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To whom it may concern

In my view the traditional tax and spend model of funding public services is broken and revenues are at risk given automation and other technology and non-technology changes.

A first principles review is required of what is personal/community responsibility versus what is local and central government responsibility. This should include tight definitions of local government responsibilities via the local government Act - the current Act places too much political pressure on councils from special interest groups and this, in my view, is contributing to massive rate increases.

Further, the New Zealand Government should adopt the savings based approach recommended in the attached paper - the Government must provide a safety net but the extension of the welfare state into areas of personal responsibility is creating unintended consequences from a behavioral perspective and also means members of the public do not benefit from compound interest as they should.

I am more than happy to speak to this submission if a forum is available.

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Kind Regards

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