sporting destination. From a national perspective, facilities like this play a critical role in the long-</p>	Unsure	

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						<p>term development of sport. They provide stable community hubs where participation, coaching, volunteering, and competition can flourish. They also create pathways for young people to remain involved in sport throughout their lives - whether as players, officials, coaches, or administrators.</p> <p>The proposed centre represents an investment not only in badminton, but in the long-term health and wellbeing of the region. By addressing the shortage of indoor court space, the project will enable more people to participate in sport and recreation, strengthen community connections, and support the sustainability of local sporting organisations for generations to come.</p> <p>Badminton New Zealand believes this project aligns strongly with the goals of supporting community wellbeing, increasing access to participation opportunities, and investing in facilities that deliver lasting regional impact. We strongly encourage TECT to support this development through the Facilities of Regional Significance Fund.</p>		

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Josh Espitalier	Yes		Yes		Yes	Having a new badminton facility would mean Tauranga could host international events that can boost income for the region. It will also bring in more para competition for badminton as it'll be one of the few facilities in the country that will cater towards para athletes. Having a facility dedicated to badminton can also enhance the skill level of players aswell as giving access for new players to play.	Yes	
Joshua Fong	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Joshua Shoebridge	Yes		Yes		Yes		Unsure	
Jourdane Chua	Yes	Please provide more facilities for indoor sports such as basketball and "MORE" children/toddler play area. Limited spaces makes it hard for community to book in schedules.	Yes	Please provide more facilities for indoor sports such as basketball and "MORE" children/toddler play area. Limited spaces makes it hard for community to book in schedules.	Yes	Please provide more facilities for indoor sports such as basketball and badminton and "MORE" children/toddler play area. Limited spaces makes it hard for community to book in schedules.	Unsure	not sure of the statistics of people who will be using it. if community needs it and facility will be maximized.
Karen Houghton	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Katrina O'Connor	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Kaycee Booth	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Kelly Hope	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	Would like options of other sports as well to be able to be played along with Badminton, Netball and Basketball & maybe Volleyball if the need	Yes	
Kerry Charlton	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Kevin Bartels					Yes	This is will be a valuable facility for the city and sporting community. Additional quality indoor space is in demand in Tauranga at present and this stadium will provide additional opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in indoor sporting activities.		

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Kirsty Reid	Yes		Yes		Yes	This would be a huge asset to the community especially with the potential for multi-sport courts. With the huge number of badminton players in the area it would definately be extremely well utilized as a badminton hub!	Yes	
Kylie Phillips	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	Amazing asset for the community - encouraging being active is great for health and well-being for all generations	Yes	Make sure it includes fasting and zero sugar as supportive nutrition approaches that can work in ate cancer or work together with traditional approaches
Kylie Wilkins	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Larisa Anderson	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Unsure	
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Lee-Anne Fraser	Yes		Yes		Yes	Especially excited for the new Badminton and multisport community centre. This will certainly fill a gap in the shortfall of facilities in the area. I am a keen badminton player, while I live in Rotorua I work in Tauranga and will be a regular user of this facility.	Yes	
Leith Swinney	Unsure	I would like to see Badminton getting a facility thats not a school hall. Even Invercargill has its own Badminton facility with 12 courts.	Unsure		Yes	I would like to see Badminton getting a facility thats not a school hall. Even Invercargill has its own Badminton facility with 12 courts.	Yes	
Liliane ZHU	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Linda Boubee	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Liz Cooper	Yes		Yes		Unsure	If the need is proven then go ahead. I know little about these sports, but assume there is a good case.	Yes	Sounds like an essential service. Strongly support.
Lyndon Reid	Yes		Yes		Yes	I believe that this facility will be highly beneficial to both young and old community members throughout not	Yes	The chance to have this kind of facility available locally (Inside of the Bay of Plenty) will be a game

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						just the Western Bay of Plenty, but for the entire Bay of Plenty region.		changer for the entire area, providing support within a manageable distance and travel time.
Marie Thomas	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	
Marilyn Evans	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	Tauranga is already seriously short on indoor courts for all sports. There is nowhere currently in Tauranga specifically for Badminton, which is a growing sport in the Bay. Most clubs are already at capacity and are finding places to play extremely difficult and expensive. Badminton needs its own home. Trying to get time in most current facilities is incredibly difficult as the demands from other indoor sports is great. It is important that badminton players in the Bay have purpose built courts to play on to be competitive on the national and international stage. The fact that the new facility will also have space for other sports to use can only be seen positively.	Unsure	
Mark Deacon	Yes	I believe the proposed Funding Framework aligns well with community needs. However, I urge the Trust to ensure that the application process remains accessible for all community groups, minimizing administrative barriers for those seeking smaller grants.	Yes	I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Annual Distribution Plan, as I believe it strikes a responsible balance between long-term regional investment and immediate community needs.	Yes	I strongly support the allocation of funding for the Badminton & Multisport Community Centre. Our region has a documented shortage of indoor court space, and badminton has seen significant growth that current facilities cannot accommodate. This center will not only support physical health but also serve as a vital social hub for our increasingly diverse community.	Yes	I strongly advocate for TECT providing significant funding for the Cancer Lodge. Access to local treatment is only half the battle; ensuring patients have a safe, supportive place to stay is critical for health outcomes in our region. This is a clear example of 'Regional Significance' that saves lives and supports families in crisis.
Mark Rogers	Yes		Yes		Yes	The Region is substantially short of indoor sports facilities. All indoor sports are growing. As the city continues to grow and the demographics changes more		

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						investment in indoor sport is needed. Tauranga City Basketball support the proposed investment in the Badminton facility as this will help reduce the shortfall of facilities.		
Marty Robinson	Yes		Yes		Yes	This is a great initiative I fully support this, for our community	Yes	
Mary Scullion	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Mary Wanhill	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Matthew O'Connor	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>This facility is vital for the growth of not only badminton but all sports in Tauranga. Facility accessibility is continuing to become an issue for many sports. It is extremely difficult and costly to hire a court for social sports activities.</p> <p>Badminton in the region caters for a wide range of levels and age players, and there is still much room to grow. This facility enables the chance for the organisation to create long-lasting memories for several generations.</p> <p>Having a facility like this creates amazing opportunities for big tournaments, increasing tourism to the city. There is no doubt this facility will be a success and is worthy of receiving the allocated funds.</p> <p>The funding support from TECT would play a substantial part in creating a community facility to serve Tauranga for many years to come. While the impact for badminton in the region is clear, the impact for many other sports, e.g. basketball, futsal, netball, and volleyball are not to be understated.</p>	Yes	
Merryn Fruish	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	
Micah Neilson	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Michael Waru	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Neeshi Singh-Pillay	Yes		Yes		Yes	Strongly support this - clear shortage of updated badminton focused facilities in Tauranga that retards progression of both keen new players and demotivates existing members.	Yes	
Nhan Pham	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Nicola Brown	Unsure		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Nicole Hoeata	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes!	Yes	
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Nilesh Singh	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
NOEL STEVENS	Unsure	Need to know the framework to comment	Unsure	Need to know the different category descriptions	Yes	The obvious advantage of assisting with funding assistance for the Badminton Multi Community Centre, is that the additional indoor sporting facility brings in a new facility for sporting groups to use and Badminton Clubs to move to. This will free up existing indoor facilities used by Badminton clubs, for other sporting groups to make use of the vacant space. Badminton needs a sport specific venue where the walls are not light coloured, the lights are not at high level, the court floor markings are not broken by other sports court markings, and the floors are high grip and not slippery.	Yes	A Cancer Lodge would be greatly appreciated and beneficial to those families already in a stressful situation with a loved one dying with cancer.
Paige Rae	Yes		Yes		Yes	This is highly needed in the Tauranga area and many will benefit from the use of this space.		

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Pascal Tibbits	Yes	We represent the Summer Shakespeare Tauranga Trust, a registered Charity. As part of our activities, over the last 10 years we have run an annual outdoor Shakespeare performance. Our last three events have been staged at the beautiful Te Puna Quarry park amphitheatre. This year, halfway through our season the amphetheatre was shut down due to Councils concern about geotech stability of the cliffs above. While this was a disaster for our production, (the culmination of 6 months work with youth and community groups) it highlighted the shoestring budget this facility works on, with donations and local contributions by passionate salt of the earth people. The amphitheatre was built by the community with community volunteers and it can house over 1000	No	The responsive and stratigic funds I think are weighted incorrectly, I agree that larger facilities need larger funds to build them but for too long I have seen developers and consultants treat these Council and Govt funded projects as cash cows, fleacing the general public. There needs to be greater accountability and openness on these. If the wider community saw the true cost breakdown of these larger projects they would be appawled. I believe community lead projects that are responsive to needs within the community, are better value for money as they tend to stretch their funding as far as they can to get the most out of it. The responsive fund should be equal to the stratigic fund. 50%-50%.	No	I believe this project has been approved by virtue of an oldboys network and backroom handshake deals. Dispite suggesting it is a multisport facility (as required in the reserves management policy), everyone knows it will not be. It is a huge investment in a single sport building that benefits a relitively small sporting fraternity.	Yes	This is a practical and necessary facility that supports people suffering in our community.

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		people if need be, but the facilities are minimal or nonexistent. So, I agree with the transfer of 3% to the facilities fund, it is a good start but it does not go far enough. I would like to see more allocation to the responsive fund rather than the stratigic fund, as this responds directly to needs of community groups therefore to an extent is controled by the community. The development fund in review can tend to support less tangible results and usefulness of some ventures seem open to interpretation.						
Paul Hill	Yes		Yes		Yes	This will be a major asset to the city. Great to see the new basketball facility and we are now starting to see some modern facilities in Taranga that are not only beneficial for the wellbeing of the community but will enable us to host national events that will bring much needed revenue to the city.	Yes	
Paula Mcgee	Yes		Yes		Yes	The benefits to both the community and business will be huge. This facility is long overdue for our city and will be well supported	Yes	

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Paula Thompson					Yes	<p>Congratulations on a superb business plan .It is fantastic to see TCC and TECT working in alliance with the community to provide support for such facilities.</p> <p>This is a wonderful example of community capital being used to support community initiative and sheer hard work.</p> <p>Fully support and congratulations to all involved.</p>		
Peter Scott	Yes		Yes		Yes		Unsure	
Pradip Magar	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Ray Anderson	No	The level of the proposed Funding appears to be far in excess of the Income derived from Dividend and Bonus payments from the current Assets held. Paper Profits do not provide disposable income and are designed to mislead TECT Consumer Beneficiaries, as to the abject failure of the Divestment Strategy created by Billion Dollar Bill in 2015, which has seen "lost opportunity" amounts now exceeding \$1 Billion due to the recent \$1.70 fall of the value of Infratil Shares	No	The current proposal to "splurge" \$42 million seems nothing more than a smokescreen to hide the very poor financial performance of TECT, despite valiant attempts by Doctor Brash to revive the "patient" with some very Creative Accounting Practice	No		Yes	<p>The provision of funding will benefit some of the Residents of the 56,000 Households that have had their shared "Ownership" of the Trustpower/Manawa Shares, stripped from them in an act of betrayal by elected Trustees.</p> <p>I read a copy of an article which appeared in the Bop Times dated as far back as 2016 which stated that the TECT Trustees were looking at setting up "accomodation" for Homeless People in Tauranga, but it appears that Billion Dollar Bill had other ideas on how to spend "his" money</p>

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Richard Schrama	Yes	<p>It is a good idea to increase funding this year. Most importantly, this will create employment opportunities for the local economy; which is badly needed currently.</p> <p>Centre of mind, and perhaps not currently on the radar is the habitation of Mauao. While this is a regional drawcard already, there doesnt seem to be any big picture thinking on its future. Instead of sheep grazing, there should be infinitely more walking tracks and public spaces, including more cultural identity.</p> <p>Have a look at Pukekua Park, and what it continues to do for New Plymouth. Strategic native plantings will stabilise the land and have the potential to create something even more special.</p>	Unsure	<p>I'm aware Mount College are in the process of building a 50m swimming pool. In this region, more swimming and lessons should be a compulsory part of schooling. It was back in my days, and would reduce drowning locally. If TECT seed funding could help accelerate developments of this nature, bring it on.</p>	Yes		Yes	

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Robert Kwan	Yes		Yes		Yes	Badminton is a great community sport that sorely lacks a dedicated venue / courts that can be played on in the Tauranga area (closest is Rotorua). Having a dedicated venue for clubs and private bookings would help immensely in getting new and existing players more court time to play and enjoy the sport	Yes	
Robyn Kinnear	Yes		Yes		Yes	The Bay has long been without a Badminton Multi Sport Facility and in a growing city, this would be of huge benefit. The sport of badminton was once fostered in traditional church and school halls but in todays environment these are in short supply and in reality do not provide young people with the right opportunities to compete nationally and internationally. Such a purpose built stadium will also be of great benefit to the large number of Masters Players who enjoy the sport over a very long term.	Yes	
Rochelle Seagar	Yes	I Agree with the percentage increases into Community Facilities and Facilities of Regional Significance. I think that these percentage changes are small enough to not impact other funds to detriment (esp while maintaining the minimum annual contribution), but enough to reflect the growing needs across our communities, across	Yes		Yes	I agree and support the funding toward the Badminton and Multisport community centre. This has been a long journey for them to get to this point (15+ years). As mentioned, with the capacity issues across our Indoor court network, this contribution makes sense. It will consolidate a large number of our Badminton specific use, and event use into a fit for purpose space, releasing some additional capacity within the existing network, allows for more significant badminton major events to come to Tauranga, creates more indoor court space in the Mount & surrounding area, for other community use.	Yes	I Agree that with the funding toward the Cancer Lodge - this is something that will support a large portion of our community undergoing health challenges battling Cancer. This can be an unsettling time for patients and family, so to be close to local support networks is so important! I support this contribution.

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		the Western BOP sub-region.						
Roger Pace	Yes		No	I am sure that as each year passes by the number of persons getting the \$500 distribution must decrease, so it seems to me that the next point of an increase of this distribution should be changed 2031. Even if it was increased by the amount that did not get distributed the year before it would be something			Yes	
S Lee	Yes		Yes		Yes	As a parent, badminton player, volunteer badminton coach and Tauranga community member, I think the Badminton and Multisport Community Centre will benefit Tauranga, region, the nation and international communities	Yes	
S Lee					Yes	With reference to TECT's Draft Distribution Plan feedback 2026/2027, I like to submit my family's support for the Badminton & Multisport Community Centre. The objectives and reasons are outstanding. Please fund the build. Thanks. Kind regards, Lee and family		
Sam Johnstone	Yes		Yes		Yes	What a great potential facility to have in the Bay of Plenty which has a proud badminton legacy!	Yes	
Sam Russell	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Sam Sinclair	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	The region needs a badminton centre - plain and simple	Yes	

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Sarah Grafas	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>I strongly support the funding of the Badminton & Multisports facility in Mount Maunganui.</p> <p>A purpose-built venue like this can provide an inclusive space for people of all ages and abilities to participate in sport, stay active, and connect with others in the community – encouraging lifelong participation in physical activity. As the region is currently lacking a centre of this nature this is especially valuable.</p> <p>This multi-purpose facility will serve as an important community hub. Creating a welcoming place where young people, families, and older residents can gather, build friendships, and share experiences. Strengthening community connections, promoting wellbeing, and supporting the continued growth of an active and vibrant community.</p>		
Shae Crossan			Yes		Yes	<p>Support in full the funding for the Badminton & Multisport Centre which would be a great community asset, provide for the health and wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>This facility will address the significant shortage of indoor court space, the lack of purpose built badminton court space (which doesn't exist in Tauranga), and the ability to play badminton at all times.</p>	Yes	
Shane Espitalier	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>This community Centre will not only help continue the development and growth of Badminton in the Bay, it will also allow for other codes and communities to share in this awesome facility.</p>	Unsure	
Sharon GREENWAY	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	

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Sharon Wall	Yes		Yes		Yes	<p>This new facility is a much needed addition to the Bay of Plenty. Many sports struggle with acquiring court time for their basic needs, and with schools requiring their courts more for their own growth this struggle will become more abundant. With this facility even more than basic needs could be met, providing an opportunity for greater growth within sporting codes.</p> <p>Badminton would be able to host international tournaments including para-badminton due to the two different court designs. The more regional, national and international competitions hosted here will bring income into other businesses in the area as well. This could also introduce people to the beauty of Tauranga, increasing the likeliness of the area as a holiday destination in their future.</p> <p>A purpose built facility would also increase jobs and coaching opportunities. As a badminton coach the most challenging part is obtaining affordable court hire. Often the requirement would be one court, however the minimum to regularly hire is 4 courts which increases cost exponentially and this availability is very low. With the high cost and low availability it has made coaching opportunities impossible to navigate. The facility will provide more courts, more hire-able hours, the ability to hire the needed court number increasing these coaching opportunities.</p> <p>Not only will this increase provide an income source for coaches it will also support the up-skilling of our players. The increase in skill level may attract more elite level players, increasing</p>	Yes	

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						<p>the prestige and achievements of the sport for Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>From a community prospective this facility will provide a great space for connection, fun, movement and general positive activities for youth and adults alike.</p> <p>At a club level, many clubs are constrained with memberships due to being too busy from low number of courts, with some members having to sit off 2 games in a row. This facility would ease that burden and allow the clubs to grow.</p> <p>We are so close to being able to get this project started, the more that TECT can contribute towards our needed funding amount the better. Your support is so needed and appreciated by the badminton community and sporting community in the BOP. Thank you for supporting this project!</p>		
Shvaughan Ririnui	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Sing Wei Ung	Yes		Yes		Yes	This facility will be a great asset to the indoor court network and the wider community	Yes	
Siobhan Hall	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Skyler Franz-Kwan	Yes		Yes		Yes	I think that this new Badminton and Multisport Hall will be a great addition to the community. It will add a new sporting centre which is very much needed but it will also help bring different communities together.	No	
Sonia Forlong	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	
Sophie Lister	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Stefanie Franz	Yes		Yes		Yes	Badminton is a growing sport and having seen the many young players and children it deserves to get funding. A dedicated Badminton sport hall would provide more opportunities and help BoP Badminton grow.	Yes	

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Steph Peters	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Steve Winnard	Yes		Yes		Yes	This is a golden opportunity to have a world class badminton facility right here in Tauranga. Badminton is growing at an enormous rate and this facility is critical to allowing for this growth to continue and badminton be catered for in the Bay. Imagine attracting the BWF back to NZ and the NZ leg being played in Tauranga!!	Unsure	
Stu Thompson	Yes	I noted that the 23% figure for Community Development funding is now 20% and the difference is going to Community Facilities. It would be good to see if return to the 23% figure or more for 2027 if possible please. Is there any possibility of funding being allocated by TECT to the Gate Pa Community Center- or has this project already been covered by TECT?	Yes		Unsure	There's a need for more general court space around the city for Basketball and Volleyball type indoor sports, It would be great if not 2026, 2027 could be a year to fund additional court space as there's a shortage of these. I'm not sure when the Bethlehem Courts fields and sports center will be planned, perhaps this could be a project you guys can look at when it is scheduled to be built.	Unsure	The Cancer foundation is a very wealthy trust,I would just ask, are they contributing to this facility as well?
Stuart Tie	Yes		Yes		Yes	This facility will be a great asset to the indoor court network and the wider community. I see that there is still shortfall with the project, I propose to increase the funding for this project.	Yes	It will be good for our cancer patients and family.
Susan Stevens	Yes	Need more funding for Community projects	Yes		Yes	Clubs are having to limit participation numbers due to space/court/facility availability. Opportunities to train, develop and go on to representative playing are unavailable. Ability to host regional, national and international events which is delivered in areas with facilities	Yes	

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Talita Clapperton	Yes		Yes		Yes			<p>The Proposed badminton hall is a huge investment for not only Tauranga but BOP as a whole. Badminton has had a huge need in the BOP region for decades. We in Rotorua have the only badminton hall in the BOP and at 6 courts it is no way near enough to cater for our clubs, let alone the people who travel from Tauranga and EBOP to play. The new hall is also severly needed for tournaments for BOP Badminton and local tournaments as we just dont have the space. Currently people from our region travel to Tauranga for events on a weekly basis as they have more court space at the multipurpose facilities. These facilities are getting harder and harder to book creating a pressure cooker effect on venue space. This facility was needed 10 to 20 years ago. The Rotorua Badminton Club is fully invested in trying to get this venue up and running and has donated significant sums for the preparation of documents etc. We would really love your support in helping Badminton thrive not only in Tauranga but BOP As a whole. Thanks for your consideration.</p>

Name	Funding Framework		Proposed Annual Distribution Plan		Badminton & Multisport Community Centre		Cancer Lodge	
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Tanya Gilchrist	Yes	We are excited for a badminton facility as we are big badminton supporters have players in the family. We have been part of the badminton community for years and are excited that the game will finally be taken seriously by infrastructure suppliers.	Yes		Yes	We are excited for a badminton facility as we are big badminton supporters have players in the family. We have been part of the badminton community for years and are excited that the game will finally be taken seriously by infrastructure suppliers.	Unsure	
Tarryn Espitalier	Yes	Well done to TECT for distributing the funds to organizations that deserve funds fairly.	Yes	None	Yes	Well done TECT for realising that there is an issue with indoor court time for all sports and indoor network in Tauranga with the city growing as it is, it is a much needed facility.	Yes	This would be a good initiative serving the community
Tim Gillon	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	
Tina Harris-Ririnui	Yes		Yes		Yes	I am writing to express my strong support for this initiative. There has been a long-standing and well-recognised shortage of indoor court capacity across Tauranga and the wider region. Despite sustained growth in participation, infrastructure investment has not kept pace, resulting in constrained access, limited programming, and increasing pressure on existing facilities. This project responds directly to that unmet need. As a past facility manager, I strongly support this investment. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that fit-for-purpose indoor facilities have on participation, health, wellbeing, and social connection. I am also confident that BOP Badminton has the governance, operational capability, and experience required to optimise utilisation and deliver strong community outcomes over the long	Yes	

Name	Funding Framework		Proposed Annual Distribution Plan		Badminton & Multisport Community Centre		Cancer Lodge	
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						<p>term. TECT's proposed investment represents cornerstone funding. With TCC already committed, TECT's support would enable the project to proceed and provide the confidence needed to complete the wider fundraising effort. This is a prudent investment that aligns closely with TECT's strategy of supporting sport and recreation, strengthening community wellbeing, and delivering regional benefit through partnership and co-investment.</p> <p>This facility has been a long time coming. Demand continues to grow, and further delay will only increase cost and prolong the current shortfall. I strongly encourage TECT to support this project and help deliver a much-needed, community-focused facility for the benefit of current and future generations.</p>		
Tom Stone	Unsure		Unsure		Yes	Yes I think this would be a great assets for the region.	Unsure	
Tracy Kwok					Yes			
Tracy Stockman	Yes		Yes		No		Yes	While the Badminton & Multisport Community Centre and Cancer Lodge would both be great facilities for our area I believe funding for the Cancer Lodge should be given priority. The Cancer Lodge would provide much needed health and wellbeing support for patients and their families improving quality of life with better outcomes for everyone.
Trisha Brown	Unsure		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Varun Sharma	Unsure		Unsure		Yes		Yes	

Name	Funding Framework		Proposed Annual Distribution Plan		Badminton & Multisport Community Centre		Cancer Lodge	
	Position	Comments	Position	Comments	Position	Comments	Position	Comments
Zheran Li					Yes	Badminton is a growing very quickly in the BOP, and I believe specifically in Tauranga so having its own facility, like the other major cities in NZ would be a huge benefit for all players ranging from casual to competitive.		

SUBMISSION

TECT Draft Distribution Plan

2026/2027

10th March 2025

Submitter Details

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Tuesday 10th March 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Re: TECT Draft Distribution Plan 2026/2027

Sport Bay of Plenty welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the TECT Draft Distribution Plan 2026/2027.

As the regional leader for sport and recreation, we work to ensure the Western Bay of Plenty has the facilities, community infrastructure, environments and capability required to support participation, wellbeing and active lifestyles.

TECT has long been one of the most important contributors to community wellbeing in the region. We strongly support the direction of the draft plan and TECT's ongoing commitment to strategic, community-led investment.

Submission Summary

Funding Framework Adjustments:

Sport Bay of Plenty supports the proposed adjustments to TECT's funding framework, especially the increased allocation to:

- Community Facilities Fund (12% → 15%)
- Facilities of Regional Significance Fund (40% → 45%)

These shifts reflect the pressures faced by a rapidly growing region and the urgent infrastructure needs identified in the Sport Bay of Plenty Spaces and Places Strategy—particularly around indoor courts and community recreation facilities.

The increased emphasis on long-term, transformational infrastructure alongside responsive grassroots investment is well aligned with regional strategic priorities.

Support for the Proposed Annual Distribution Plan:

We endorse the proposal to distribute \$39.3 million in 2026/27, including significant allocations to community development, facilities and regional projects.

TECT's funding intent aligns with Sport Bay of Plenty's strategic focus areas, which prioritise:

- equitable access to sport, active recreation and play
- wellbeing and resilience across priority communities
- addressing facility gaps and barriers to participation
- strengthening capability within community organisations

The distribution outlined for 2026/2027 supports these outcomes.

Strong Support for Facilities of Regional Significance

Badminton & Multisport Community Centre:

Sport Bay of Plenty strongly supports TECT's consideration of a \$5 million investment in the proposed Badminton & Multisport Community Centre at Mount Maunganui.

This project directly responds to a key finding in the Spaces and Places Strategy, which identifies a critical shortage of indoor court capacity across the Western Bay of Plenty. The strategy demonstrates that:

- Demand for indoor courts currently exceeds supply.
- Insufficient indoor space limits delivery of school sport, community leagues, disability sport, training time and casual recreation opportunities.
- Projected population growth will widen this gap unless significant new court capacity is delivered.

The facility proposed by Bay of Plenty Badminton contributes meaningfully to addressing these gaps by providing:

- Eight dedicated badminton courts
- Two multi-purpose courts
- Capacity for national and international events
- Accessibility for community use and multisport activity

This centre represents the type of asset envisaged in both the Spaces and Places Strategy and TECT's own Built Environment strategic focus area, which emphasises investing in facilities that enhance community connectedness, increase participation, and support long-term vibrancy.

TECT's proposed \$5M contribution would complete essential cornerstone funding and sends a strong signal to other investors.

Cancer Lodge:

Sport Bay of Plenty also supports the proposed \$5 million contribution to the Cancer Society's planned Cancer Lodge.

While not a sport or recreation facility, this project delivers significant community wellbeing benefits—central to TECT's Community Wellbeing & Vibrancy focus area.

Improving physical and mental wellbeing is foundational to participation in sport and recreation. By reducing barriers to treatment and supporting whānau, the lodge strengthens the wider health ecosystem that underpins an active and resilient community.

Alignment with TECT's Strategic Focus Areas

We support TECT's ongoing commitment to:

- Community Wellbeing & Vibrancy
- Built Environment investment
- Priority Communities
- Partnership and co-investment models

These focus areas align directly with the aims of the Spaces and Places Strategy and Sport Bay of Plenty's organisational purpose to enhance community wellbeing through sport and recreation.

Summary of Key Points

Sport Bay of Plenty:

- Supports the revised funding framework, including increased investment in facilities.
- Endorses the proposed \$39.3M allocation for 2026/27.
- Strongly supports the Badminton & Multisport Community Centre as a critical response to documented indoor court shortages in the Spaces and Places Strategy.
- Supports the Cancer Lodge for its community wellbeing benefits and alignment with TECT priorities.
- Commends TECT for a strategic, evidence-informed plan that responds to the region's long-term needs.

Conclusion and Opportunities

Sport Bay of Plenty values the strong partnership with TECT and recognises the Trust's vital role in shaping a connected, active and thriving region. The Draft Distribution Plan 2026/27 reflects an impactful approach that supports community wellbeing today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

The role TECT plays across the Western Bay community is critical at both operational and strategic levels. The alignment of the BOP Spaces and Places strategy to TECT's strategic investment supports the development of well informed community focused facilities that will support our regions growth.

Additionally, the Bay of Plenty Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy (PARSS) due for release in July 2026, will aim to enhance future decision making frameworks to further maximise future investment.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit feedback and welcome further engagement with TECT Trustees.

18 March 2026

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Tēnā koe Sir/Madam,

Western Bay of Plenty District Council submission on Draft Annual Distribution Plan 2026/2027

We acknowledge and value the strong strategic and operational relationship between TECT Community Trust (TECT) and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), and we thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on TECT's Draft Annual Distribution Plan 2026/2027 (draft Distribution Plan). We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Our submission

Strategic Focus Areas

We agree with the Strategic Focus Areas identified in the draft Distribution Plan and acknowledge the importance of ensuring that each area is sufficiently supported and resourced for our communities to thrive. The Strategic Focus Areas promoted by TECT align with our strategic priorities of enabling housing and empowering communities, and complement our District Vision, within which the key elements are:

- we can all enjoy a healthy and safe lifestyle
- our communities are vibrant and welcoming
- leaders are effective, informed and inclusive
- our environment is clean, green and valued
- our economy is thriving

Acknowledging the mahi undertaken by both TECT and WBOPDC in working with, and understanding, our communities, we welcome the opportunity to share data, particularly in relation to our priority communities to ensure that not only are the needs of our community being met, but that their voices are also heard in multiple forums.

Proposed Changes to Funding Framework

We support the proposed changes to the Funding Framework, particularly as the minimum levels of funding for the Responsive Funds are being maintained and the increase in the quantum across each of the five funds.

While acknowledging the rationale for the proposed increases to the two funds enabling delivery of community and regional facilities, we trust that TECT will continue to monitor and strike a balance between the delivery of physical infrastructure and the people, processes and systems, on which countless hours are spent volunteering, working and contributing towards the facilities and the clubs who use them.

Proposed Annual Distribution Plan

We support the proposed Annual Distribution Plan, and acknowledge the significant financial investment across the region provided by TECT each year. Alongside the engagement, guidance and support offered to partners, clubs, and community organisations through the application and review processes, the contributions made by TECT to many communities has been invaluable.

Facilities of Regional Significance

We support the distribution of grants for facilities of regional significance and acknowledge the value of key community assets which promote local, national and international opportunities across the region.

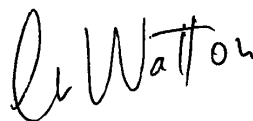
Yours faithfully,



James Denyer

Mayor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council



Emily Watton

Acting General Manager Strategy and Community

Western Bay of Plenty District Council


8 March 2026

The TECT Trustees

Regarding the TECT Draft Distribution Plan 2026-2027

The recent Foodbank Christmas Appeal has shown once again that our community really does care, total donations of cash and food items together were worth \$265,000 a sum described as huge by the Foodbank. The \$265,000 raised is perhaps just 1% of the amount lost by our community directly to Electricity Retailers every year caused by the ongoing madness of the TECT Consumer Trust rebate scheme. The refusal to publically recognise the problem and apparent refusal to work to find a solution is a slap in the face for every struggling household and every hard working volunteer.

In the most recent release by MBIE of the Quarterly Survey of Domestic Electricity Prices Nov 2025 (QSDEP) we retain the top spot, paying the highest electricity energy prices in NZ. This is deeply embarrassing. We have held this position for 9 of the last 11 quarters paying between 15% and 23% more than the NZ median. As a main centre we could expect to pay less than the median. The situation is not improving despite the gradual reduction in TECT Consumer Trust beneficiary numbers. We are just days away from the next round of price increases.

When TECT Consumer Trust required Trustpower customers to shift to Mercury to remain beneficiaries, they kept the high Trustpower prices. Mercury which had been the cheapest of the five major retailers rapidly shifted to be the most expensive of the four remaining major retailers even for original Mercury customers. Other retailers have followed the pricing benchmarks set by Mercury so that now few plans are available at the prices in comparable areas. We are in a rapidly changing electricity environment, what we need now more than ever is clean access to competitive electricity prices and options as we embrace time of day pricing, EV charging options, PV home generation, bundling and replacement of gas appliances. TECT remains involved with the electricity retail marketplace given the influence over market competition.

The TECT Draft Distribution Plan seeks feedback around percentages to be allocated to the various responsive funds. While I support the increased total funding levels just fiddling with percentages will never address the harm being caused by the electricity prices. The focus on bricks and mortar projects is looking out of touch as we see increasing levels of material deprivation in the child poverty statistics and despair from many in the social support sector. It is time for TECT itself to follow the 'Catalyst for Change' criteria.

The Energy Competition Task Force is a joint project between the Electricity Authority and Commerce Commission tasked with improving the performance of the electricity market for the benefit of consumers. It has asked for submissions for projects it could work on this year. Consumer NZ has written a submission and picked out our region as the one region where competition issues should be looked at.

I have appended, with permission from Consumer NZ, the section of the submission that relates to us. No other region is picked out as needing investigation.

It would make enormous sense for TECT to take the lead with change starting with a statement in your press release regarding the distribution plan. Only then can the purpose of TECT to make a significant impact in our community become a reality.

"As part of the consideration of the distribution plan the Trustees have become aware that although local lines charges attributed to Powerco are in line with other regions, the energy component prices attributed to the electricity retailers are the highest in New Zealand. The Trustees promise to investigate fully and promise to make the necessary changes so that all local residents benefit from competitive retail electricity offerings. "

David Riley

Part of submission (pages 11 and 12 of 12) from Consumer NZ Chief Executive John Duffy to Energy Competition Task Force 9 Feb 2026 regarding Task Force proposed work programme 2026

"Additional area: We believe the Task Force should investigate competition issues in Tauranga.

The operation of the Tauranga Electricity Consumers Trust (TECT) rebate scheme raises competition concerns that we believe warrant examination by the Task Force. Unlike other electricity trusts, which distribute benefits to all households within their geographic areas, TECT restricts eligibility to a closed group of former Trustpower customers who were on the retailer's books as at 28 January 2021 and who have remained with Mercury since its acquisition of Trustpower's retail business. Beneficiaries must also continue to reside within the TECT geographic area. This creates a long-term financial lock-in effect, as consumers forfeit a substantial annual rebate - currently around \$500 and rising to \$600 by 2031 - if they switch electricity retailer or move out of the area.

This conditional rebate structure unintentionally reduces consumer mobility and distorts retail competition in Tauranga. Households that might otherwise switch to lower priced retailers are incentivised to remain with, or return to, Mercury. Mercury retains approximately 52% market share in the region. Switching rates in Tauranga are the lowest among major centres, despite retail prices being 8% higher than the national average and higher than nearby comparable locations such as Hamilton and Whakatāne. These indicators strongly suggest the presence of an artificially weakened competitive environment.

The effect is both distortionary and inequitable. Consumers on the same retailer in the same neighbourhood can face markedly different effective electricity costs, purely based on historical eligibility. New residents in Tauranga – even those joining Mercury - receive no rebate, while long-standing residents may receive hundreds of dollars annually, creating price discrimination unrelated to consumption or plan choice. The rebate's design is also highly opaque for consumers and difficult for comparison services such as Powerswitch to reflect, as eligibility cannot be determined from location, ICP number, or retailer information.

To be clear, Mercury does not control TECT's distribution decisions, and we are not suggesting in any way that this situation is of their making or that they have acted improperly. Regardless the structure confers a significant competitive advantage on the retailer and creates a major barrier to effective competition. These distortions cannot be readily addressed through consumer information tools alone. A non-distortionary alternative - consistent with the practice of other electricity trusts - would be for TECT to distribute benefits to all electricity consumers in its district, rather than only to a legacy subset tied to a specific retailer.

Given the clear evidence of reduced switching, elevated prices, and impaired competition in a major urban region, we consider the TECT rebate structure an important area for the Task Force to examine. The issue meets the threshold for scrutiny: it creates persistent market distortions, disadvantages consumers, and undermines the competitive functioning of the electricity retail market."

Date: 12 March 2026

Urgency: High (Deadline 18 March)

Subject: Formal Objection to the \$42M Capital Splurge vs. Asset Value Contraction

I submit this formal objection to the proposed **\$42 million Community Distribution** (and the combined **\$62 million total annual bleed**) on the grounds of gross fiscal imprudence and the systematic erosion of the Trust's capital base.

1. The "Yield Gap" Comparison: Manawa vs. Diversification

The Trustees must acknowledge the failure of the 2015 "Billion-Dollar Bill" Diversification Strategy to provide sustainable income.

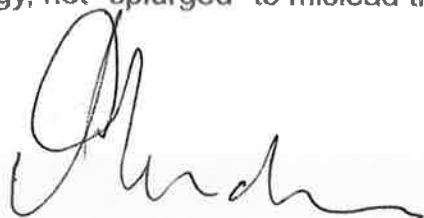
- **Legacy Yield:** Prior to the 2025 sale, the Trustpower/Manawa holding provided consistent, inflation-indexed dividends that historically covered distributions from **actual earnings**.
- **Current Yield:** The **51.25% International Share allocation** (approx. \$455M) is currently yielding a pathetic **1.6% in organic dividends**. This generates only **\$7.28M**—less than 12% of the total \$62M required for grants and rebates.
- **Conclusion:** You are no longer "distributing income"; you are **liquidating the community's savings** to fund a one-off "splash" that masks a portfolio in crisis.

2. The \$30 Million Infratil "Paper Trap"

The decision to accept **17.6 million Infratil shares** at a valuation of **\$12.43** (October 2025) has already resulted in a **~\$32 million paper loss** as the price languishes near **\$10.60**. Doubling down on a record \$42M distribution while the Trust's equity is shrinking is not "milestone" management—it is a panic-driven attempt to project strength where none exists.

Formal Request:

I demand the Trustees **immediately halt** the \$42 million proposal and realign distributions with the **actual 1.6% yield** of the portfolio. The \$218 million cash must be protected as principal to repair the damage caused by the current diversification strategy, not "splurged" to mislead the beneficiaries.



R. ANDERSON

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