

Masterton District Council

Urban Ward

Electing 4 Councillors



PJ HUNT

Don't Waste the Rates.

Wairarapa and Masterton urban resident on and off since 1989, full on 30 year career in management and engineering, retired young, Chartered Engineer, MIMechE, Member NZRSA.

For: smarter spending of rates money, more efficient accountable administration, developers foot all consent process costs, more urban resident councillors, halving councillors' \$520 pw honorariums.

Against: MDC budgets spending millions more than its income year after year, present debt, huge consultant costs, relentless staff increases.

Comment: MDC spent \$16million more than income in just six years, debt ballooned to near \$24million, rich NZ cities cannot afford the planned upmarket sewerage scheme going to cost over \$65million in urban rates, 70% of 2007 councillors were rural residents, 20% of residents are rural.

Responsible governance of MDC's CEO and educated professional managers running a \$40million pa business requires competent directors. But past spending has guaranteed rate payers a bleak future.