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Council's response to the Draft Bill is summarised in the table below:

| Item   | Position          | Comment  |
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| Changes to the definition of the role of council (Section 19A)                                   | Qualified support | Council acknowledges its role in addressing the impacts of climate change. However, naming this up in legislation as a role of local government could create an expectation that it is exclusively the responsibility of a council to respond to all climate change impacts occurring within its municipal area. |
| Local Government Charter (Section 20)  | Support           | No issues identified.  |
| Mandatory core councillor learning and development requirements (Section 28AB and 28AC inserted) | Support           | Consistent with Council's initial submission.  |
| Serious councillor misconduct provisions (Section 28ZR)  | Support           | The inclusion of powers to deal with situations in which an elected member has engage in serious misconduct is welcomed.   |
| Requirement to develop a workplace development strategy (Section 62)                             | Support           | Council has an existing Workforce Plan that addresses the immediate and long-term human resourcing requirements for the organisation.  |
| Amendments to the prescribed process for preparing a strategic plan (Section 66)                 | Support           | Proposals consistent with Council's current practice.  |
| Requirements for a Community Engagement Strategy (Section 70DA inserted)                         | Support           | Amendments are in line with Council's current Engagement Strategy and processes.   |
| Council performance reporting (Section 84A)  | Support           | Consistent with Council's initial submission.  |
| Mandating Internal Audits (Section 84B)  | Support           | Council has an existing internal audit function.   |
| Order specifying information in  | Qualified support | The inclusion of additional  |

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| rates notices (Section 122A)  |         | information on rates notices needs to be considered from both an information overload and practical perspective. |
| Performance Improvement Direction (Section 214L)  | Support | Consistent with Council's initial submission.  |
| Appointment of temporary advisor (Section 214P)   | Support | Consistent with Council's initial submission.  |
| Disclosure of information relating to remote attendance at closed council meetings (Section 338A) | Support | No issues identified.  |

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Regards,

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