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| <p>Climate change</p> | <p>The potential long-term effects of climate change are an increase in the frequency and severity of weather events. We are monitoring our expenditure on weather events to identify any trends.</p> |
| <p>Demand growth</p> | <p>The district is experiencing growth in population, economic activity and tourism. The existing capacity of the network is sufficient to accommodate the anticipated growth in traffic volume in the short term.</p> |
| <p>Demographic changes</p> | <p>Projected changes indicate the proportion of people aged 65 and older will increase to nearly 40% by 2048 to become the dominant demographic. This will affect demand on the network and availability of rates funding.</p> |
| <p>Land use changes</p> | <p>Changes in rural land use and the development of recreational areas are adding new vitality to the district, with positive flow-on effects to our economy.</p> |
| <p>Bridge replacements</p> | <p>The community faces a significant issue with 67 bridges forecast to reach the end of their remaining useful lives within the next 30 years. Replacing these bridges is unlikely to be economically viable for the community.</p> |
| <p>Changes to service levels and network</p> | <p>No additional investment has been provided in the financial forecasts for increases in hierarchy classification of currently maintained roads, or to broaden the extent of council maintenance on other roads.</p> |