2015-25 Draft Long-Term Plan Hearings
Friday 8 May 2015, 9.30pm to 5.00pm

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9.30 am	5 mins	Marion Leighton		623	1040
9.35 am	10 mins	Hadyn Smith	Alex Moore Park Board	228	994
9.45 am	10 mins	Leasa Carlyon	Capital BMX Club	238	1006
9.55 am	5 mins	Robert Murray		801	1117
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10.10 am	10 mins	Michael Bealing	WCC Accessibility Advisory Group	794	1095
10.20 am	5 mins	Carolyn Nimmo		653	1050
10.25 am	10 mins	Trafford Wilson	Wellington Hockey Association and Trust	736	1063
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10.50 am	10 mins	Mark Futter	Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce	796	1105
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11.10 am	10 mins	Kiri Waldegrave	Regional Public Health	616	1026
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11.20 am	5 mins	Paul Bruce		225	989
11.25 pm	10 mins	Sue Paterson	New Zealand Festival	843	1133
11.35 am	5 mins	Tom Bennion		93	987
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11.45 am	10 mins	Phil Gibbons	Sport Wellington	850	1163
11.55 am	10 mins	Phil Gibbons	On behalf of Regional Sport Wellington	854	1177
12.05 pm					
12.10 pm	10 mins	Judy Hutt / Victor Anderlini	Wellington Marine Conservation Trust	825 836	1123 1128
12.20 pm	10 mins	Raewyn Hailes	CCS Disability Action Wellington Branch	427	1012
12.30 pm	Lunch				
1.15 pm	10 mins	Neville Hyde / Blair O'Keefe	Centreport Limited	1007	1203

1.25 pm	10 mins	Neville Hyde	Centreport Properties Limited	1031	1217
1.35 pm	10 mins	Nick Wareham	Harbour Quays A1 Limited	1026	1214
1.45 pm	10 mins	Nick Wareham	Harbour Quays D4 Limited	1027	1215
1.55 pm	10 mins	Nick Wareham	Harbour Quays F1F2 Limited	1028	1216
2.05 pm	7 mins	James Whitaker	Wellington Boardriders Club	1015 725	1207 1059
2.12 pm	8 mins	James Whitaker / Michael Gunson	Surfbreak Protection Society Inc	725 1015	1059 1207
2.20 pm	5 mins	Catherine Underwood		984	1196
2.25 pm					
2.30 pm	10 mins	Shelly Turner	Central Allbreeds Dog Training School	644	1045
2.40 pm	5 mins				
2.45 pm	5 mins	Pauline and Athol Swann		744	1072
2.50 pm	10 mins	Barry Blackett	Glenside Progressive Association	1022	1210
3.00 pm					
3.20 pm	5 mins	Anisha Bhandari		762	1076
3.25 pm	5 mins	Don McDonald		1021	1208
3.30 pm	10 mins	Andrew Feierabend	Meridian Energy Limited	771	1077
3.40 pm	10 mins	Amanda Skoog	Royal New Zealand Ballet	894	1190
3.45 pm					
3.50 pm	10 mins	Jan Voss	A.C.E. Dog Training	800	1112
4.00 pm	10 mins	Sam Huggard	NZ Council Trade Unions	694	1057
4.10 pm	10 mins	Jon de Groen	Civic Chambers Body Corporate	1000	1200
4.20 pm	10 mins	Ollie Michie	Wellington City Youth Council	776	1085
4.30 pm	10 mins	Arie Moore	Lyall Bay Surf and Life Saving Club	777	1088

4.40 pm	10 mins	Simon Wright	Environ mental Reference Group	1037	1226
4.50 pm	10 mins	Marilyn Head	Newtown Branch New Zealand Labour Party	1035	1218
4.55 pm					
5.00 pm	**Adjourn to reconvene on Tuesday 12 May 2015, 10.30am**				

Antoinette Bliss

From: Tom Bennion <bennionlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 30 March 2015 1:42 p.m.
To: BUS: Long Term Plan
Subject: Long Term Plan submission

Name	Tom Bennion
Email	bennionlaw@gmail.com
Postcode	6146
I want Wellington to be safe for people on bikes. I want the council to:- Commit the funds - support the cycle network plan and the next 10 year funding proposal	yes
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I want Wellington to be safe for people on bikes. I want the council to:- Reduce speeds in inner city streets to make the CBD safer and more relaxed for everyone	yes
Write a message to the council	In the recent Basin Bridge hearing the Board of Inquiry was astonished by the large rise in cycling and the fact that that did not seem to have been anticipated. As a cycle commuter to Wellington from Petone on both electric and regular bikes for the past 5 years, my impression is that day by day, month by month interest in cycling is growing. Wellington has a spectacular opportunity to rival any city in the world for cycling with relatively modest, but serious, expenditure, dedicated to a clear vision. A Petone to Wellington link down the side of the harbour could be an attraction of interest worldwide. It would rival Auckland's Skypath. Making Cuba Street village - already a byword around the globe as a hub of the coolest capital - a cycle mecca, is also only a few million dollars away. So much is within the city's grasp with the right level of expenditure at the right places. International surveys also show retail spending! soaring when cycle path are placed near shops. I therefore urge you to appreciate the tremendous opportunity that is within our grasp.

	Let the headline be "world's coolest Capital makes bid to be cycling's coolest capital".
Would you like to deliver an oral submission to council in person?	Yes

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From: Paul Bruce <paul.bruce@greens.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2015 2:08 p.m.
To: BUS: Long Term Plan
Subject: Long Term Plan submission

Name	Paul Bruce
Email	paul.bruce@greens.org.nz
Postcode	6021
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Would you like to deliver an oral submission to council in person?	No
I would like to volunteer for Generation Zero -Yes	yes

Talava Sene

From: Paul Bruce <brucepaul39@gmail.com> on behalf of Paul Bruce <paul.bruce@greens.org.nz>
Sent: Sunday, 19 April 2015 12:27 p.m.
To: BUS: Long Term Plan
Subject: Submission Paul Bruce WCC long term plan
Attachments: Submission WCC long term plan Paul Bruce copy.pdf

Hi,

I forwarded a submission to WCC long term plan at 5pm on Friday 17th April.

It was done in a big rush and contained numerous errors.

I would be most grateful if you would replace the online and duplicate emailed submission, with the following attachment. The new version is also pasted within the body of the email.

You will note that this submission is on my own behalf.

best wishes

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Submission WCC draft long term plan 16th April 2015

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Submitter Details

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Wishes to be heard:
(•) Yes
( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:
(•) Submitter
( ) Agent
( ) Both

Submission

Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

( ) Strongly support (•) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments
We would like to see a greater awareness of sporting assets in Wellington so that community facilities continue to meet the wants and needs of this city.

Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

( ) Strongly support (•) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support (•) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

There is a huge return through volunteer investment in this area. There must be a degree of support for the process or volunteers will no longer be able to willing to service this need.

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly Oppose

Comments

Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

- [x] Strongly support
- [ ] Support
- [ ] Neutral
- [ ] Oppose
- [ ] Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

- [ ] Strongly support
- [x] Support
- [ ] Neutral
- [ ] Oppose
- [ ] Strongly oppose
- [ ] Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments

Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

- [x] Male
- [ ] Female

My age is

- [ ] under 18 years
- [ ] 18-29 years
- [ ] 30-39 years
- [ ] 40-49 years
- [x] 50-59 years
- [ ] 60 years and older

Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Which of the following best describes you?

- [ ] Residential ratepayer
- [ ] Commercial ratepayer
- [ ] Residential and commercial ratepayer
- [ ] I rent
- [x] Other

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- [x] New Zealand European
- [ ] Māori
- [ ] Samoan
- [ ] Cook Island
- [ ] Tongan
- [ ] Niuean
- [ ] Chinese
- [ ] Indian
- [ ] Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

Other issues/matters or general comments

Comments

Attached Documents

File
Alex Moore WCC LTP draft submission aimed at 2015 Final
2015-25 Draft Long-term Plan

ALEX MOORE PARK
SPORT AND COMMUNITY INC

WCC 2015-25 Long Term Plan Submission
Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Project and Sports Field Development





31 March 2015

1. Introduction

The Alex Moore Park Board (AMPB) would like to acknowledge the support and guidance given to this project to date by both the Wellington City Council Councillors (WCC) and Officers. The recent opening of the Alex Moore Park Artificial Turf is an example of that commitment to our community and the priority needs of the Northern Ward from a community and individual sport perspective.

The primary purpose of this submission is to update Councillors and Council Officers on progress of this project to date, to suggest a solution to some of our financial obstacles, to recognise the demands of our high density suburbs (many that follow on from the development of the artificial turf) and to seek continued dialogue with both Councillors and Council Officers in finding the ideal pathway forward and completing what is an important Community Facility for the Greater Johnsonville and Northern suburbs of Wellington.

2. Alex Moore Park Building overview

The Alex Moore Park Building is not only a strongly supported community project. It is also the major support infrastructure for the new artificial turf and whole of park improvements that have been completed on Alex Moore Park to date. These recent improvements are a direct result of all our work on behalf of this community and the strong commitment of WCC in this area. The AMPB "Sportsville" style project involves Olympic Harriers, Johnsonville Cricket, Johnsonville Softball, North Wellington Junior Football and North Wellington Senior Football Clubs.

The voluntary AMPB has been working hard for five years and consists of: Hadyn Smith (Chair); Mel Smalley (Deputy Chair); Mike Collett; Lynda James; Leigh Halstead; Guy Callender; Ian Hutchison; and Steve Dunbar.

The objectives and work of AMPB as a whole of park and community support organisation has also been recognised with the granting of charity status for the project. The following are whole of park project outcomes to date.

i. Money was raised for resource consent costs by the founding clubs generously aided by WCC and the Johnsonville Charitable Trust.

ii. Resource consent for the new building and for the artificial turf development was granted in August 2013.

iii. The stage 1 redevelopment works were funded by the Council and completed in May 2014. The redevelopment works included:

    i. a full-size artificial turf on the northernmost field

    ii. a car park at the north end of Alex Moore Park

iv. The Plimmer Trust beatification was completed in 2014 and the paths and planting have greatly supported the ready use of the park and the facilities by walking traffic.

v. Usage of the park has increased significantly since the artificial turf has been installed, ensuring our community is more active and involved. By our calculations the artificial turf is available for an extra 50 hours a week over the winter than the old grass ground. This has resulted in an extra 1200 hours a year of usage time. With an average of 20 people on the ground at any time regardless of weather or conditions – by our calculations the result is an additional 24,000 activity hours for the community. We should all be very proud of that outcome.

vi. New architectural updates (including a tuck shop) and 3D concept plans of the facility are now at a fixed footprint stage and fly over versions can be viewed on line at www.alexmoorepark.org.nz Our Resource Consent has been updated to include these additions.

vii. AMPB has secured a formal lease from WCC and DOC in respect of the new build area (updated in October 2014 to include a tuck shop). The following is of note:

    a. AMPB has consulted extensively with the community, schools and other sporting codes and the consensus is that the new proposed facility is needed to support the park and it's increased usage due to the artificial turf.

    b. The intention for the build is to primarily provide both new and existing sporting and community programmes for the benefit of all residents in the Northern suburbs. It will provide an all-purpose gymnasium, shelter and support as well as acting as a meeting, sporting and tournament hub for schools, sporting and community groups that are using the building or park.

    c. The new facility will be financially sustainable. As part of our lease application we were required to submit information not just on our fundraising plans, but also on our proposed operating model and budgets.

Our estimates were based on information provided by other sport and community facilities already in operation as well as innovative users, such as corporate events.

d. The short term focus for the AMPB project is to progress the Fund Raising strategy and the build estimated recently at $5 million by an independent quantity surveyor. The AMPB is also in consultation with appropriate persons who have agreed to provide necessary marketing expertise and to provide introductions to key funding organisations and personnel.

e. A key item in the Fund Raising Strategy is community fund raising for facilities in support of the users of the park. The target from this community is significant for an all of community resource and a huge challenge.

f. This facility will significantly support the use of the park and in particular the year round use of the artificial turf by large groups and schools.

viii. Sport Wellington are aware of our project and are part of the consultation and support mechanism we have used and are currently using to formulate and test inputs into our project.

3. Urban growth

The AMPB is solutions focused and it is pleasing indeed to see in the recent draft WCC Urban Growth Plan (UGP) that Johnsonville is a major focus of that paper. From targeted regeneration and the creation of what has been termed a liveable and vibrant centre Johnsonville ticks virtually every long term box. Even the existing Softball and Football club rooms in Phillip Street, when vacated by the creation of the new build, will release a section that is larger than most land packages currently found in close proximity to the Johnsonville CBD.

The UGP states that WCC must have a platform to support growth in areas such as Johnsonville. Without doubt we have an exploding youth population and as such we need improved community recreation facilities to support the communities needs. We believe the vision and strategy of the AMPB is not only in tune with current Northern Ward thinking but also supports the vision that is currently being created for this city.

4. Community support

This community is incredibly supportive of this building project. That position is reflected by the finding that, in nearly 10 years of formulation, the only negative raised (outside of the volunteer time involved) has been the loss of a small area of grassed space on the park for the provision of a carpark. As residents who live in close proximity to the park will confirm, that was a small sacrifice for the provision of some comfort to their lifestyle and improved relationship with the day-to-day park users.

From community groups such as Rotary right through to local primary and secondary schools the support is overwhelming and has only grown as a result of the opening of the artificial pitch in 2014. The community now want to see progress on building the facility and convincing them that they may need to wait five years or more is proving both difficult and frustrating.

5. Delivering WCC Objectives

The new facility at Alex Moore Park will help WCC meet their community outcomes of being a:

- "People-centred city" and promoting people's health and well-being by increasing access to recreation opportunities
- "connected city" and strengthening social cohesion by providing recreation options and bringing people together

The AMPB is also committed to environmental sustainability and talking to suppliers of solar energy, water reticulation prospects and other areas where this complex can meet our community responsibilities.

6. Build timing linked to financials

With the community's help AMPB has to raise $5 million to fund this building project. That is a tall order for an area that is not renowned for excesses in any financial medium.

It follows that the timelines formulated for the completion of the building are to a degree handicapped by what is needed at both the beginning and end of the build process. AMPB has the following broad funding commitments of $5.2 million made to the build:

- Approx. $0.7 million - Sale of assets (Phillip Street building site - this funding source must be the last element in the process as the building currently houses Football and Softball);
- $340k - WCC existing commitments to toilets.
- $950k - NZ Lotteries.
- Approx. $.7 million - Gaming and Trust investments (the issue with this funding is that it has to be used on "bricks and mortar aspects to the build");
- Approx. $0.8 million - Community funds from events, individual donations, sponsorship - naming rights, sports clubs, etc;
- $1.45m - WCC
- Other - around $1.1 million (commercial/contra funding, private funder, etc).

The clubs who are the foundations for this project have already committed to capitation fees in order to fund day to day operational costs of the project. This is on top of existing year to year operational costs from their mainly junior membership.

The Board and indeed all of those involved in the Alex Moore Park Building to date do so without charge or cost. However, community fund raising is a slow process and we estimate that if this community has to raise the full $5 million then the project will not see any material return until perhaps 2019. We therefore believe that the nature of WCC's involvement should increase, solidifying the partnership with AMPB, through the following actions:

i. That WCC recognise that an increased usage of the park has been an immediate outcome of the introduction of the artificial turf at Alex Moore Park.

ii. This increased usage would suggest that a modern resource on the park would mean an even stronger and complete asset that will serve the community and support the predicted population growth.

iii. That WCC seriously considers assisting the northern community of Wellington to fast-track the Alex Moore Park building development by instituting a one-for-one investment objective, or similar, in the next WCC Long Term Plan.

iv. WCC will commit to providing a maximum investment of $1.45 million plus existing commitments (toilets - $340k).

v. The Alex Moore Park Board will commit to raising all other funds towards this project through all sources outside of the WCC.

vi. The timeline for completion of the build reverts to two to three years from the granting of WCC support.

The AMPB believes that a speedy outcome will enable fund raising to tap into the community excitement surrounding this project and satisfy growing community expectations. We see a one-for-one investment by WCC in the Northern Ward as the right thing to do for both this community and the growth of Wellington.

5. Future Funding - Similar Community Project

Projects such as this our board suspect will be an increasing feature of the Wellington sporting landscape. There is no "unworthy" project but WCC should have in place as part of the Long Term Plan a funding pool to assist community projects on the way. This may be as small or large as is deemed appropriate but an ability to support such projects to get beyond the idea line for significant community need should be catered for somewhere in the process. We acknowledge that volunteers must be to the fore in any like project but at some stage the ability to engage some level of professional support for this pool of projects should exist.

6. Conclusion

In our submission to the WCC for the 2014/15 Annual Plan the AMPB stated that we believed that, on a project by project basis, capital investment should be considered by WCC for major community capital projects. We believe that the building of the communal facility at Alex Moore Park is one such priority project.

Following on from that statement the commitment to the artificial sports field at Alex Moore Park by WCC has been a wonderfully positive outcome for the health, wellbeing and recreational needs of this area. The local community in the Northern Suburbs of Wellington are very aware of the whole of park project and there is now strong local interest in the building development that many believe should follow. Local schools also have a huge interest in the whole of park development and there is both pressure and a growing expectation that we are being pressured to meet.

The building development is now at stage two of the Alex Moore Park project and follows on from the building of the artificial turf and park beautification. Such facilities will support the increased use of the park and particularly its use during inclement weather or major on-park events.

We believe the two projects (the Sportsville building and the artificial turf) have a history of being joined and the community has seen that position throughout the joint resource WCC and AMPB consent process and launch of the artificial turf.

We now believe that the right thing for this community is that we get on with the "building on the park" without further delay. For that to occur we need WCC support of our one-for-one proposition.

On behalf of the five founding clubs and our community I thank WCC for your continued support and enthusiasm for the development of this community facility. I know that the board is looking forward to your continuing involvement and I am sure that it won't be too long before the project develops well beyond a set of drawings and the commitment and enthusiasm of the board and clubs involved.

Summary

1. Thank you for WCC commitment to ongoing associated sport and recreation initiatives, particularly the artificial turf build at Alex Moore Park completed in April 2014.

2. The plan for a modern "Sportsville" on Alex Moore Park satisfies the vision as stated in the draft Wellington Urban Growth Plan.

3. We believe that a Johnsonville Sportsville is a priority community project that can be significantly and positively influenced by WCC.

4. WCC, as part of its 2015 LTP should contribute to priority major community projects that support high density population areas and we believe the Alex Moore Park Sportsville project should be given such support.

5. WCC have already planned for an acknowledged support of $340,000 towards Alex Moore Park Sportsville project. This contribution has already been countered as an existing contribution and must continue.

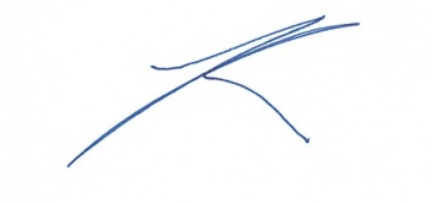
6. The AMPB will fund raise a target of $5 million towards this significant community project and suggests that community raised funds for the project be supported by a LTP investment of a further $1.45 million in the WCC Long Term Plan from the 2015/16 period.

7. Please formalise your continued support and involvement with the Alex Moore Park initiative through the next and subsequent Annual Plans and the LTP.

Our submission reflects the view of our key partners Olympic Harriers, Johnsonville Cricket, Johnsonville Softball, North Wellington Junior Football and North Wellington Senior Football Clubs.

Thank you for WCC support for Alex Moore Park.

Yours sincerely



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- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Submission

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Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

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Comments

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Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments
We request that provision for supporting the development of a UCI (international level) competitive BMX track at Ian Galloway Park be included in the Wellington City Council draft 10-year Long Term Plan. The past two years have represented numerous long hours of hard work and many hundreds of dollars of personal funds from a small number of enthusiastic committee members. Through sheer determination, persistence and dedication, the committee has raised $125,000 of the $245,500 required to provide Wellington City with a race-able BMX track. WCC is contributing $40,000 of drainage work and possibly $1000 towards landscaping. We are requesting that Wellington City Council contribute further to the remaining $79,500 required in order for this project to stage one, a race-able track. Without Council support the Club fear the project will further stall whilst the Committee works to raise the remaining funds. If this occurs, the funding grants previously secured could be in danger of being revoked as the funders look to have granted funds spent in a reasonably short time period. The long-term plan states that: 'Recreation services, comprising swimming pools, recreation centres, sports-fields and marinas, provide a wide variety of accessible recreation opportunities throughout the City to enhance and encourage health, well-being and quality of life. By providing a range of recreation facilities we also attract visitors, raise the City's profile and provide economic benefit by hosting national and international events'. The planned BMX track meets this aspect of the plan by expanding the recreation opportunities available. It will provide a new safe place for younger children to learn to ride, a place for families of differing abilities to ride together, a place for cross-discipline training for the city's mountain bike community, place to develop the next generation of BMX and mountain bike champions. Registered BMX racers in NZ range from 3-70+ years. Our facility provides an opportunity for Wellington citizens to compete nationally at BMX events. This will finally put Wellington on the BMX map in New Zealand raising Wellington's profile as a cycle friendly city - presently Wellington is not represented. The track will be capable of holding regional, national and potentially international events, attracting visitors who will require food, accommodation, fuel and entertainment thereby, providing the economic benefit aimed for in the plan. The Social Infrastructure section of the plan identifies the intention to increase service levels, which would retain Wellington's competitive advantage in that service in comparison to other cities. The reality is that Wellington City is significantly behind other municipalities in respect to provision of BMX facilities in that Wellington is the only City in NZ without a competitive BMX track, (Auckland has 6 and Christchurch have just completed number 4). There is a clear gap in the recreation opportunity offered in Wellington. Whilst technically Ian Galloway Park and the BMX Track would fall under the Recreation Section of the strategy, the Playgrounds Section notes that Wellington City Council aims to ensure that 'families and young people have safe, accessible and convenient places to play'. It is fair to say that in its current state, the Ian Galloway bike track is not safe, maintained or user friendly for all abilities. Other BMX tracks in the region cannot be considered accessible or convenient, being a 40-minute drive away for Wellington citizens. The plan acknowledges that in general levels of

service are currently being met in the domain of playgrounds however, this is not the case in the present bike area of Ian Galloway Park. The Council land compels WCC to support the development required to increase the use of this existing community facility. The Infrastructure Strategy explains how WCC will deliver infrastructure services to meet the needs of current and future generations. We live in a topographically challenged city. Many of the key inner city suburbs are on hills with skinny streets and fast traffic; sadly this is not safe for even skilled cycling children to ride bikes. The only places that are suitable within our city boundaries are the waterfront or flat parks. The waterfront is congested with foot traffic and it is far from ideal for bikes to destroy park the turf. In some cases there are cycle tracks (Karori Park) however, this does not provide the interesting features or skill development required to move up to mountain biking nor, any competition race sport elements. Some parents in Wellington do not buy their children bikes as they deem there is no-where suitable for them to ride safely near their home. Wellington has many 9 year old kids who have never touched a bike, we hope to change this! The sport of BMX has seen a global resurgence in the past 10-years and has no sign of slowing down. New Zealand has many BMX World Champions; sadly none of these athletes live in Wellington. BMX is generally accepted to be the key training ground for the next generation of champion mountain bikers. We praise the ongoing significant investment made by WCC in mountain biking infrastructure however, our mountain bike trails do not generally cannot cater for very young children or for families in which an adult cannot ride with small children. A BMX track can fill the gap by provide a safe and accessible pathway for kids and whole families to gain confidence, skills and transition to race BMX and mountain biking, this further increases the WCC mountain biking return-on-investment by helping provide the next generation of mountain bikers. We have formally partnered with the following organisations and openly invite them to use our facility for free to enhance cycle skills of all Wellingtonians: BIKE NZ through BMX NZ WORD Mountain Bike Skills Courses (users, leverage membership) Trail Fund NZ (Labour & advisors) Wellington Mountain Bike Club (Labour & advisors) Wellington Zone Scouts (Labour) WMBEGI Wellington Mountain Biking Economic Growth Initiative 5 Local Primary Schools in the suburbs that touch Ian Galloway Park (users, inter-school competitions) The Te Atiawa people, tangata whenua of Wellington (Naming, Blessing, Fair, Opening & Artwork) We believe we are inline with the councils' growth ambitions: 5. Reigniting our sense of place (makes the city safer and more enjoyable, sense of distinction and a renewal of the city and support economic development). We are a new attraction and offer fun and economic development when we hold large race events, 6. Creating livable communities and accommodating growth (supports the use of cycling), 7. New and improved venues for sport, 8. New visitor attractions, and; 11. Real transport choices for a sustainable and safe transport (the more people who can cycle - make it a viable commuting choice in their future). The current BMX site is an unloved and unmaintained eyesore. A beautifully landscaped and groomed BMX track (maintained by a club) is the missing jewel in Wellington's cycle-City crown. It is an aspiration for Wellington to become the Cycling Capital City of the World. This cannot happen without at least one competitive BMX track. We are asking for a relatively small one off investment, compared to mountain biking and other sports WCC has invested in to date. We are confident that the club can provide all future track maintenance costs. As a new free attraction and public facility the return-on-investment per user, per visit is extraordinary. Regional BMX riders from other local clubs will seek to train on a modern superior UCI BMX facility bringing economic gain. Lets finally put Wellington on the BMX map of NZ and the World! We formally ask that we can present or provide these in detail through an oral submission. Warm regards, Capital BMX Club.

Who we are reaching

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I am

- ○ Male
- ◉ Female

My age is

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- ○ 18-29 years
- ○ 30-39 years
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- ○ 50-59 years
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Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

- ◉ Yes
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- ☐ Residential ratepayer
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Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

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- ☐ Cook Island
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- ☐ Chinese
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Comments

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I would like to speak at a submission hearing Yes No
I am making this submission as an Organisation
Name of organisation: CCS Disability Action Wellington Branch

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About us

CCS Disability Action is one of the largest disability services providers in New Zealand. We have been advocating for people with disabilities since 1935.

CCS Disability Action has a National Office and regional management structure and provides disability support to over 5,000 people with disabilities and their families and whanau each year. We run the Mobility Parking scheme that supports over 115,000 people to better access their local towns and facilities. Our fully owned subsidiary, Lifetime Design Ltd, advocates for and provides universal design guidelines to improve the accessibility of New Zealand housing.

Nationally, we have access coordinators who work with local government and transport engineers to develop new tools to improve accessibility planning and monitoring. We have developed tools to collect data on people with access needs and carry out accessibility audits.

Introduction

We appreciate the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Councils Long Term Plan. Councils play an important role in ensuring our communities include everyone. A key part of this is ensuring that council services and infrastructure are accessible to all. Improved accessibility strengthens communities, by ensuring everyone can participate. Improved accessibility also improves business and tourism opportunities.

A high level of accessibility is a sign of a progressive inclusive region and will attract a wider range of people as migrants and tourists, boosting the economy nationally, regionally and locally. Accessibility is important to social and economic prosperity, and with an aging population, will only become more important.

The New Zealand Standard on Access and Mobility, NZS 4121: 2001, states that:

"Accessibility not only means access for people with disabilities, but it also ensures efficiency, comfort and convenience for everyone else. It is a practical matter, and not an emotional issue."

We want to encourage Wellington City Council to see access issues as a practical matter of ensuring everyone can access their community. We are keen to work in partnership with Wellington City Council Council to progressively improve accessibility and open up new opportunities for the city.

Accessibility

Accessibility issues affect everyone at some time in their life. We all experience different levels of mobility; sometimes due to temporary causes such as injury, pregnancy or sickness. As we age, it is increasingly due to more permanent causes such as impairments (Greater London Authority 2004, p. 3). 45% of people aged over 65 self-identified with some degree of disability in the last census (Statistics New Zealand, 2006).

While we are all affected by accessibility issues, people with permanent access needs are the most disadvantaged. Their needs are often overlooked, even by professional planners, designers, architects and engineers.

No matter how good regulations and professionals are, there is no substitute for the real life experience of people with mobility needs. It is very easy for people without mobility needs to overlook the small, but very significant details that can have a large impact on whether people can get around their community or not.

Accessibility is an opportunity to include more people in the community. With the world's aging population, there will be a growing diversity in mobility needs. An individual's level of mobility should not be a barrier and developing infrastructure that is universally accessible will ensure that everyone can continue to live, work and fully participate in their chosen community.

To get it right the first time, councils needs to consult with accessibility experts. This avoids the needs for expensive alterations later on and results in a better and cheaper outcomes for everyone.

Planning for accessibility

It is important to consider accessibility issues when planning how our communities and transport systems develop.

Many of the barriers disabled people face are easy and relatively cheap to fix. What is required is a combination of expert knowledge and creative thinking. Expert

knowledge is required from professionals and from disabled people themselves who face these barriers every day. Collaborative partnerships between professionals and disabled people are a great way to develop creative solutions.

Accessibility is an on-going goal rather than a set of minimal standards to be complied with. There is always room for improvement, especially as new and innovative approaches are constantly being developed.

Accessibility and human rights

People with access needs frequently face significant barriers accessing the community. Article 9 of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states that the government must take measures to ensure persons with disabilities have the right to access the physical environment on an equal basis with others.

These human rights measures are not aimed at giving disabled people special rights, but to ensure they can participate in society, the same as everyone else. Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life and take a full and valued role in society. We all benefit from having a diverse community.

The Human Rights Commission in the Accessible Journey: Report of the Inquiry into Accessible Public Land Transport (Human Rights Commission, 2005) examined transport in detail. Among other recommendations they recommended;

- That the transport needs of disabled people be considered as a core and mandatory requirement for all public land transport planning, funding and implementation processes.

General Accessibility issues

Disabled people need to have accessible routes all the way to their destination. If one part of the route is inaccessible, the whole route is inaccessible.

For example, it is little good having fully accessible buses if many bus stops and pedestrian routes are not accessible. Without effective and safe pedestrian routes, bus transport becomes inaccessible and unusable.

Accessibility needs to be planned and measured over journey and routes, rather than just focusing on individual transport and infrastructure components. Planners need to ensure people can get to where they need to go.

All councils should consult with people with access needs and collect accurate data. This data enables councils to accurately monitor and evaluate people with access needs' ability to actually use the transport and infrastructure system, effectively, monitoring enables councils to progressively identify and remove access barriers.

Conclusion

Councils need to ensure resources are spent wisely and are to the benefit of everyone in the community. Ensuring everyone can use council infrastructure and services means that the council and the community get maximum value for their investment.

Councils can make a huge difference for their citizens. How council plan and deliver infrastructure and services can determine whether someone is included in their community or not. A fully accessible community is required if everyone is able to participate and contribute to society. We encourage Wellington City Council to progressively improve the accessibility of their community.

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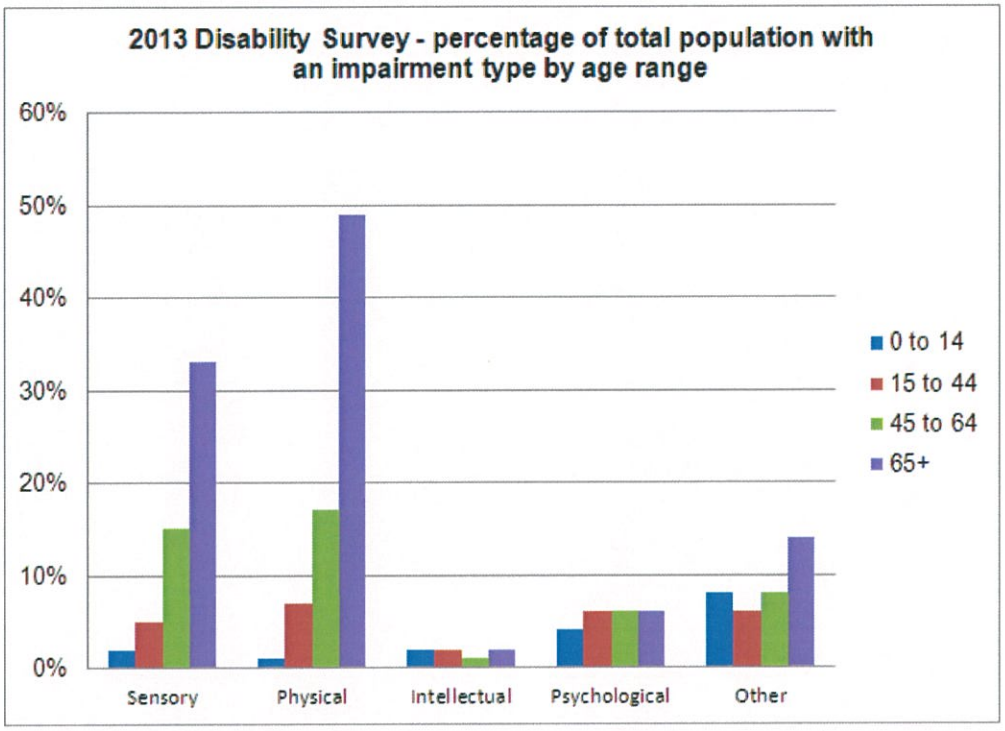
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Draft Long-term Plan consultation survey questions

1) Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose
Comments:
CCS Disability Action supports Wellington City Council for the broad approach including Disabled Persons Representation. Persons with disabilities wish to be involved in our communities, participate in everyday community activities and contribute to society.



2) Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1%
increase to provide 'business as usual'?
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Comments:

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Questions 3,4 & 5 provides opportunities business to business connectivity and growth. This points to opportunities for workplaces, both in terms of tapping into disabled peoples skills and talents in a skills short employment market and more effectively providing products and services to disabled people.

With higher incomes because of more employment opportunities, and more accessible businesses, people with access needs and older people spend more money, benefiting the economy.

More people with access needs can live in their communities than before, reducing the need for costly rest homes and residential homes. Being in the community also means they are more likely to have access to natural support, such as friends and family, reducing their reliance on government funded support.

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Also refer to comment question 7.

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Comments:
As buildings are earthquake strengthened, many would become accessible. Where the cost of access upgrades is unreasonable, local councils use the reasonability test to come up with a fair solution for building owners, based on clear Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment guidelines. There is certainty and fairness for building owners in how the reasonability test is applied.

With many more buildings being made accessible, New Zealand provides a fairer deal for people with access needs and is well placed to deal with the ageing population. People with access needs find it easier to get and keep jobs. People can stay in their jobs as they age thanks to good accessible workplaces. The number of people on disability related benefits falls. New Zealand starts to realise the economic and social benefits of improved access, benefiting everyone.

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8) Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose
Comments: Apply to question 8,9,10
The idea that access is only about disabled people is a myth. When you design and build for people with impairments, you create a safer and more convenient environment for everyone.

Good access benefits everyone and it brings considerable wider economic and social benefits, here are just some of potential benefits:

- More people in employment because more workplaces are accessible.
- More customers for businesses.
- More opportunities for people with access needs to stay in their own home and remain in their community, instead of having to move to rest homes or residential homes.

- Parents with small children in buggies and people with temporary injuries can continue to access their community.

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Urban Growth Plan
15) Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose don't know
Comments:
If disabled people cannot find suitable homes to own or rent, the cost is high both for the individual and the government. Currently, some disabled people unable to find suitable housing are living in rest homes because there is nowhere else for them to go (Fairfax NZ News, 2013). In 2011, 738 people under 65 years of age lived in aged care facilities, sometimes because they could not find accessible properties (Ministry of Health, 2012).

Accessibility
Disabled people often face particular difficulties finding suitable housing options that meet their mobility needs. The main issues include finding accessible housing options that are situated in central locations on or near transport routes and other vital amenities.

Most houses have not been built with the needs of people with disabilities in mind. There is a very significant shortage of accessible properties of all sizes within the market, the social housing sector and the private rental market. These factors have a critical impact on disabled people's living options.
Disabled people, families and whanau are hugely impacted by the lack of accessible, affordable housing.
Despite this accessibility issues affect everyone at some time in their life. We all experience different levels of mobility; sometimes due to temporary causes such as injury, pregnancy or sickness. As we age, it is increasingly due to more permanent causes such as impairments (Greater London Authority 2004, p. 3).

While we are all affected by accessibility issues, people with permanent access needs are the most disadvantaged. With New Zealand aging population, there will be a growing number of people with permanent access needs. New Zealand needs more accessible houses both now and in the future. The over 65 age group is projected to make up over 20% of New Zealand's population from late 2031, compared with 13% in 2011 (Statistics New Zealand, 2012). In the 2013 Disability Survey people over 65 had a disability rate of 59%, compared to 21% of people aged 15 to 64 (Statistics New Zealand, 2014, p. 3).

In the 2013 Disability Survey there was an estimated 1.1 million disabled New Zealanders, almost one in four of the population. The definition of disability used in the Disability Survey is based on activity limitations. People are classed as disabled if they have an impairment which has a long-term limiting effect on their ability to carry out day-to-day activities.

This means an estimated 1.1 million New Zealanders have difficulty carrying out at least one important everyday activity that the rest of us take for granted. If we design houses and buildings on the assumption that everyone has the same abilities, we will cause difficulties and barriers for a large number of people.

16) Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose
Comments:

- 2/3rds of growth in the population over the next 20 years will be in the 65+ age group
- 84% of local authorities will have all of their population growth in the 65+ age bracket.

These stats alone mean that there will be a huge impact on future infrastructure needs. Current stats are great for vehicles and are easily accessible, but the data on pedestrians is variable and not easily accessible. Development of future Laneways will need to consider pedestrian traffic, cycles and other mobile technology.

Future proofing public spaces and laneways for aging population growth should include.

- Surfacing styles – those with canes can experience difficulty with vibrations and catches from texture surfacing
- Planting – when overgrown can cause cuts and catch canes or other mobility aids
- Slopes – need to think about ramps
- Desire lines – need to keep these straight and easy to negotiate
- Ponding – those with vision impairments can't see the puddles and step around or over them
- Continuous footpaths across driveways – to indicate to drivers that the pedestrian has the right of way
- Developments – need to proactively manage the pedestrian movements within the site, and the connections between the site and the adjacent public footpaths. Generally the car parks are very vehicle orientated.
- Café dining – should be kerbside – keeping the building line free of obstructions
- Tactile pavers – are great, but must be correct and give the right guidance
- Tapping rails – a must for all handrails to ensure that canes are able to pick up the 'obstruction'
- Pedestrian cut downs – need to be well constructed to ensure that they help direct vision impaired in the right direction, and don't create problems for wheeled mobility aids.
- Shared cycle paths – are a potential problem. Need to be consistent with the treatments where there are interaction points/cross-over between cyclists and pedestrians.
- Signage – need to consider the height and the contrast in colours

- Toilet facilities – signage and accessibility.

The Speed Management Guideline ,currently being developed will cover more than just speed limit setting and will provide guidance on dealing with locations with high pedestrian demand.

Recommended

- pedestrians 6km/h
- wheeled devices 20km/h
- cars 50km/h

and when these modes are mixing, then there is a need to think about speed management in the design process.

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17) Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose
Comments:

18) Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?
strongly support support neutral oppose strongly oppose
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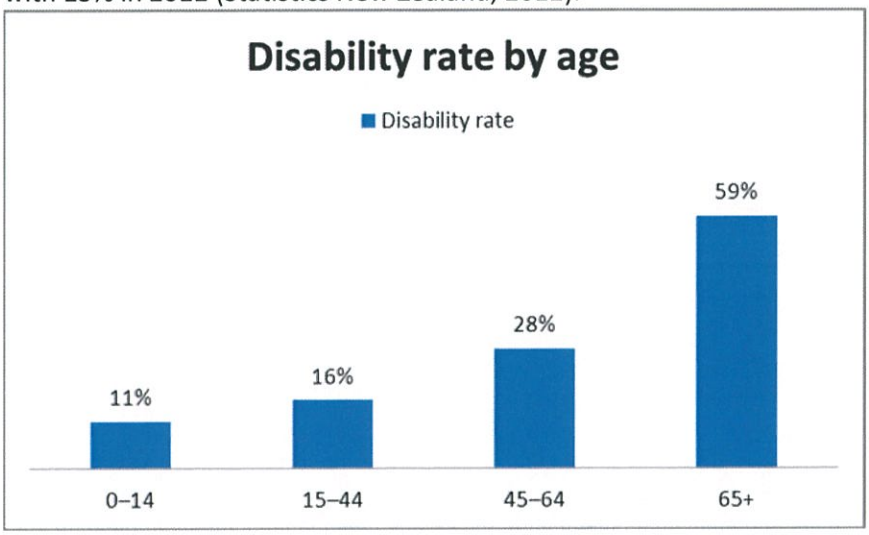
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CCS Disability Action supports council in promoting an integrated, safe, responsive, sustainable land transport system for Wellington; promoting the provision of community passenger transport in Wellington and assisting the special transport needs of the transport disadvantaged.
Transport is the glue that holds our community together. It is how we get to work, see friends, meet new people, buy groceries, and generally live our lives. Public transport is vital part of people's lives, especially for people who do not have independent access to a private motor vehicle.

- We recommend signage states that wheelchair users have priority and that prams/buggies need to be folded at busy times.
- We recommend that aisle width requirements are equalized between small and large buses.
- We fully support the new signage requirement for ramps. Good clear signage can prevent and solve difficult situations for drivers and bus users.

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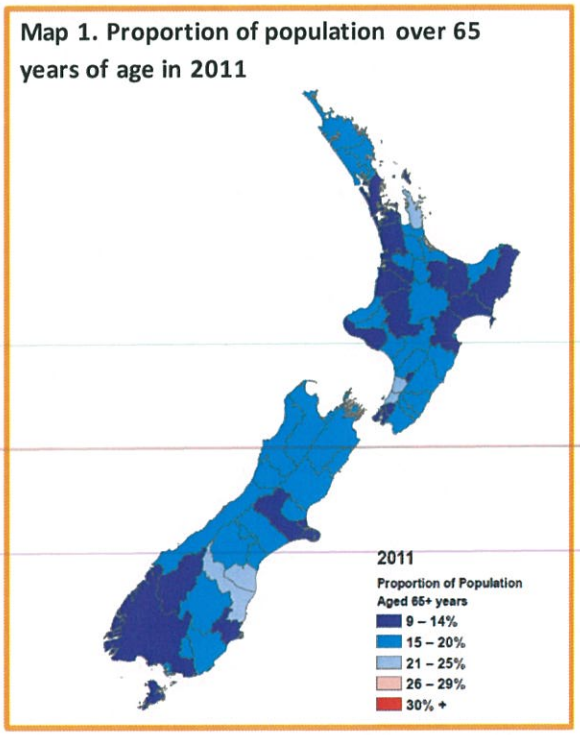
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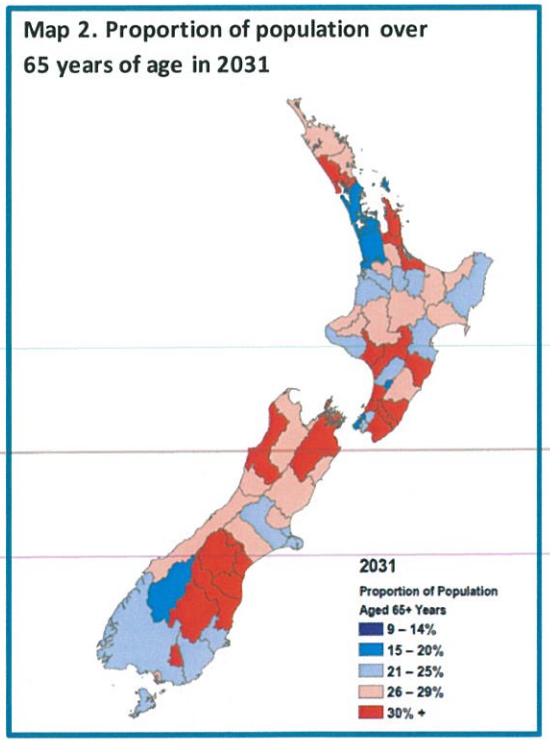
Our population is aging and this will increase the number of people with impairments. The over 65 age group is projected to make up over 20% of New Zealand's population from late 2031, compared with 13% in 2011 (Statistics New Zealand, 2012).



2013 Disability Survey

The effects of the aging population will impact more on provincial and rural New Zealand (Bascand, 2012, pp. 15-16).





Unless they plan ahead, the areas most affected by the aging population may end up stuck in a downwards spiral, where they struggle to meet the increasing demand for services with a lower revenue base.

We do not have any straight forward recommendations here, but the New Zealand Transport Agency, councils and transport operators need to start planning for the future.

Conflict between wheelchair users and pram/buggy users

There is a growing trend for conflict between wheelchair and pram/buggy users over accessible spaces on buses. Ideally, more accessible spaces should be provided.

Current signage does not identify who has priority. Usual practice overseas is for wheelchair users to have priority. This is because carrying a child and folding a pram is usually easier and more feasible than a wheelchair user transferring and folding a wheelchair.

Sometimes parents and caregivers are using their pram to transport groceries as well as children. Because the pram is loaded with groceries, they cannot fold up the pram. This is causing difficult situations for wheelchair users, drivers and the parents/caregivers. Current signage is also too vague to provide guidance in these situations.

We recommend signage states that wheelchair users have priority and that prams/buggies need to be folded at busy times.

Aisle width and bus sizes

With the increase in seat allowances for small buses, we believe the aisle width should be increased to match large bus requirements. Currently, small buses can have the slightly narrower aisle width of 780mm. The increase to 800mm is small enough to have little effect on transport operators, but will help wheelchair users manoeuvre easier.

Over time, the trend seems to be for seat allowance to increase for small buses. It is important that this does not compromise accessibility. This is especially important as small buses may serve more provincial routes, where the impact of the aging population is likely to be the strongest.

We recommend that aisle width requirements are equalized between small and large buses.

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I want Wellington to be safe for people on bikes. I want the council to:-Commit the funds - support the cycle network plan and the next 10 year funding proposal	yes
I want Wellington to be safe for people on bikes. I want the council to:-Get building - start work on the Island Bay cycleway and look at more quick wins including separated cycleway trials in other locations	yes
I want Wellington to be safe for people on bikes. I want the council to:-Reduce speeds in inner city streets to make the CBD safer and more relaxed for everyone	yes
Write a message to the council	Because lives are more important than car parks.
Would you like to deliver an oral submission to council in person?	Yes

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- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

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Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

- Male
- Female

My age is

- under 18 years
- 18-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60 years and older

Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

- Yes
- No

Which of the following best describes you?

- Residential ratepayer
- Commercial ratepayer
- Residential and commercial ratepayer

- I rent
- Other

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- New Zealand European
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- Cook Island
- Tongan
- Niuean
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- Indian
- Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

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2015-25 Draft Long-term Plan

Regional Public Health
Better Health For The Greater Wellington Region

16 April 2015

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Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on the Wellington City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2015 -2025 (LTP).

Council and Regional Public Health (RPH) have a common agenda – working with communities and where they live, work and play to improve and protect their quality of life. RPH wants to work with Council to make our common goal achievable and easier for our communities. By finding mutual points of interest and working together we can be more efficient, reduce the burden of engagement on our communities and be more effective in our policy implementation. A collaborative approach will also facilitate smarter use of each agencies finite resources.

This submission provides a public health perspective and information for Council to consider in their planning decisions. Wellington City Council's policy and planning are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities.

We recognize that this is the first round of the new LTP consultation documents and congratulate you on summarizing a large amount of important information into a short document. We hope to reflect this process with a concise submission. To achieve this we have selected two priority areas RPH would like to progress with Council during 2015-2025: Smokefree NZ 2025 and reducing and preventing obesity.

We would appreciate the opportunity to make an oral submission and we would be pleased to provide further information or clarification on any of the points raised in our submission. The contact point is:

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Yours Sincerely

Dr Jill McKenzie
Medical Officer of Health

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How this document is structured:

A. An overview of Regional Public Health
B. General comments on the Long Term Plan (LTP)
C. Responses to your specific questions
D. RPH priorities on improving the wellbeing of our shared communities by working towards a Smokefree NZ 2025 and reducing and preventing obesity.

A. WHO WE ARE – Regional Public Health

Regional Public Health (RPH) is a regional service based at the Hutt Valley District Health Board and serving the greater Wellington region. Our business is public health action - working with our community to make it a healthier, safer place to live. We have a particular focus on children, Māori and Pacific populations. We are funded mainly by the Ministry of Health but also have contracts with the District Health Boards and other agencies to deliver specific services.

Our staff include a range of occupations comprising : medical officers of health, public health advisors, health protection officers, vision and hearing technicians, public health nurses, and public health analysts.

RPH respects and acknowledges that Wellington City Council (WCC) decisions have a very significant impact on health. We see this through appropriate management of infrastructure (water and sewage) and creating environments that support wellbeing, for example, through reducing the impact of non-communicable diseases like exposure to tobacco, facilitating access to healthy food and promoting good urban design that encourages physical activity. This is the basis for making a submission on your LTP.

B. GENERAL COMMENTS ON YOUR LONG TERM PLAN

RPH congratulates WCC on your bold plan to invest in growth for our communities' ongoing prosperity[1]. RPH would be heartened to see our communities prosper so they can enjoy an improved quality of life.

RPH would welcome the opportunity to work with you further in achieving this vision. We think a way to work towards communities living more enjoyable and fulfilling lives[2] is to incorporate a 'Health in All Policies[3]' approach. That doesn't mean 'doing health policy'. It means looking at the impact of policies, planning and decisions on the wellbeing of our shared communities. This collaborative approach acknowledges that each stakeholder has different drivers but have shared goals. An example of where this approach has been working well is with Christchurch City Council (CCC). RPH has been learning from our public health colleagues in Christchurch about this approach

[1] Draft LTP p.3
[2] Draft LTP p.7
[3] http://www.cph.co.nz/Files/CHIAPPInfoSheet1.pdf

and would be willing to explore such an approach further if it is of interest to Council[4]. CCC has been using this approach for the last five years with some great outcomes[5].

RPH supports your view - Kāhore taku toa I te toa takitahi, he toa takitini *we cannot succeed without the support of those around us*. RPH sees this as an area WCC could expand on. The message of expenditure on growth now for the prosperity of future communities was very strong, but less obvious was the method by which you were going to take the people with you or continue to garner the support of the community.

Community Water Fluoridation

It is likely that there will be submitters to the LTP who are opposed to community water fluoridation. RPH supports the continuation of community water fluoridation, based on national and international scientific research.

Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) covers the WCC geographic area and therefore, for consistency in advice, we have included CCDHB's position on community water fluoridation.

> "The Capital & Coast District Health Board endorses community water fluoridation as an effective public health measure contributing to the maintenance of oral health, prevention of tooth decay and reduction in health inequalities. Community water fluoridation is a low cost measure that benefits people of all ages with natural teeth and has proven over the last 65 years to be very safe. Local drinking-water supplies that are already fluoridated should remain so. Where technically feasible, where local supplies are not fluoridated, local authorities are encouraged to implement water fluoridation programmes as soon as possible to improve the oral health of their communities[6]."

RPH can provide Council with the latest scientific research on this matter and a comprehensive tailored workshop for elected members and/or council officers if it would be of interest.

C. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

RPH strongly supports the vision of growth for the future prosperity of communities.

RPH recommends that as part of the development of business cases for the proposed growth projects[7] an assessment of the impact on the wellbeing of the community is included (a Health in All Policies approach).

[4] http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-in-all-Policies/
[5] http://www.cph.co.nz/files/CHIAPPAnnualReport2014.pdf
[6] http://www.ccdhb.org.nz/news/2014/CCDHBFluoridationPositionStatement.pdf
[7] Draft LTP p.21

Communities continue to feel the effects of the economic recession. A recent study[8] found that ethnic and income inequalities in infectious diseases such as rheumatic fever, skin infections, respiratory and gastrointestinal infections are large and increasing, especially for Maori and Pacific populations who are over represented in the poorest suburbs.

2. Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1%?

No Comment

3. Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

No Comment

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No Comment

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No Comment

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No Comment

9. Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

No Comment

10. Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

RPH supports facilities that encourage physical activity. We would also support the prioritisation of upgrades to those facilities that enable access to those who would gain the most. As part of any upgrade we would recommend Council review any food provision policies

[8] Baker M G. et al (2012) Increasing incidence of serious infectious diseases and inequalities in New Zealand: a national epidemiological study, *The Lancet,* Mar 24; 379(9821):1112-9

to make the healthy choice the easy choice. RPH can support development of nutrition policies for your workplace or council facility.

11. Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

No comment

12. Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

RPH strongly supports Council investment into infrastructure which will contribute to building community resilience and intergenerational equity in funding and maintaining infrastructure assets.

13. Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

RPH supports this use of smart technology and energy efficient lights.

14. Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

We support the proposal for improvements for safe, fast and reliable transport.

We support the plan of development along the transport spine and transport connections being improved for the town centres of Johnsonville, Tawa and Kilbirnie, as set out in the Urban Growth Plan.

We recommend that the transport hierarchy be pedestrian, cycle, public transport and then private transport.

We recommend that development of a suburban – urban separated cycleway be prioritised for construction. Separated cycleways are safer, thus lowering the access barrier to active transport.

<u>Urban Design</u>

15. Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

Yes, RPH recommends that principles of Healthy Urban Design be considered when regenerating inner-city precincts. A tool RPH has found useful for this type of analysis has been the New South Wales Governments *Healthy Urban Development Checklist*[9].

[9] New South Wales Department of Health. *The Healthy Urban Development Checklist;* 2009

RPH would also encourage Council to consider opportunities for increasing the number of open spaces and green spaces.

16. Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

We support the improvement of laneways. Safer, well lit and equitable access for disabled people are important planning decisions that should be given weight. These improve outcomes of daily physical activity and increased pedestrian movements in the inner city lanes.

17. Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

We support the strengthening of suburban town centers. We commend Council for seeking opportunities to develop medium density housing. New Zealand's demographic trends are changing with increases in the number of older people, single member households and two people houses with no children. We recommend that WCC centre their development on demographic and socioeconomic factors that reflect current trends. We encourage the Council to use case studies that incorporate, sustainable, warm and energy efficient housing as a benchmark of what is to be expected from construction.

18. Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

We support the general prioritisations of projects in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan. RPH recommends that project outcomes maximise effectiveness in the areas of:

a) transport improvements, underpinned by increased active transport choice
b) increased housing supply and choice
c) protection and enhancement of the natural environment, using the planning framework made in the "Our Natural Capital" document
d) increased city resilience, with safety improvements used as proxies to improve design, safety and usability to the public.

19. Do you see other matters as priorities?

Yes.

Our key message in this submission is **we seek the support of elected members to work with Council officers to progress Smokefree NZ 2025 and to reduce and prevent obesity.**

D. RPH PRIORITIES

RPH wants to support WCC in planning for environments that reduce exposure to tobacco and facilitate access to healthy food and increased physical activity.

SMOKEFREE 2025

RPH congratulates WCC for the progress they have made in this space already such as Midland Park and all WCC social housing becoming smokefree spaces. These are significant steps towards becoming a Smokefree NZ by 2025 and we want to continue to build on this progress. As you know over 80% of people in the Wellington region don't smoke. Any future smokefree policies will be catering to the majority.

What are the public health issues?

Tobacco smoking kills approximately 5000 New Zealanders every year. Smoking is the main cause of lung cancer and many other cancers and chronic diseases.

Our public health advisors (tobacco) work in many areas including Smoke-free Environments Act enforcement, supporting smokefree policies and better help for smokers to quit, all of which support the Government's goal of a Smokefree New Zealand by 2025.

Our goals are:

- Creating an environment that normalises being smokefree
- More smokefree environments
- Fewer young people and children start smoking
- More smokers quit

RPH can work with Council to demonstrate leadership in achieving Smokefree NZ 2025 by:

1. Increasing the number of smoke-free environments.
2. Extending smoke-free parks, including all Council properties, reserves etc.
3. Helping Council in the development of a licence scheme for tobacco retailers (to support actions to reduce the sales to young people and minors).
4. Encouraging Council and workplaces to provide smoking cessation workshops for staff.
5. Working with Council to develop smoke-free policy and clauses for events and venues.
6. Working with Council to promote smoke-free cars carrying children.
7. Working with Council on providing smoke-free rental accommodation.
8. Working with Council to ensure bars, restaurants and cafes are smoke-free.

RPH also has a range of smokefree resources and health information available, including banners for loan free of charge. Please contact us if you would like support for your smokefree community event.

REDUCING AND PREVENTING OBESITY

RPH recognises and supports WCC's previous work in prioritisation of cycleways and increased pedestrian walkways. RPH recommends WCC now gives focus to the next level of intervention, to create an environment that supports easy access to healthy affordable food in communities where people live, learn, work and play. WCC has an opportunity to show leadership in identifying and implementing strategies that support and promote healthy food provision in communities, Council owned cafes, vending machines, catering and sponsored events.

RPH recognises and congratulates WCC for the progress you have made in this area already with projects like the audit of vending machines in WCC owned buildings and facilities. We wish to work with you further to build on this progress.

What are the public health issues?

Childhood obesity is one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century. Having good food choices and opportunities for physical activity is imperative. The Prime Minister's chief science advisor, Sir Peter Gluckman, recently stated in a World Health Organisation report on ending childhood obesity:

> "There is an understandable tendency to see obesity as a problem for the health sector, but preventing childhood obesity demands the coordinated contributions of government ministries and institutions responsible for policies on education, food, agriculture, commerce and industry, finance/revenue, sport and recreation, media and communication, environmental and urban planning, transport and social affairs."[10]

By next year, it is projected that excessive body weight will overtake tobacco use as the leading risk to health, making obesity a significant issue for New Zealand[11]. International research recognises the close relationship between healthier populations and economic prosperity, arguing that healthy populations stimulate economic growth, lower health care costs, lure new businesses and create jobs[12].

What role does the Council have in reducing and prevention obesity?

A further range of opportunities are available to WCC to contribute to affordable, healthy food access, as well as the reduction and prevention of obesity. These opportunities could include further supporting:

- fruit and vegetable co-operatives
- community gardens and markets
- opportunities for cooking and nutrition literacy
- nutrition standards
- food policy for council owned facilities and events
- implementing good urban design principles
- reviewing food retail zoning conditions

Policy and environmental change have been identified as the foundation of obesity prevention in an environment that promotes eating too much and moving too little[13141516]. Food policy is a cost

[10] WHO interim report of the commission on ending childhood obesity. World Health Organization 2015, p.23 http://www.who.int/end-childhood-obesity/commission-ending-childhood-obesity-interim-report.pdf

[11] [11] Briefing to incoming health minister 2014 http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/briefing-incoming-minister-health-2014

[12] Reeve,B., Ashe,M., Farias, R., Gostin, L.. State and Municipal Innovations in Obesity Policy: Why Localities Remain a Necessary Laboratory for Innovation. American Journal of Public Health: 105.3 (March 2015): 442-450.

[13] Egger G, Swinburn B. An "ecological" approach to the obesity pandemic. BMJ 1997;315: 477-80.

effective and sustainable tool[17] to support a healthy nutrition culture and is a strategy utilised as part of the *Healthy Together Victoria's Achievement Programme*[18], and by an increasing number of District Health Boards and some councils.

RPH would like to work alongside WCC to support and prioritise strategies that impact on the food environment and the significant and unequal burden of nutrition related diseases in the Wellington region.

[14] Harvard School of Public Health. The Obesity Prevention Source www.hsph.harvard.edu/obesity-prevention-source/ (accessed 2 June 2012)

[15] Haby M, Vos T, Carter R et al. A new approach to assessing the health benefit from obesity interventions in children and adolescents: the assessing cost-effectiveness in obesity project. Int J Obes 2006;30:1463-75.

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Comments
if we had long haul flights I'd use them, BUT I'd much rather travel to Auckland or Christchurch than spend the money on an ugly runway extension that destroys our beautiful harbour. Also, our airport is in a residential area, there would be much more noise pollution. Don't bother.

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
Don't support any area over another. Find ways of supporting people to start up and grow their ideas. eg free education, rebates for start ups.

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Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
see above. maybe support scholarships with the film industry so locals can get their foot in the door.

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
Or at least support knocking down some of the uglier and less 'hertiage' ones. lots of money spent supporting pointless brick buildings just because they are old.

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
yes. You have to make our main council buildings fit for purpose and safe. Don't need to offset the cost - just get on with it.

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
Our events are brilliant, but I don't think adding a huge stadium or hall is a good use of money. lots of cities have these. Support other places in NZ that have great and unique venues (such as bowl of brooklands in taranaki) to make the most of them. Wellingtonians are prepared to travel - 43% of the WOMAD tickets (about 8000 people) were from Wellington.

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All our facilities should be maintained and renewed when needed. it's our social responsibility

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

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Comments
We already have loads to do in Wellington and the region - at least a week's worth. Visitors aren't going to spend longer when they are usually only in NZ for 3-5 weeks and have loads of other places to get to. However, I do support you supporting new homegrown tourist business ventures.

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

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Comments
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Submitter: Carolyn Nimmo I would like to speak in support of my submission.
Contact: nimmoc5@gmail.com or 04 2800 527 (home)
Date: 16 April 2015

Submission

I agree with the guiding principles for the Urban Growth Plan to:

- keep our city compact, walkable and supported by an efficient transport network,
- protect our natural setting and reduce the environmental impacts of development and transport, and
- make the city more resilient to natural hazards and the effects of climate change.

I support urban redevelopment that provides clear benefits for Wellingtonians. Therefore, I would like to see the following provided for every project proposed in these plans:
1 A measureable Goal/target for each project.
2 Performance measures to show ratepayers if/how the projects meet their goals.

I would like the Council to publish data (statistics where available, survey data and cost-benefit analysis) on how the goals of earlier urban regeneration projects have been met – or not. Former projects should be thoroughly assessed, lessons documented and incorporated in the planning of new projects before physical work is started.

Urban Growth Plan projects – priority one
I do not have an opinion on the Convention Centre or Airport runway extension because I have not had time to research them, nor on North Kumutoto because it is underway (what a pity the proposed building is so ugly!).

1 Victoria Street precinct – in progress – no comment.
2 Lombard Lane – I support this project, including improvements to night safety and particularly the plan to do the publicly funded work after the private redevelopment (as with Kumutoto 10).
3 North Lambton Quay – I strongly support increased capacity for pedestrians in this very congested area – at less cost than Lombard Lane! It should be higher priority.

4 Shelly Bay redevelopment – I am not opposed to low key residential development but I'd push it down the priority list behind Adelaide Rd and Kent/Cambridge Terraces. It's sheltered & we don't want people to always drive to the new facilities there - having people on site will make the businesses/area more viable. Ideal for cycling to the city because it's flat, so needs vehicle access to be limited (make the peninsula road one way??), given the narrowness of the road. Improved cycling and walking paths and an amended intersection with Cobham Drive would be required.

5 Watts Peninsula Reserve- good to see Council using Bequest funding and working with others on this. Needs to be integrated with Shelly Bay planning.

6 Te Aro regeneration – I support review of this area to improve planning and to maintain its heritage characteristics wherever possible. I believe the development of Te Aro so far has not been well enough controlled – buildings too high and abrupt, ground levels not attractive to the street, too little set-back from the street and upper floors not set back make it shady and created wind problems. Need more street trees and seats, more cycle lanes and a better environment for pedestrians. Need to encourage more variety in housing provision and cost – not just multi-storey apartments (of which there is now an abundant supply).

7 Special Housing areas and New Medium Density areas – I strongly support medium density housing around existing suburban centres in preference to greenfield development.

8 Adelaide Road – I would like to see this project brought forward and prioritised over projects like Shelly Bay as it is important for increasing growth in the area. Increased attractiveness and safety for pedestrians and cyclists are urgently required on this busy route.

9 Cambridge and Kent Terraces
Before this is designed, I would like to see a thorough evaluation of Victoria Street and Adelaide Road improvements in 2017, incorporating the views of residents, workers in the area and those passing through on foot and bicycle to highlight lessons for the Cambridge & Kent Terrace works.

10 Laneways activation – Excellent idea! The order in which the laneway upgrades are undertaken, and the design of each project, should be publicly consulted.

Other

- Improvements to the **waterfront** should be prioritised, including:
  - better accessibility from the town side north of Queens Wharf, eg another bridge over Customhouse Quay and/or Waterloo Quay
  - better walkability all the way to the interisland ferry, with clear signposting of key destinations along the way
  - the Great Harbour Way walk and cycle routes being developed as quickly as possible.

- Doing everything possible, in conjunction with GWRC, to **get vehicles off the streets**, thereby reducing congestion and improving the environment for pedestrians and cyclists, including:
  - integrated ticketing of public transport modes and giving priority to buses
  - higher pedestrian priority on Bunny Street and other streets around Wellington Station
  - developing the cycle and walkway networks.

NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS
Te Kauae Kaimahi

16 April 2015

To: Wellington City Council

Re: Wellington City Council Long Term Plan 2015/2025

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, Te Kauae Kaimahi, (CTU) endorses the call for the inclusion of the full implementation of the Living Wage in the Wellington City Council (WCC) Long Term Plan 2015/2025.

We commend the WCC for the steps taken in the last two years in implementing the Living Wage for all directly employed WCC employees. The transfer back in-house of parking warden services results in very low-paid parking wardens being lifted to Living Wage rates. The provision that WCC has made for workers at the Wellington Zoo and the Museums Trust to be paid a Living Wage is also recognised.

We applaud the WWC for these steps. They indicate a strong support for and a commitment to the Living Wage. It is vital, however, that WCC signal in the Long Term Plan a commitment to the full implementation of the Living Wage for workers in all Council Controlled Organizations and for employees working in services under contract to WCC. Not to do so will undermine the Council's support of the Living Wage and could result in more services being contracted out and undercutting of wages and conditions.

Growing inequality gaps and high poverty rates are one the most pressing economic and social issues that New Zealand faces. Great hardship has been incurred by workers and families from New Zealand's high inequality rates. The worst evidence of this is reflected in appalling statistics of child poverty. Concerns about low and stagnant wage levels are increasing. CTU research shows that real wages have fallen significantly behind labour productivity growth in the market economy since 1989 and would have been an estimated 16% higher in 2012 if they had kept up with productivity.

Local Government has a critical role in combatting low wages, poverty and addressing inequality. Local communities, their leaders and community organizations are looking for solutions to reduce poverty and address income gaps in their communities. These concerns have led to widespread local and community support for the Living Wage.

The CTU has made previous submissions to the WCC in support of the Living Wage and cited research that demonstrates the many benefits that are created by the implementation of

the Living Wage[1,2]. The benefits include increased worker productivity, improved morale, and reduced turnover. There is a fast growing body of evidence supporting the economic rationale for the payment of higher wage rates and the implementation of Living Wage rates. We are very willing to engage in these discussions again about the benefits derived from Living Wage implementation.

Wellington City Council is in a strong position to take leadership and implement the Living Wage for all its employees - directly or indirectly employed. Wellington City has the highest median household income of any territorial authority in New Zealand according to the 2013 Census. But the Census also shows that the Wellington region has the second highest household income inequality in the country[3]. This shows that Wellington has both the capacity and the need to lift wages to Living Wage levels. Hence the call for the WCC to take a lead on this issue in the Long Term Plan.

The Living Wage movement and CTU affiliated unions appreciate that the Living Wage has to be phased in as contracts are renewed to reflect Living Wage commitments in re-negotiated contracts. Unions have already worked constructively with the WCC and are experienced and well placed for this exercise.

The draft WCC LTP outlines a number of big ideas and potential projects. We strongly encourage the WCC to continue their leadership on the Living Wage and commit to its full implementation in the Long Term Plan. Committing to the progressive implementation of the Living Wage in all WCC services will make not only a substantial and significant difference to the lives of workers and their families but also have a positive spillover effects for Wellington citizens, communities and the city itself.

Yours sincerely



Sam Huggard

NZCTU Secretary

[1] ttp://union.org.nz/sites/union.org.nz/files/2014%20CTU%20LW%20Submission%20to%20WCC.pdf
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Submission form

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I would like to speak at a submission hearing	[x] Yes	[ ] No
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Name of organisation	Surfbreak Protection Society Incorporated (SPS)	

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The Surfbreak Protection Society is opposed to the proposed Airport Extension South in to Lyall Bay until such time as an Assessment of Environmental Effects is provided that Adequately addresses our concerns for the protection of the immediate areas surf breaks and swell corridors.

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Sent: Friday, 17 April 2015 9:56 a.m.
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Cc: Paul Andrews; Glenn McGovern
Subject: Long Term Plan Submission
Attachments: WCC Long Term Plan Submission 2015 - FINAL.docx; 3rd turf location sketch (April 2015).pdf; Wellington Hockey Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020.pdf; SW Letter of Support - WHA Third Turf 2015 LTP.pdf; HNZ Letter of Support Wellington City Council Submission - April 2015.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Wellington City Council,

WELLINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AND TRUST – SUBMISSION

Please find attached a copy of the Wellington Hockey Association and Trust joint submission & the following supporting documentation:

- Sport Wellington – letter of support;
- Hockey NZ – letter of support;
- Aurecon turf location sketch; and the
- 2015 – 2020 Wellington Hockey Association Strategic Plan.

Please note, we would like the opportunity to speak to this submission. I look forward to hearing from you once oral submission dates/ times have been confirmed.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Trafford Wilson • Chief Executive • Wellington Hockey Association
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Wellington City Council has indicated in their 2015-2025 Long Term Plan that the Council is considering a proposal for installation of a third artificial turf sports field at the National Hockey Stadium.

Demand has clearly indicated a need for a third hockey turf at the National Hockey Stadium. Hockey New Zealand states that a single turf needs between 600 and 850 players per turf for it to be sustainable. We recognise that the proposed turf aligns with the Hockey New Zealand Strategy as well as the Sport NZ National Facilities Framework by meeting an identified need.

We encourage the development of facilities that are sustainable in the long-term, developed in partnership, fit-for-purpose, future proofed, and accessible. Sport Wellington supports a proposal that targets these stated strategic priorities and is supported by good planning. We also encourage the development of a well-planned system in place to replace turf damage over time.

Sport Wellington supports the development of facilities that enable sport participation levels to be maintained or increased. We would expect that with the addition of a third turf, the National Hockey Stadium would be considered as a significant regional hockey facility that would be able to deliver quality events and support talent development whilst also increasing participation opportunities.

Through their partnership with Sport Wellington, Wellington Hockey has made consistent efforts to develop the capacity and capability of their organisation in order to deliver positive sporting experiences in the Wellington community and wider region.

Yours sincerely

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10th April 2015

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Wellington City Council

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Wellington 6140.

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL's LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

Over many years we have made submissions to Council plans and yet again of concern is the comment on Page 3 - 'THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS PLAN"! It is hard to find any reference to the basics most ratepayers expect ie. Regular cutting of grass verges, hillside banks, and play areas, cleaning of gutters and drains of leaves, and in particular cabbage tree leaves, which do not compost down and block drains. However, we are pleased to read on Page 8 - Current Services - "We will maintain existing levels of service for pools, recreation centres, sportsfields and other Council-funded facilities"

We have concerns with regard to some of the projects;-

Page 22- OUR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AGENDA- A Longer Airport Runway - **We have grave doubts as to its need** with no airline committed to flights and the recent loss to Christchurch by ANZ with cancellations to flights to Tokyo. The extension is estimated to cost up to $300 million and the council has already contributed to the funding for an application for Resource Consent along with the Airport. However on Page 25 there are many "Assumptions" and we are asked to "tell us what you think" and "SHOULD THE COUNCIL EXPLORE AN INFRUSTRUCTURE THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BRING UP TO $680 million of investment into Wellington". **Until a valid business case, with detail proving economic justification is provided to the public we will continue to oppose this project.**

Revitalise Civic Square ...**We totally support the strengthening of the Town Hall** and have made previous written and oral submissions on this subject and agree that the 100 year old Town Hall is not only a Category 1 Heritage building but its acoustic quality makes it one of the world's top venues for performing and recording music. In an oral submission March 27th 2014 I quoted from a music review by John Button on a Chamber Music Concert during the NZ Festival about the unsuitable size of the Michael Fowler Centre and I understand he has repeated his concern at the recent performance of the Brodsky Quartet where it was hard to hear the programme unless you were right in the front.

Apart from retaining the artificial turf in the Square and temporary seating for any functions, **we can see no need for more cafes** as Clarks at the Library and Nikau are very popular as are cafes in Wakefield Street but sadly the Michael Fowler café had to close due to lack of patronage.

Pages 28 and 29 - Promoting housing Choice and a vibrant Inner city. **We have difficulty accepting the need for development of up to 2500 new dwellings and 51,000 square metres of commercial space at the city end of Adelaide Road.** There is currently medical centres, shops, apartments in this area and Newtown has a very busy and well used shopping centre. **Also, developing Kent and Cambridge Terrace with up to 2100 new dwellings and 180,000 square metres of commercial and office space.** One has to question what this would do to Courtenay Place and the already empty office space and shops on Lambton/Featherston Street. Currently we have few concerns with the traffic to and from the tunnel to the Eastern suburbs and use Taranaki Street to get to the Southern suburbs but the suggestion of these new dwellings and office/shops is of concern. Would recommend a walk or bus trip from the Railway station to Courtenay Place to see the number of to Lease signs on office blocks and empty shops.

We cannot understand the second bullet point as Kent and Cambridge already has a wonderful "green edge" with the pedestrian promenade down the centre of grass, trees, shrubs and the much photographed Queen Victoria Statue.

Strengthening Heritage Buildings – **We totally support this expenditure** as Wellington has lost too many of its Icons and good to see the restoration of the Public Trust Building on Lambton Quay and plans for the Wellesley Boutique Hotel and Conference centre.

Page 30 – We have already covered the need to strengthen the Town Hall and plans for Civic Square but **we are totally opposed to leasing Jack Ilott Green to allow construction of a high rise building.** This land was given back to the city by Sir Jack Ilott and a building would block out views from the Library, Art Gallery to the Harbour and would also cast shadows across Civic Square. We disagree that the park is underused as there are many groups who gather there to play games and many members of the public who enjoy sitting reading on a warm sunny day and although the Rugby Statue was we understood meant to be temporary it is much photographed by visitors to Wellington. The Petanque court is not well used but a hop scotch park would be popular with young and old.

Page 33 – Redeveloping Frank Kitts Park –**We have always supported a Chinese Garden in Waitangi Park but do not consider a move to Frank Kitts Park is suitable.** A Chinese garden should be a place of rest and contemplation. The suggestion of moving the play area closer to Jervois Quay is a bad move and over the years have spoken with many families and "awesome" is often quoted but more equipment would be great, and the undulating grass surrounding the play area is very popular with young children who like to roll and tumble down the slopes from the slides etc. and of course the "bouncy" and the new attraction over the holidays has been the small cars. Of interest would like to quote from Page 39 of the 2014-2043 Wellington Urban Growth Plan Draft "COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERFRONT – WE CONSIDER FRANK KITTS PARK SHOULD BE THE PREMIER RECREATION ARE FOR THE CITY, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN."

The loss of the amphitheatre which provides plenty of comfortable seating space for the many concerts, family entertainment etc., room for stalls, and shelter from the wind would be missed. This well used area is the heart of the waterfront and its close proximity to the CBD makes it a favourite destination for many office workers, lunch hour keep fit classes and school parties who after visiting the Museum of City and Sea gather in the Amphitheatre for lunch and games. The upper level of the amphitheatre and battlements (which have seats on the Promenade side and display many memorial plaques of events from the past) provide elevated vantage points for events on the harbour (like the dragon boat races, yacht racing and of course the Cancer Society's Run for Life Relays.)

WE DO NOT SUPPORT A NAME CHANGE TO FRANK KITTS PARK - not mentioned in this long plan but in the DRAFT WELLINGTON WATERFRONT 3 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Page 36 – New and Improved venues for Music, Sport and Conventions –

An Indoor Arena-

If a decision is made to proceed further, a business case should be developed and partnership funding options explored. Until this is done we do not agree there is need for an indoor arena for 8,000-12,000 in the Central city. How many events would be held a year and at what cost and there is already so much on offer at the Michael Fowler, Town Hall, Opera House, St James , Te Papa, TSB Arena etc and we would hardly consider "the city is less lively and vibrant".

We would refer you to the Positively Wellington Venues Autumn Issue 11 (24 pages) with all the events coming to Wellington over the next two months.

Wellington Convention Centre – We have previously addressed the council on this matter and still waiting for the reply to How Many conventions of a 1,000 or more would be held a year as currently there are many venues which are available. As ratepayers we would like more details on the so called benefits and "assumptions" we would be asked to contribute 60% of the costs.

Basin Reserve development – Over so many years the council has allowed the deterioration of the various stands, gardeners cottages and the loss of the children's playground and now we are told there is a 25 year vision and the Master Plan will be brought to the Council for approval later in the Year. Can only say get on with it.

Finally Page 54 – Options considered for the Michael Fowler Car Park - Of concern is the recent article on the state of the Wellington Regional Council 10 storey quake prone building in Wakefield street opposite the Michael Fowler Car Park where it was stated it was built on land classified as having a high potential for liquefaction and bore tests found the top three to four metres of soil was loose, sandy and likely to liquefy in a large earthquake!

What engineering assessment has the Council made on this site before the options considered!

There is much more we could add but would like to record our concern as to the difficulty in obtaining the relevant documents from the Council Office as they were not on display.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Swann Athol Swann

Pauline and Athol Swann

We would like to speak at a submission hearing.

* One of the many events held in the amphitheatre!

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2015-25

LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION

I call on Wellington City Council to include in the Long Term Plan as a top priority:

- The commitment to become a living wage council
- The commitment to implement the living wage for the whole council workforce, including the lowest paid workers who are employed through contractors.

I support this because: I am one of the worker in a company.

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I wish to make an oral submission ✓

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2015 – 2025 LONG TERM PLAN & DRAFT FINANCING POLICY 2015

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Meridian Energy Limited (Meridian) makes the following submissions on the Draft Wellington City Council 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan as set out in the **attached** document.

Meridian would like to be heard in support of its submission.

Andrew Feierabend

For and behalf of Meridian Energy Limited

Dated this 17th day of April 2015

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2015 – 2025 LONG TERM PLAN & DRAFT FINANCING POLICY 2015

Submitter: Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. Meridian appreciates the constructive relationship it has with the Wellington City Council and welcomes the opportunity to submit to this draft Long Term Plan.

2. We note the Council has also acknowledged the benefits Meridian brings to the community through its renewable power generation assets which are located within the Wellington City boundaries.

3. In valuing the relationship, Meridian wishes to make a fair and reasonable contribution to the functioning of the City, however believes it is not being treated fairly with the current and proposed rating of its assets.

NATURE OF MERIDIAN'S OPERATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

4. Meridian's primary renewable generating assets within Wellington City are its consented wind farms at West Wind and Mill Creek. Combined both windfarms consist of 88 wind turbines, a substation and associated transmission. Meridian also has a wind turbine at Brooklyn. The nature of the wind turbines with the exception of Brooklyn is that they make up a very small footprint of actual land occupied with the significant majority of the land being used for agricultural purposes. The wind farm layout and location is shown in Appendix A to this submission.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

5. The Local Government Act 2002 governs the powers and requirements of local authorities. In particular, subpart 3 sets out requirements for financial management.

6. We refer specifically to Section 101(3):

> *"The funding needs of the local authority must be met from those sources that the local authority determine to be appropriate, following consideration of –*
>
> *(a) In relation to each activity to be funded, -*
> *(i) the community outcomes to which the activity contributes; and*
> *(ii) the distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, and any identifiable part of the community, and individuals; and*
> *(iii) the period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur, and*
> *(iv) the extent to which the actions or inaction of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and*
> *(v) the cost and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and*
>
> *(b) The overall impact of an allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community"*

7. The above considerations in Section 101 are inclusive. In considering the use of differentials, charging one property a higher rate than another, the Council needs to demonstrate that there is:
   - a higher level of service, or
   - a higher share of benefits, or
   - the cost of providing the service to one group is higher than the cost of providing the service to others.

   The difference needs to be measurable and not "unreasonable".

CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS

8. Current rate payments by Meridian to Wellington City Council are as follows

		Land Area	Rates (Net GST)	
830	Makara Road	5.7 ha	937.20	(rural)
653	Makara Road	724.0 ha	12,856.16	(rural)
651	Makara Road	260.0 ha	130,678.02	(commercial)
224	South Makara Road Mill Creek		154,294.53	(commercial)
			96,434.00	(commercial)
			$395,199.91	

9. These figures include the Regional Council rates, amounting to approximately 11%.

   The footprint of the combined wind farm accounts for approximately 1.5 % of the total land area.
   - the underlying zoning of the area is rural.
   - the wind farms require no additional services from the Wellington City Council than the surrounding rural properties, indeed the demand would be substantially less.
   - the benefits received by Meridian related to these properties are no greater than the surrounding rural properties.
   - the largest portion of the property is used as farming, and given its zoning, cannot be used other than for rural purposes.
   - wind generation is sustainable energy and has a positive impact on the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community.

10. The nature of wind farms requires a substantial capital investment on a very small foot print. Unlike other capital investments such as office buildings, residential or factories, the wind farms do not create wider demands on council services. Access is minor, and there are no discharges, contribution to congestion, or demand and/or benefit from amenities provided by the Council to the community. (refer attached Appendix B extract from Draft Revenue & Financing Policy).

11. Given this discussion and Meridians contribution to environment sustainability (a point acknowledged in the Council's LTP), it would be justifiable, appropriate fair and reasonable for the Council to remove the commercial differential on the capital improvements in favour of Meridian.

Relief sought:

That the properties referred to are all rated as rural properties and the commercial differential is not applied.

That any associated and necessary changes be made to the Council's supporting financial policies to achieve this outcome.

CONSERVATION LAND

12. As part of Meridian's wider contribution to the environment and conservation, 148.24 hectares of its land holding has been set aside for protection of its natural vegetation. Not only does this area not generate income, Meridian does incur costs in its preservation. As such, this land should be treated as non-rateable. Refer to Appendix C of this submission.

Relief sought:

The area set aside by Meridian be non-rated, or if rated, then that proportion of rates be postponed in recognition of its heritage value and wider community benefit.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE LONG TERM PLAN AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY

13. The LTP indicates an average rate increase under "business as usual" of 4.1% per annum for years 1 to 3, and under the "growth" scenario, an average of 4.5% per annum for years 1 to 3. Both of these scenarios are against a CPI running at 1%.

14. The rating examples indicate the impact will be greater on higher valued properties, a $5 million property is shown as 4.97%.The Council's LTP shows that the Wellington household incomes are the highest in the country, yet the Council does not look to share the rating burden through the use of a Uniform Annual General Charge.

15. The Uniform Annual General Charge is used by most Councils to recognise many of council services are related to people and not properties. These costs usually relate to such activities as libraries, sports facilities and a portion of democratic services. Considering the cost of these services and the benefits as identified in your Financial Strategy, a UAGC of $180 (plus GST) is justifiable and well within the Statutory limits.

16. At this level, it is also estimated that this UAGC would not breach the Council's self imposed limit relating to rates affordability being no more than 3.5% of the average household income and well below the 5% national rates affordability guide.

17. It is Meridian's submission that the Wellington City Council introduce a Uniform Annual General Charge to: 1)recognise the services that are people related so that the contribution is fair as to the costs incurred / benefits received (s101(3)(ii); and 2) shares the additional costs proposed more equitably between properties.

18. The Long Term Plan provides for options of business as usual and growth scenarios. In assessing growth scenarios, Council must ensure that the benefits are measurable against the costs incurred. The City has seen a period of modest growth. The additional costs do not appear to make a demonstrable difference to this..

19. On the face of it, this does not appear that the Council has undertaken a robust cost/benefit analysis. In a business, the additional costs would only be incurred if it were to increase revenue and/or reduce operating costs. The simple fact that under the "growth" scenario rates are forecast to increase at a higher level. There does not appear to be any business case existing for the additional expenditure.

20. It is accepted Council undertakes some services for community benefit rather than solely based on a rate of return. If these services are to be extended, they should still be subject to a rigorous cost / benefit analysis. If the additional services are to enhance the

lives of the people living in the city, the funding method should reflect this (refer to comment on Uniform General Charge).

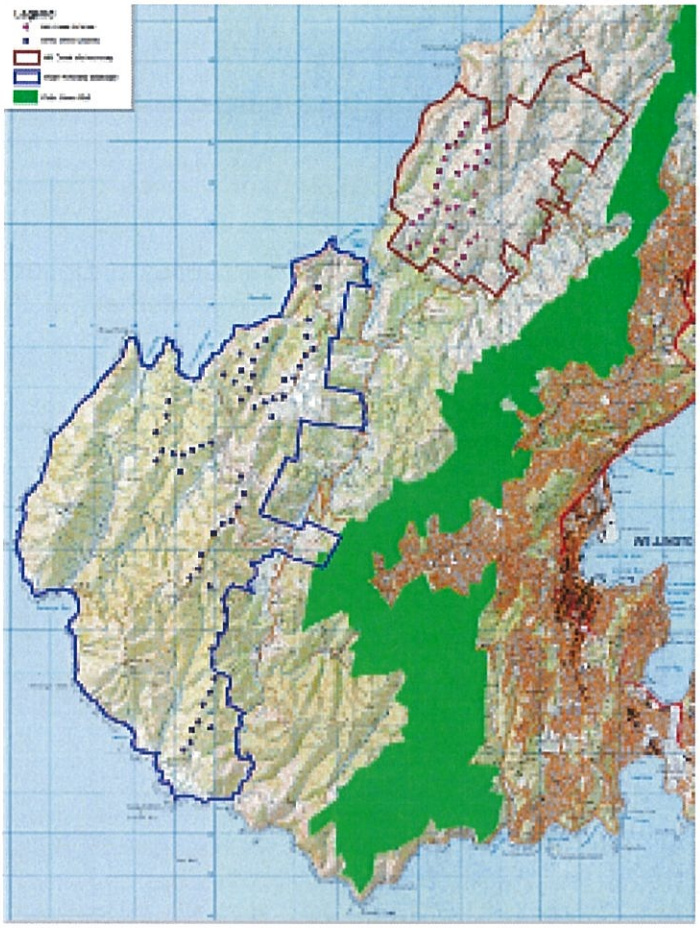
21. It is Meridian's submission that in adopting its Long Term Plan, the Council must satisfy itself that the growth projects have been subject to a robust cost / benefit analysis. This should also be applied to the proposed runway extension as well as the other projects listed. Having undertaken this analysis, the funding of the net expenditure should be undertaken in such a way that best represents the beneficiaries of the additional rates expenditure.

Relief sought:

That the Wellington City Council introduces a Uniform Annual General Charge to recognise the services that are people related are more fairly and equitably allocated between properties.

That any associated and necessary changes be made to the Council's supporting financial policies to achieve this outcome.

Appendix A: Wind Farm Location & Layout for West Wind and Mill Creek Windfarm



West Wind and Mill Creek
October 2007

Appendix B: Extract Draft Revenue & Funding Policy WCC Draft LTP 2015 - 2025
Rating Categories

"4. The Council's application of the requirements of the Act

This section shows how the operating expenditure associated with each of the Council's activities are funded through applying the requirements of section 101 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002. Our activity analysis is organised under the following headings:

- **Community outcome**. The Council has four community outcomes:
  - Connected city
  - Dynamic central city
  - People centred city
  - Eco City

We make reference to the community outcome to which each activity relates in our analysis.

- **Activity Area.** The Council's activity areas consolidated into seven strategic areas in which we provide a service to the community. These are:
  - Governance
  - Environment
  - Economic development
  - Cultural wellbeing
  - Social and recreation
  - Urban development
  - Transport.

Draft for Consultation - not Council Policy .....

5. The general rates differential

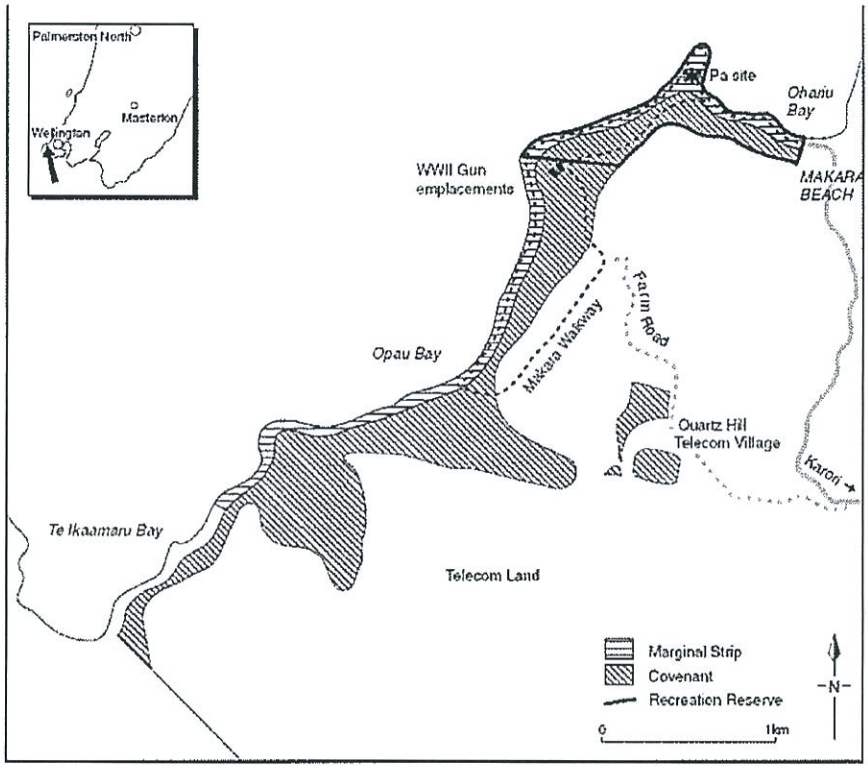
The general rate is split between the base differential rate, which applies to residential ratepayers, Community organisations and rural land, and the commercial, industrial and business differential rate.

Historically, the Council has applied a modifier to alter the rates differential (the rates split) that decides the share of general rate paid by residents (base differential) and by businesses (commercial, industrial and business differential). In setting the level of the differential, the Council has considered the requirements of the Local Government Act and number of factors including:

- The benefits each sector derives
- The ability of ratepayers within each sector to pay
- The historic relationship between various groups of ratepayers and the existing level of the differential
- Ensuring any change to the differential, or rate of any change, does not impact unreasonably on any particular group of ratepayers
- To determine equity and fairness, the entire rating system for Wellington City must be considered and it is not appropriate to focus on the differential only
- The impact on the Social, Cultural, Economic and Environmental well-being of the community.

In 2015/16 the Council proposes no change in the rates differential. This means that a commercial sector ratepayer will contribute 2.8 times more to the general rate than residential ratepayer for each dollar of rateable property capital value."

Appendix C: Covenanted Conservation Areas – West Wind Farm Wellington City
Approximately 148 hectares



Plan showing covenants, recreation reserve and walkway

The Wellington City Youth Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

The Youth Council wishes to make an oral submission to Councillors.

Investing for growth:

The Youth Council, in principle, supports the proposed plan of investing for the growth of Wellington as outline in the Long Term Plan.

We do feel that some options proposed in the plan are of greater value than others, as we will outline in the following submission.

We will submit on these projects when they are consulted on further in future.

A longer Airport runway:

We think that the economic benefits that an extension of the airport runway will bring are of great value to Wellington, not just Wellington City, but the entire region. As such, the Council should seek investment in this project from the other councils in the region.

The Council should seek and contract at least one major airline to utilise the added capacity of the runway extension before proceeding with construction.

Film and Tech Industries

The Youth Council has previously supported the development of the CBD into a tech friendly city. It is vital if Wellington is to continue to be attractive for 21st century businesses that this investment continues.

Inner City Regeneration

The Youth Council supports the development of an Urban Development Agency. We feel this will enable Council, and Wellington residents, to have a say in the style of the Wellington CBD into the future.

We would strongly encourage the Council to ensure that input from young people forms part of the process this agency undertakes when developing new projects. We consider this to be vital, as young people are the future of the city and it is important that the city is one we are proud of.

Revitalise the Civic Square Precinct

We support the proposed moves to revitalise Civic Square. However, we feel that before pursuing development of the Jack Illot green, Council should first pursue earthquake strengthening and redevelopment of the space previously used by “Capital E”

Reigniting our sense of space

We support the proposed “cheering up” of laneways and streets. The Youth Council has been extremely pleased with the “cheering up” of Bond Street. We hope to see quirky and unique projects such as this one spread across the CBD in future.

We support the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park as proposed. We would additionally suggest the addition of equipment that enables play across all ages of Wellington Residents. The Youth Council has previously submitted on this proposal several times, and are pleased to see this phrase included in the Waterfront Development Strategy. We feel this would be an excellent place for Council to include this type of equipment.

Strengthening Town Centres

We support the development of the Karori Events Centre as a community facility. We would encourage Council to ensure housing choice is available to accommodate the predicted growth of Wellington.

New and Improved Venues

We support the development of the proposed Central City venues. Wellington is skipped by international artists far too often due to the lack of a suitable venue. The economic benefit of such a venue is clear.

We support the development of the Basin Reserve. We feel that any changes made during this development need to be in keeping with the Basin’s character to ensure that it continues to be a great place to watch a test match, far into the future.

We support the proposed artificial turf at the National Hockey Stadium. It is a needed resource, which will clearly be utilised by users of the facility.

New Visitor Attractions

We support the development of an Ocean Exploration Center.

The Youth Council supports the proposal that the Long Term Plan 2015-25 includes provision to gift a long-term lease on Site 9 at North Kumutoto for the establishment of a Citizenship Centre for New Zealand children.

The Youth Council believes that the City Council should support the Citizenship Centre because there is a clear need for improved civics and citizenship education. The Youth Council first identified this in 2012.

After hearing from Chris Laidlaw, a Trustee of the Citizenship Trust, we believe that the Citizenship Centre would enable many more school children to experience high quality citizenship education and Wellington.

Use Smart Technology

We support the installation of smart sensors for parking in the CBD. This will enable the turnover of parks in the CBD, which will support more people be able to access the CBD.

We also support the installation of LED street lighting. Members have noted that the trial streets around the city, have far greater visibility and greatly improved safety and feel.

Submitter Details

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- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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- ( ) Both

Submission

Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support (•) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support (•) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support (•) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly Oppose

Comments

Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose ○ Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments

Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

◉ Male
○ Female

My age is

○ under 18 years
◉ 18-29 years
○ 30-39 years
○ 40-49 years
○ 50-59 years
○ 60 years and older

Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

◉ Yes
○ No

Which of the following best describes you?

☐ Residential ratepayer
☐ Commercial ratepayer

- [ ] Residential and commercial ratepayer
- [ ] I rent
- [x] Other

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- [x] New Zealand European
- [ ] Māori
- [ ] Samoan
- [ ] Cook Island
- [ ] Tongan
- [ ] Niuean
- [ ] Chinese
- [ ] Indian
- [ ] Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

Other issues/matters or general comments

Comments
Please see attached submission document.

Attached Documents

File
WCC Long-term Plan 2015-2025 - submission by Lyall Bay SLSC
2015-25 Draft Long-term Plan

Wellington City Council – Draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025

Submission on behalf of Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club

This submission is prepared on behalf of the Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (**Club**).

The Club supports the Council's ongoing support for the Club's new building project which has been in Council's annual plans since approved by Council in March 2010.

We would like the opportunity to present an oral submission in support of our funding as part of the Council's long term plan deliberations. This will allow us to provide an update to all Councillors about the current status of our project and the challenges the Club has faced since the original funding was approved and a funding agreement signed in October 2012.

In summary, the key update and points in our oral submission will cover the following:

1 The Club's current and proposed facilities are the only dedicated surf life saving facility within Wellington City. The other beaches that are patrolled regularly (Oriental Bay and Scorching Bay) do not have permanent surf life saving facilities.

2 We provide a unique and essential rescue service, as well as a facility that is used by a number of community groups. Some recent examples of this are:

   a During the recent large swells (14-16 April 2015) the Club's members responded to a call out from Police to search for a surfer who was reported as in distress in the surf. Our inflatable rescue boat and facilities were used as a base for this operation. The surfer was located safely and we were able to confirm there were no other surfers in the water in danger.

   b In November 2014 we hosted the first round of the National surf boat series. Over 40 surf boat crews entered this event and we had over 200 competitors and supporters from around the country at Lyall Bay for the event. We also used this as an opportunity to engage with our local community.

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4 The Club has raised $1.67 million to date towards the estimated total project cost of $3.1 million. The Club requires a further $1.5 to $1.7 million to complete the project.

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We will provide a further update on the status of our project during our oral hearing.



Arie Moore
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Lyall Bay Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated.

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Accessibility Advisory Group

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The Accessibility Advisory Group's Background

The Accessibility Advisory Group (AAG) is one of the longest standing Council advisory groups (previously called the Disability Reference Group). It was established in 1996 to provide advice on issues that concern people with impairments.

Advisory groups provide advice to the Council on a broad range of issues from the perspective of a particular community. They provide preliminary feedback on Council planning, projects and policy development.

The role of the Accessibility Advisory Group is to raise awareness and understanding of disability and accessibility issues. It also gives the Council information, advice, and feedback on policy development and specific Council projects.

Accessibility means,
Environments, information and buildings that are accessible and usable by everyone in the community. This includes: the able bodied, people pushing strollers, the elderly and people with impairments or disabilities.

Our views

Our view is that accessibility needs to be included as one of the founding principles of the Long Term Plan (LTP) because improving accessibility benefits the whole community. There are number ways the accessibility can be better in the LTP and decision about planning for our common future. We have identified the areas for your consideration:

- ***The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities article 9: Accessibility***
- ***NZS4121:2001: Design for access and mobility: Buildings and associated facilities***
- ***Adding accessibility goals and measures to the LTP***
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The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities article 9: Accessibility

We would like to draw your attention to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities article 9: Accessibility which states:

> "1. To enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, States Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and in rural areas. These measures, which shall include the identification and elimination of obstacles and barriers to accessibility, shall apply to, inter alia:

(a) Buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor and outdoor facilities, including schools, housing, medical facilities and workplaces;

(b) Information, communications and other services, including electronic services and emergency services.

2. States Parties shall also take appropriate measures to:

(a) Develop, promulgate and monitor the implementation of minimum standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services open or provided to the public;

(b) Ensure that private entities that offer facilities and services which are open or provided to the public take into account all aspects of accessibility for persons with disabilities;

(c) Provide training for stakeholders on accessibility issues facing persons with disabilities;

(d) Provide in buildings and other facilities open to the public signage in Braille and in easy to read and understand forms;

(e) Provide forms of live assistance and intermediaries, including guides, readers and professional sign language interpreters, to facilitate accessibility to buildings and other facilities open to the public;

(f) Promote other appropriate forms of assistance and support to persons with disabilities to ensure their access to information;

(g) Promote access for persons with disabilities to new information and communications technologies and systems, including the Internet;

(h) Promote the design, development, production and distribution of accessible information and communications technologies and systems at an early stage, so that these technologies and systems become accessible at minimum cost."
www.odi.govt.nz

NZS4121:2001: Design for access and mobility: Buildings and associated facilities

Each project or development area needs to be considered in light of accessibility NZS4121:2001: Design for access and mobility: Buildings and associated facilities.

Adding accessibility goals and measures to the LTP

The LTP KPI's should include goals and measures for maintaining and improving accessibility. It will also demonstrate the Council's commitment to accessibility to the community and Council staff.

These goals could include promoting accessibility as a marketing feature for growth and tourism. Wellington - the coolest little 'accessible' capital

Accessibility is important demographic issue and it's a growing one

Accessibility is an important issues for almost a quarter of the Wellington population. This is estimate is conservative because it only individuals with impairments. But those

impairments also affect their family, friends and colleges. So anything that improves accessibility for individuals also improves the quality of life for the wider community.

We wish to draw you attention the key findings from the Statistics NZ disability survey 2013 as we think they should reflected in the actions, investments and priorities in the LTP. The key findings are:

- In 2013, 24 percent of the New Zealand population were identified as disabled, a total of 1.1 million people.
- The increase from the 2001 rate (20 percent) is partly explained by our ageing population.
- In the Wellington Region 114,000 people have an impairment which is 22% of the population living in private households in 2013.
- People aged 65 or over were much more likely to be disabled (59 percent) than adults under 65 years (21 percent) or children under 15 years (11 percent).
- Māori and Pacific people had higher-than-average disability rates, after adjusting for differences in ethnic population age profiles.
- For adults, physical limitations were the most common type of impairment. Eighteen percent of people aged 15 or over, 64 percent of disabled adults, were physically impaired.
- For children, learning difficulty was the most common impairment type. Six percent of children, 52 percent of disabled children, had difficulty learning.
- Just over half of all disabled people (53 percent) had more than one type of impairment.
- The most common cause of disability for adults was disease or illness (42 percent). For children, the most common cause was a condition that existed of birth (49 percent).

Social housing – Universal design principles for accessibility at all life stages

The LTP should be about the careful management of strategic community investments to deliver increasing value for money from the rating base. Social housing is one of those community investment. A very important investment. We recommend the consideration of the Universal Design Principles for accessible housing promoted by Lifemark. The Lifemark Design Standards are based on the five key universal design principles of Adaptability, Accessibility, Usability, Safety and Lifetime Value.

Here are the Lifemark descriptions of the principles

A usable home *is a dwelling that has thoughtful design features that meet the needs of people of different ages and abilities over time. A Lifemark certified home has features that make home life easier including reachable power points and easy to use taps, window latches and light switches.*

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changing needs of the occupants as they progress through life. An adaptable home is one in which a change in a persons circumstances does not require an expensive retrofit in order for them to continue to live easily, safely and independently in the home. By including Bathroom and Kitchen features which may not be noticeable but will facilitate adaption at a later stage for low/no cost.

***An accessible home** is one that enables an occupant or visitors to the home to be able to access it easily, safely and independently. Nobody is excluded from participating in home life because they are aging or have a disability. This includes level entry, wider doorways and corridors, a kitchen and laundry that are designed to be easier to use.*

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Introduction

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Inc welcomes this opportunity to submit on the Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014 -2023 & associated Implementation Plan (The Plans).

Established in 1943, the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Inc (HVCC) has long been an important part of the business community in the Hutt Valley region. Our organisation works with the other chambers across the Wellington region, and we are also accredited through the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce network with links to a 20,000 strong worldwide Chamber of Commerce network. Through advocacy work, the HVCC aims to create a positive, dynamic environment in which business can flourish. The HVCC also provides expert business advice, guidance and training, as well as operating an active, business-generating, network-building programme in the Hutt region.

The HVCC membership consists of the following membership demographic Wellington City 14%, Wairarapa/Kapiti/Porirua 6%, Lower Hutt 68%, Upper Hutt 11%, and National 1%. Our membership is more than 90% made up of small and medium sized businesses, who employ less than 20 people. We are the predominant voice for the small to medium enterprise (SME) sector across the region with 680 financial members.

The HVCC is making this submission not only on behalf of its Wellington City members but also its wider regional membership whose businesses are impacted by decisions and actions of the Wellington City Council.

Chamber Position

The HVCC works closely with the Wellington Employers Chamber of Commerce (WECC) in a number of areas including lobbying and advocacy on Government and Local Government policy and legislative change. Our positioning on behalf of our respective business members is generally aligned and in respect of The Plans we support the WECC submission.

Whilst the HVCC considered that overall The Plans include some positive economic objectives it does wish to highlight some areas in which it has a particular interest and others where it has concerns. Those areas are as follows;

1. **Roading** -An area of high focus and lobbying by the HVCC has been in the roading area. We have fully supported the RoNS (Airport to Levin) and The Grenada to Petone link road amongst other roading infrastructure development proposals outside of Wellington City. We find it concerning that the Wellington City Council on the one hand indicate support for these roading projects but on the other hand has been instrumental in frustrating progress in their delivery, ie the encouragement of objection to the basin over bridge as part of the RoNS roll out and more recently flying in the face of the delivery of an efficient Grenada to Petone link through its non-support of NZTA's Takapu Valley

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Conclusion

The HVCC seeks recognition of the matters raised in this submission through amendment to The Plans.

HVCC also seeks the opportunity to present its submission to the Council at its scheduled hearings on The Plans.

Yours sincerely

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Comments
2. I strongly oppose both a 3.9% and a 3.1% increase in rates. - find other sources of revenue rather than selling them. Learn to live within my means!

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Comments
It's doing fine on its own - witness Trademe and Xero. Lots of smaller ones are flourishing without your 'aid.'

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Comments

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Comments
Who in their right mind would buy an old commercial building in Wellington if they weren't making a profit on it and had factored in earthquake strengthening. The recent stickering of buildings doesn't seem to have affected their viability.

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ◉ Strongly oppose

Comments
7. I strongly oppose Council offsetting strengthening costs through use of the open spaces around Civic Square. Also its ironic that Council can spend ratepayers money on things the ratepayers cannot afford for themselves: perhaps you should demolish them in solidarity with your funders

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Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

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Comments
I strongly oppose anything more than minimal resource to attract/keep events.

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Comments

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Leave it to those who will derive an income from it.

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Comments
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Comments
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Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

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Comments
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Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

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Comments
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Comments
Medium density housing is only desired by Council trying to maximise use of overburdened infrastructure and promoting growth. Perhaps Council should investigate alternative means of providing infrastructure: community wind turbines?

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Comments
It was very difficult to find the Urban Growth Implementation Plan.

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments
Repaying debt. Could I suggest WCC spends the next 10 years trying to improve the outcomes for residential ratepayers and do so with decreases in rates. Also try finding out what people want and delivering that rather than deciding what's good for them or what's efficient for Council to deliver.

specifically medium density housing and public transport improvements. Also by not encouraging growth WCC may make Wellington somewhere people want to live which may perversely encourage the sort of growth we do want: people who WANT to be here.

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Comments
I think the WCC is doing a fantastic job. Hopefully public support of the initiatives outlined in the LTP will result in an even more vibrant and exciting city.

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? New Zealand Festival regularly uses Civic Square as a major event location, particularly for its free events. Recent examples include: o 2010: Mahler Live Simulcast - a sold-out concert featuring the NZSO's performance of Mahler's famous 8th Symphony was watched by over 2,000 people in Civic Square on the big screen o 2014: The Big Bang - Civic Square ? The Town Hall is a main venue which would ordinarily be used by the Festival for the New Zealand Festival, Wellington Jazz Festival and other special events such as the Lexus Song Quest. o 2012: 21,000 tickets were sold to events in the Town Hall in the main Festival programme. It was a key venue for contemporary and classical music concerts - seeing sold-out shows for Bon Iver and Death Cab for Cutie, as well as two choral concerts by The Sixteen. The New Zealand Festival Writers Week's flagship Town Hall Talks series attracted over 3,600 people to three key note lectures. o Its flexibility allows for a variety of seating formats which are necessary in order to meet the needs of audiences for a range of events. For example, without the Town Hall, there is no major venue which can support cabaret seating used for music, jazz and cabaret. In 2009, the Wellington Jazz Festival transformed the Town Hall into a 600 seat jazz club. ? The loss of the Town Hall as a venue for the New Zealand Festival in particular has had a major impact. During Festival time all major venues are booked to capacity to cater for the 300 performances staged over the three weeks. The loss of the Town Hall affects the financial viability of presenting artists at the Festival due to a lack of suitably sized venues and venue costs elsewhere. It sometimes means the relocation of classical and contemporary music events into the larger Michael Fowler Centre, which creates issues of audience experience, particularly for more intimate events.

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments
? Arts and cultural events are a major contributor to Wellington's brand and economy, the Festival plays a key role as the major arts event in the mix. ? The Festival seeks to grow its event portfolio - and play a role in creating more one-off events or festivals to enhance the city's position as the events capital of New Zealand. See support documentation for details on our proposed annual Ideas and Writers Festival. ? A reduction of arts events and the creative sector means a loss of talent to other centres. ? It is important to support the whole arts economy across multiple levels rather that focus on just events. This adds not only to the city brand but quality of life and attracts people to live in our city if they are able to practise here. It feeds into the smart city aspirations of the Council and while events imply 'scale' we should also aspire to lead nationally and internationally in areas of distinction such as the potential for Wellington to be the centre of contemporary indigenous arts practice building on the Maori arts organisations based in the city.

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

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Comments
? Before a new and improved venue for concerts is considered, the Festival recommends that urgent attention is given to Wellington's unique performing arts venues - the Opera House and the St James Theatre. Both of these venues are earthquake prone and need to be restored and strengthened so that they are attractive and safe for both audiences and artists. This is a major priority for both the Festival and the Royal New Zealand Ballet which are housed in the St James and the cultural sector in general. The venues are the envy of many other cities as they have commercially viable seating capacities as well as an intimate atmosphere. Once these venues are restored, the Festival welcomes the opportunity to play an active role in the feasibility and business case around the new venue proposal in order to contribute towards considerations around: venue hire costs; technical specifications; audience experience; repair and development of existing venues.

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? LED streetlights - we support this, particularly the opportunity to adapt LED lights to agreed colour-ways for special events ? Parking - we support any initiative which improves parking and transport options for audiences. Over the Festival, up to 12,500 people daily come in to Wellington to attend our events and parking was a major issue. Parking sensors and a parking app which indicate free parking spots near destinations would benefit audiences. ? We support the use of smart technology for more efficient environmental outcomes and wish to see the approach extended into the city's performance venues so we can adopt the best environmental practice across our businesses.

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NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL

CREATING EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTERS THROUGH ART

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 10-YEAR PLAN SUBMISSION

APRIL 2015

The Contact Season of Power Plant. Image: Matt Grace

SUBMISSION SUPPORTING DOCUMENT OVERVIEW

The New Zealand Festival seeks to develop its partnership with Wellington City Council to reignite our sense of place, make the city more vibrant, and cement its identity and culture as one of creativity.

We strongly support the Wellington City Council 10-year plan proposal to:

- Increase annual core funding to the New Zealand Festival by $500,000 per annum, investing in the biennial New Zealand Festival

We also submit a request for the Wellington City Council to consider adding into its 10-year plan:

- An additional $150,000 per annum in funding for the New Zealand Festival, investing in a new-look, annual, Ideas and Writers Festival for the capital

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Festival's proposal follows a period of research and development in 2014, funded by the Regional Amenities Fund, which assessed the viability of a new multi-event model for the New Zealand Festival. The model will incorporate new events into the Festival's existing mix (which also includes producing the annual Wellington Jazz Festival and the biennial Lexus Song Quest), bringing cultural and economic benefits to Wellington.

Proposed Two Year Event Model 2016-17:

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2-3
Year One (2016)	Major Event (under embargo) / New Zealand Festival	Jazz Festival / Lexus Song Quest
Year Two (2017)	Ideas and Writers Festival (proposed)	Jazz Festival

- Through the research and development process, a number of other opportunities for new events other than those listed above were identified.
- If these concepts prove financially viable and the necessary partnerships are developed for them to succeed, separate funding requests may be made to the Regional Amenities Fund towards the delivery of these events (subject to approval by the Festival Board).
- This phased, "organic" approach is well risk-managed and allows sufficient time for development of new event concepts and the required audience and organisational development.

Details of this Research and Development can be found in the Addendum of this document.

NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL - CREATING EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTERS THROUGH ART

The New Zealand Festival has been creating extraordinary encounters between artists and audiences since 1986. The Wellingtonians who established the New Zealand Festival of the Arts were pioneers and innovators of their time, achieving their highly ambitious goal of bringing the best live arts experiences from across the world to audiences in New Zealand.

Nearly three decades on, the Festival continues to realise their vision. The 2014 New Zealand Festival delivered more than 300 performances, including six world premieres of new New Zealand work. We welcomed 1,200 artists from 19 countries to Wellington and over 266,000 enjoyed free and paid events. The outcome was approx. $31M direct spend (BERL) and a $70M economic impact on Wellington city.

No other New Zealand city springs to life like Wellington during an event. Like Edinburgh, Avignon and other compact festival cities across the globe, Wellington's unique geography, lively central city and diverse and culturally-engaged population makes the capital and its region the ideal home for our organisation.

Woven into the fabric of the Festival is its ability to push boundaries. From recreating the vast spectacle of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, to taking over shop fronts in *Revolt of the Mannequins*, to transforming the Botanic Gardens into a night-time wonderland, the Festival has the ambition to take risks and the capability to deliver results. Now it is time to push those boundaries, and look at how the New Zealand Festival can continue to contribute to making Wellington the best it can be.



Dawn Powhiri. Image: Matt Grace



The Contact Season of Power Plant. Image: Matt Grace

RESPONDING TO CHANGING TIMES

The environment the New Zealand Festival now operates in is very different to the one it sprung from 30 years ago. And like any successful enterprise, it is important for the Festival to regularly assess its format and function and ensure the event is right for our audiences, artists and other stakeholders.

Despite its history of achievement, past success does not guarantee that the Festival is sustainable in its current form into the future. To deliver on this strategy, and because of other changes in New Zealand over its near 30 year history, the Festival faces a number of critical challenges. These are:

1. Maintaining its status as the preeminent arts festival in New Zealand, particularly in relation to a growing and annual Auckland Arts Festival.
2. Recreating the excitement of the Festival experience for the public, audiences and sponsors.
3. Maintaining and building organisational capability throughout the biennial cycle.

CURRENT INVESTMENT – AN ANALYSIS

- Since 2009, The New Zealand Festival has received an annual investment of $950,000 from the Wellington City Council. In 2014 this represented 14% of the Festival's $13.2M overall spend. The overall economic impact of the 2014 Festival to Wellington City was $70 million. The level of grant funding is low compared with similar Festivals in Melbourne and Adelaide which receive state government support of 58% and 66% respectively.
- The smaller 2013 Auckland Arts Festival was underpinned by a council investment of $4.38M over two years compared to the New Zealand Festival's grant of $1.9M over two years. Since the Auckland Arts Festival has become an annual event, that investment has increased significantly to $6.38M over two years.
- Grants from community trusts are an important source of funding for the Festival. Over the past two years there has been a decline of $142,459 from community trusts which is starting to impact on the Festival's operational capacity.
- Since 2006 the New Zealand Festival has also received significant grants from the MBIE's Major Events Development Fund but these funds are no longer available to the Festival without an event which attracts significant international visitors. In recent previous Festivals this has accounted for an investment of between $150,000 and $485,000.
- We are also anticipating that some of the funding we receive from Wellington TLAs (approximately $200,000) may be at risk after the formation of the Wellington Regional Development Agency, which is currently an additional funding stream.
- Inflation has eroded the value of core funder grants. For example the Wellington City Council core grant has remained fixed since 2009 but inflation over that period has eroded purchasing power by around 9% effectively reducing the value of the grant by $85,000 a year. The Festival needs to retain the real value of its funding to invest this into delivering an extraordinary programme.

GROWING THE FESTIVAL: A NEW MODEL FOR THE FUTURE

The NEW New Zealand Festival model is a multi-event model – with the Festival team delivering a calendar of incredible Wellington events across a 24-month cycle.

- The new model has the biennial New Zealand Festival at its heart, which will sharpen its dual focus of bringing the best in international art to Wellington and creating great New Zealand work
- Over the rest of the 24 month cycle, the Festival will seek to produce one or multiple innovative events for Wellington that will be designed to surprise, inspire, challenge and enchant; they may be recurring events or one-off opportunities
- These events will be developed and produced under the New Zealand Festival brand and run by its uniquely talented staff that successfully deliver the biennial arts Festival
- Each smaller event will be unique to New Zealand with the objective of securing an international profile in its own interest area
- They will be creative live experiences that are relevant to contemporary culture and today's audiences



As If It Were The Last time subtlemob. Image: Matt Grace



Paniora, Image: Matt Grace



The Big Bang Image: Matt Grace

ALIGNING WITH WELLINGTON'S PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

The New Zealand Festival is a key strategic cultural and creative asset for Wellington.

- With a track-record of excellence in events and culture and a forward-looking vision which has Wellington at its heart, the Festival's goal is to **make Wellington the stage – and everyone a player**[1].
- Through its ambitious attitude and audacious programme, the Festival is proof that Wellington is the **place of the possible**.
- Thanks to its capability and compatible brand position, the New Zealand Festival is well placed to provide an important cultural service to the capital by delivering a suite of existing and new events.
- The New Zealand Festival will **drive the Wellington brand** through a biennial calendar of Wellington-exclusive events which have potential to achieve an international profile and attract visiting audiences.
- They will be designed to encourage interaction, participation and debate - **culture that is more than observed, culture that is experienced**.

We will seek to innovate the existing New Zealand Festival to incorporate:

- Bolder, bigger, daring projects
- Engaging the wider populace to come up with ideas
- Using the fabric of the city as the stage
- Creating better and more interactive experiences

We will contribute to economic development, community-building, and making a creative city.

[1] New Zealand Festival Strategic Plan, 2015



NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL: REFRESHED

NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL

New Zealand Festival (NZF) is Wellington's longest-running successful major iconic event. Our mission is to deliver extraordinary experiences to our audiences and to celebrate the world's best arts in Aotearoa – presenting the finest international and New Zealand arts.

The proposed $500,000 additional Wellington City Council investment in the New Zealand Festival as part of its 10-year Plan will enable us to:

- **Develop new audiences.** The Festival needs to ensure sustainability through increased capability in administration and marketing – allowing us to connect to new audiences while maintaining its current audiences. Estimated at $100k.

- **Ensure accessibility and excellence.** The events budget has eroded from an average of $7.7M per Festival from 2006 to 2010 to an average of $6.5M in the 2012 to 2014 period as a result of static ticket prices (to ensure accessibility in a fuller events market). In order to retain its status as a leader in the arts and event sector, the Festival must invest in world-class products that deliver exceptional experiences for audiences and create great new work by New Zealand artists.

- **Engage and build audiences through free events.** The Festival has had to reduce the number of free events in its programme in order to maximise income through box office revenue. Ensuring a good mix of quality free and participatory events is key to delivering on the Festival's vision, increasing involvement and converting free attenders to ticket buying audiences.

  Ticketed and free events estimated at approx. $400k

KEY ALIGNMENTS	NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL
NZF STRATEGY	**Experience** Creating an experience of international excellence for artists and audiences **Programme** Presenting and producing an exceptional programme of both New Zealand and international artists that includes New Zealand premieres. **Partnership** Partnering with sponsors, funders, presenting and producing partners, and the tourism and hospitality sectors to create collective ownership of the Festival. **Participation** Increasing participation in arts events. **Sustainability** Ensuring sustainability through prudent financial management, new funding streams and retention of organisational capability.
WCC STRATEGY	**A Connected City** We take pride in leading our industry in making Wellington an inclusive place where talent wants to live: We inspire, attract, develop and retain talented people and will be able to harness this capability to grow our Festival and new events. Partnerships are at the heart of what we do: We align with strategic partners like Weta Digital and Te Papa to work smarter with key Wellington organisations. **A Dynamic Central City** Mapping our economic impact: The Festival delivers a $70M economic impact return on a $1.9M investment from Wellington City Council. The Festival tells the story of Wellington at home and abroad and examples of how we work for the city to meet its tourism aims. A sense of place – using our unique environment: We make Wellington the stage and everyone a player. **An Eco City** Sustainability – thinking globally and acting locally: We provide a loudspeaker for the world's big environmental ideas. Reducing our carbon footprint: We have plans for a sustainability audit and to work with our partners to promote green practices to our audiences. **A People Centred City** Creating a collective moment, memory and legacy: We are committed to making arts accessible to all New Zealanders. We provide a range of audiences through a breadth of events and a framework of initiatives for different audience groups. A diverse and tolerant population: The Festival celebrates art from cultures from all across the world and we support New Zealand artists.
WELLINGTON BRAND	**Energetic** The Festival is a vibrant event which enlivens Wellington's venues and streets **Innovative** The Festival pushes the boundaries of live performance and continues to innovate through its artists and its own initiatives **Suprising** We will actively seek new events for the Festival which are truly extraordinary – such as *Power Plant* which tranformed the Botanic Gardens and attracted over 23,000 people **Forward-looking** We invest in the leading artists of the future and focus on staying relevant to the audiences of the future

ICONIC EVENT POTENTIAL	New Zealand's iconic arts event – celebrating 30 years in Wellington in 2016
CALENDAR-FIT	February/March slot in order to align with Australian Festivals
RESEARCH: REFLECTING WELLINGTON (CHARACTER)*	This concept reflects all key Wellington characteristics: Cultural; Uban; Youthful; Ageing (ideal for an older, educated audiece who crave intellectual stimulation) Communal (collective experience and participation); Professional (sponsors, business engagement), Accessible; Smart, Diversifying (cultural exchange); Connected (become key player in international industry).
RESEARCH: AUDIENCES (TRIBES)*	This event provides exciting and stimulating options for both THINK and THRILL Tribes. Due to the breadth of events in the NZF we have some audience engagement across all Tribes (depending on individual events), but large potential markets across Culture Vultures; some Avant-Gardes; Toe-dippers; Educating Parents; Everyday Geeks; Mainstreamers and some Prestige ~~s~~Seekers and Indies. Projected attendance 300,000
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	A trusted event with a strong, loyal audience and a track record of delivering recurring and new audiences and operating to a break-even budget.

*See Addendum for Research detail


FESTIVAL OF
WRITERS AND IDEAS

FESTIVAL OF WRITERS AND IDEAS

If Wellington is truly to be the place of the possible – we believe it needs an annual platform to stimulate ideas and to generate debates and discussion about the future of the world, our country and our capital. We envision an event to connect us to the world, exposing us to leading-edge ideas, developments and trends from across the globe – and giving us a voice on the burning issues of today.

- It is important for Wellington's role as capital city that it plays host to a significant national public event which debates the ideas shaping the future of the country and the issues affecting the world. It is an event which reflects our progressive and engaged population and celebrates our strongest characteristics – creativity, smart-thinking, collaboration and innovation.
- Building on the success of the biennial New Zealand Festival Writers Week – which has brought the world's leading thinkers and writers from Simon Schama, to Germaine Greer to Eleanor Catton to the capital - this revised concept will evolve that event into New Zealand's leading Writers and Ideas Festival, taking place on an annual basis.
- The future of capitalism and democracy, religious conflict, environmental sustainability, business, technology and privacy, this is an annual opportunity for public engagement on the issues that define our time with leading world thinkers, commentators, artists and writers.
- The New Zealand Festival proposes to further develop a major partnership with Victoria University on this event.
- The event will have a concurrent digital platform and presence – bringing the event to an international audience.

This concept is based around three key propositions:

- **THINK (discovery of new ideas and opinions)**
- **SPEAK (a platform for debate and discussion)**
- **DO (the opportunity to participate in workshops and forums which encourage public contribution and skill development; public sector training and development, international exchange).**

FESTIVAL OF WRITERS AND IDEAS

KEY ALIGNMENTS	FESTIVAL OF WRITERS AND IDEAS
NZF STRATEGY	**Experience** Stimulating and engaging events experiences which are inspiring, challenging and provoking. **Programme** Opportunity to attract the biggest names in politics, business, arts, humanities, science and technology from around the world. Create a platform for leading New Zealand writers and thinkers. **Partnership** Establish partnership with Victoria University and create partnerships with central government. **Participation** Take part through debate, workshops and interactive sessions. **Sustainability** Strong track-record of good attendances for similar programming, popularity of TED and other ideas festivals worldwide.
WCC STRATEGY	**A Connected City** Bring leading thinkers and speakers from around the world. **A Dynamic Central City** "Festivalises" key institutions, including Victoria University and central and local government departments. **An Eco City** Raises awareness and stimulates debate on environmental issues affecting our city and planet. **A People Centred City** Provides the public a voice and reflects the capital's smart and engaged population – it is a missed opportunity that there is no national event for ideas, issues and debate in the capital.
WELLINGTON BRAND	**Energetic** A haven for new ideas and spirited debate. **Innovative** Inviting the world's leading thinkers to collaborate with Wellington's professional and education sectors and public. **Suprising** Bold programming to bring world leaders and visionary thinking. **Forward-looking** A future-focused event which seeds ideas and developments for the future.

ICONIC EVENT POTENTIAL	Clear opportunity to grow into NZ's leading ideas festival and futures forum. Additional opportunities to attract businesses to hold conferences during the time of the Festival – to attend conference during the day and align with international speaker headliners and participate in workshops.
CALENDAR-FIT	Early March annually in order to coincide with major Australian partners to ensure quality content.
RESEARCH: REFLECTING WELLINGTON (CHARACTER)*	This concept reflects the following Wellington characteristics: Cultural; Uban; Youthful; Ageing (ideal for an older, educated audiece who crave intellectual stimulation) Communal (collective experience and participation); Professional (creative industries, politics, government, business, tech, education), Smart, Accessible; Diversifying (cultural exchange); Connected (become key player in international industry).
RESEARCH: AUDIENCES (TRIBES)*	This event is at the heart of the THINK dimension Tribes, while depending on the subject matter or headline speakers has a potential to pull specific interest audiences cross- Tribe. Similar events tested positively with Culture Vultures; some Avant-Gardes; Toe-dippers; Educating Parents; Everyday Geeks; Mainstreamers and some Prestige Seekers and Indies. Projected attendance Y1: 13,000-15,000
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	New Zealand Festival's existing Writers Week has a solid core audience and a sustainable model. This concept would evolve this event, developing the existing and atttracting new audiences. The Festival format and relationships with publishers allows us to secure big names and attract national audiences and funding.

*See Addendum for Research detail

A $150,000 annual investment from Wellington City Council as part of its 10-year Plan would enable the New Zealand Festival to develop, establish and grow an annual Writers and Ideas Festival for Wellington from 2016 onwards.


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ADDENDUM

A NEW MODEL FOR THE FESTIVAL

For many years there has been debate about whether the Festival should stay biennial or go annual. A handful of festivals in New Zealand have followed the trend towards annualisation – repeating their tried and true formula of the same style of events on an annual basis.

We evaluated the case for annual versus biennial put forward in an independent study commissioned by the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund. What format will best attract, grow and inspire audiences and provide a model that gives us the flexibility to keep innovating and maintain our position as New Zealand's leading Festival? We started with what really matters to the New Zealand Festival and our audiences:

1. Enlivening Wellington and making it a great place to live and visit
2. Creating extraordinary experiences for New Zealanders and visiting audiences
3. Bringing benefits to our stakeholders
4. Being sustainable for the future

Considering these matters led us to a "challenger" solution for the festival model that we believe could be more relevant, adaptable, innovative and future-focused. We developed a concept of a format that perfectly fits Wellington's vibrant hub of ideas and culture – the place of the possible.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDED VALUE

There is potential for the Festival to further extend its value beyond the events within the two year cycle. Two distinct areas where the New Zealand Festival can add maximum value through the new model include **PRODUCING and INCUBATING.** We have developed a funding model and organisational structure to deliver this.

PRODUCING

The Festival will manage the creation and delivery of new events for the Wellington Region. After a process of idea generation, a number of new event concepts were tested against our set criteria. Based on each event's performance against criteria and financial viability, a final proposal was recommended by staff and approved by the Festival Board. This was to propose an additional annualised Ideas and Writers Festival commencing in 2016/7, with the potential for other events to be developed for 2017/8 onwards. In addition, the Festival will produce a major Stadium event, London's The Globe's *Hamlet* and two Wellington Jazz Festivals over the 2016/17 period.

INCUBATING

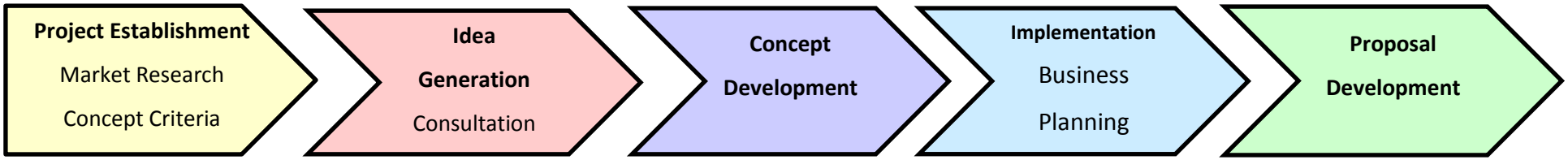
We have facilitated a series of high-level conversations with a range of city partners and independent artists to develop ideas for future events in Wellington. There is a need for the Festival's capability, expertise and infrastructure in order to help develop and realise a range of concepts. Conversations will be ongoing with the gallery and museum sector, performing arts community and a host of independent artists and other creative industries partners as we identify common ground and align strategic objectives across a range of ideas including visual arts, Matariki, contemporary music, performing arts (e.g. circus and other family friendly events). The Festival will continue to position itself as a key collaborator with insight into local markets for delivery of extraordinary events in Wellington that match our vision, mission, purpose and core values and those of our partners.

R&D PROJECT: DEVELOPING THE NEW NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL MODEL

To realise the vision for the NEW New Zealand Festival model, the next phase of activity required was research and development:

- The new model by its design is highly relevant and audience focused, so the Festival needed to undertake market research and further event development work around a number of new event concepts
- In order for the model to be sustainable a new partnership, funding and organisational structure was required
- A successful application to the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund was made in order to fund research and development activity

A project plan was developed which undertook the following stages of work:



The deadline for completion of the research and development project was the end of November 2014, with a final funding proposal developed for the Long Term Plan and Regional Amenities Fund in May 2015. There has been ongoing consultation throughout this process with WCC staff (Events, Arts and Tourism representatives), who have provided feedback and contributed ideas to the event concept mix. Details of the R&D project can be found as an Addendum to this document.

Ongoing Development

It is in the nature of any project that innovates and strives for excellence that new opportunities and ideas will continue to emerge - and that fledgling concepts evolve as deeper work is done, research undertaken and relationships built. It is important therefore to leave room for the potential of new events in the future and to continue to pursue strong artistic/event ideas which do not as yet have clear structures.

R&D PROJECT OUTCOMES: IDENTIFYING THE NEED – RESEARCH RESULTS

Managed by Wellington communications and insights company, Sputnik, with support from independent researcher Jill Caldwell (Windshift), we have undertaken consumer research to explore the fertile ground for Festival events, assessing the market demand for the New Zealand Festival and potential additional events. We have investigated Wellington's special character and worked on identifying potential markets for different events.

The broad outcomes of this research have demonstrated that culture is at the heart of Wellington's brand and that nationally there is sufficient consumer demand to support the creation of new cultural events in the capital. 34% of domestic tourists cite "trying something different" as their top reason for visiting Wellington. The impact, quality and "specialness" of these events are naturally critical to this interest.

Each event we produce should be able to demonstrate how it is unique and appropriate to Wellington – and that there is a sufficiently large potential market to sustain and grow the event over time.

REFLECTING WELLINGTON

Like all great cities, Wellington's culture reflects its people.

To develop our Festival and create new events which are uniquely Wellington and excite both its population and its visitors, we have used an understanding of Wellington's environment, its demographics and its potential visitor markets to identify 10 key characteristics of Wellington in regard to its appetite for cultural events.

Each event we produce will be designed to respond to a number of these key characteristics:

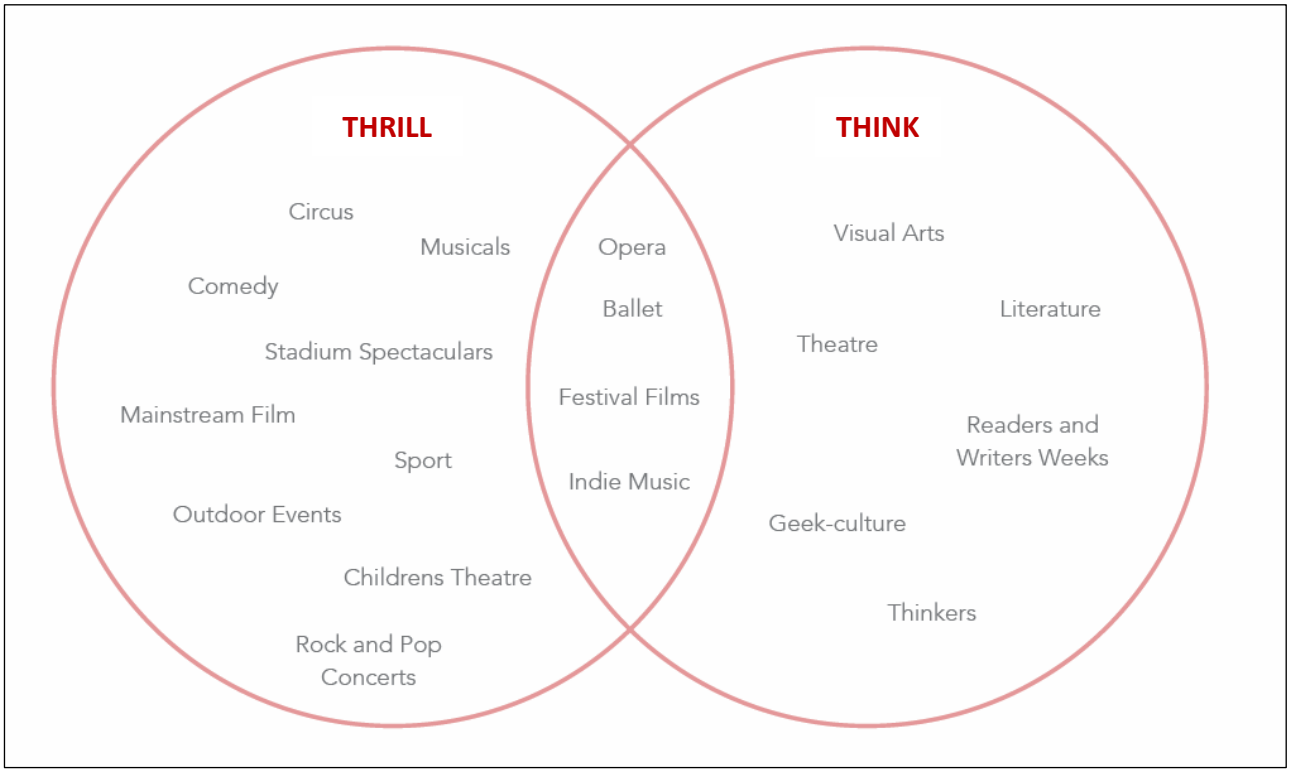
CHARACTERISTICS	RESEARCH EVIDENCE
1. Cultural	93% of residents associate Wellington with a culturally rich arts scene. It has a number of resident national arts organisations. 98% of Wellingtonians are in the market for culture.[2] 86% of Wellingtonians believe the arts should receive public funding.
2. Urban	99% of people in the Wellington region's main centres are considered urban. Wellington's unique urban geography, walkability, transport and hospitality infrastructure makes it an ideal event city.
3. Youthful	Wellington is relatively young compared to the rest of New Zealand; it is home to students of three universities, three Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics and a number of private training establishments. 55% are aged between 18 and 49 years old.
4. Ageing	In line with the rest of New Zealand, the overall population is ageing slightly.
5. Communal	Culture is seen as an important contributor to a healthy and happy community. In future years, societal factors like the rise of lone person households mean cultural events may play an increasingly important role in bringing communities together and minimising urban isolation.
6. Accessible	The availability and accessibility of arts and culture in Wellington means that it is engaged with by a large proportion of the population. The relative affluence of the Wellington region (highest national median income and above average proportion of high income earners[3]) and strong tourism market provides favourable conditions for events which require income from ticket purchases, though accessible pricing structures are also often necessary to ensure large audience numbers.
7. Smart	Wellington has an educated population (46% of people aged 15+ have a post-school qualification, compared to 39% average). It is the base for a number of academic, think-tank and intellectual institutions and has a strong Smart Capital brand.
8. Diversifying	While the proportion of minority non-European New Zealand is growing at a slower rate than the rest of New Zealand, growth is expected at 5%[4]. There is an increasing range of arts and cultural events which champion specific cultural and ethnic communities.
9. Professional	Wellington has a large professional population and a broad spectrum of industries represented across the city, with prominent sectors in professional services, public administration and financial and insurance services. There is ambition and infrastructure to grow business in Wellington.
10. Connected	The home of the national government and many foreign embassies and high commissions, Wellington is globally connected through its public service, multi-national businesses and burgeoning start-up culture. Wellington has an award-winning tourism operation which secures Wellington's place as a major domestic tourism destination (third highest, *2014 REAR*) and recently reported a record number of international visitors to Wellington[5]. Key markets are clearly identified and good networks exist.

[2] Audience Atlas Report, 2011 (Creative New Zealand)
[3] Quality of Life Survey, 2012
[4] Statistics New Zealand
[5] International Visitor Arrivals

R&D PROJECT OUTCOMES: ATTRACTING AUDIENCES: CULTURAL TRIBES

In examining the motivations for cultural consumption choices, it's possible to identify a large number of underlying sources of attraction.

These can vary enormously, ranging from the deep-seated psychological motivations peculiar to each individual, to common motivations that dictate human group behaviour. We have selected and focused upon one fundamental dimension of motivation, **THRILL** and **THINK,** and used this to illustrate elements of the motivations of key audience segments we have identified through our national consumer research.



The diagram above demonstrates the location of common cultural events on the THINK and THRILL spectrum. The New Zealand Festival has ~~a~~ strong THINK ingredients, as well as THRILL events.

THE THRILL AND THINK DIMENSION

"The difference between THRILL and THINK is critical to many cultural consumers' perceptions of value.

At one end of the THRILL and THINK scale are experiences that offer purely visceral rewards for their consumers. Perhaps riding a roller coaster is the ultimate expression of the 'thrill' dimension, but high energy arts events also rate highly on the thrill dimension.

At the other extreme - the 'think' end of the scale - are the most highly intellectualised cultural experiences. Reading a literary novel; attending a talk by a well-known economist; watching an avant-garde piece of theatre.

All cultural experiences can be placed on this scale. It's the difference between those that offer escapism and those that offer an intellectual challenge."

Citation from the research report, Sputnik Ltd

R&D PROJECT OUTCOMES: ATTRACTING AUDIENCES: CULTURAL TRIBES

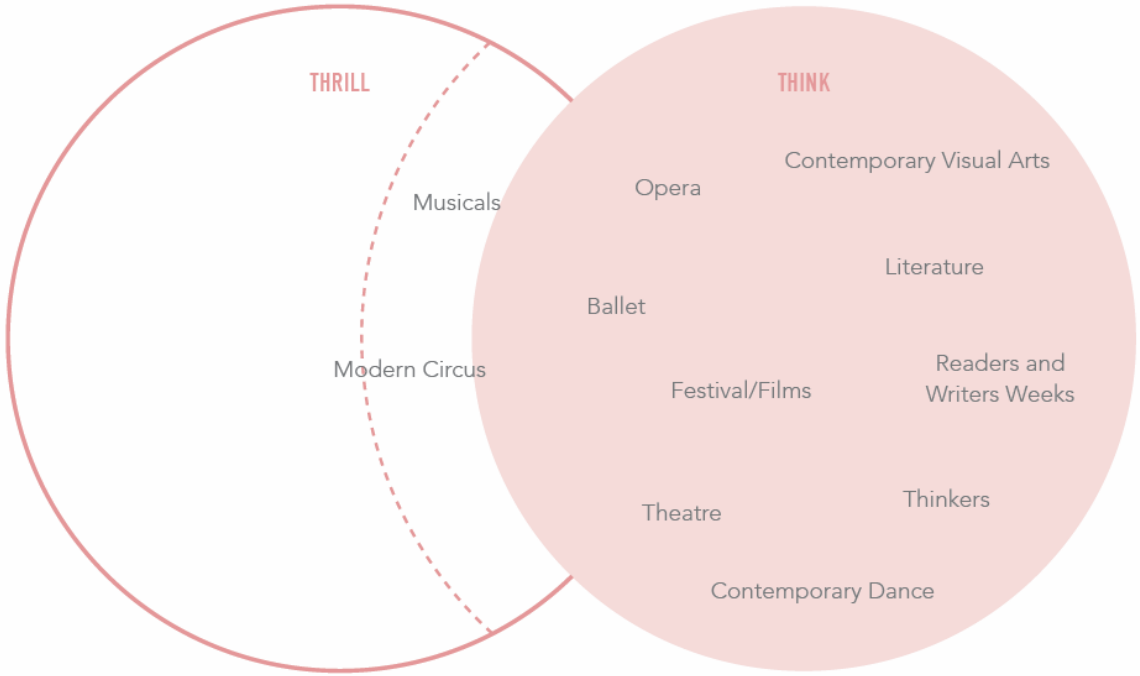
The research recognised a number of clearly distinguishable cultural consumption patterns. We identified the patterns of nine groups ("cultural tribes") that we believe are most relevant to us. Each of these groups comprises individuals with sufficiently common behaviour patterns for us to label them as separate tribes of cultural consumers. The majority of these tribes are made up of people of various ages, incomes, geographical locations, ethnicities and genders. Each tribe has been mapped against the THRILL and THINK dimension and each event concept tested against both principles.

In order to maximise potential audiences we should produce events which suit the THINKers (Ideas Festival); THRILLers (Tattoo) and both (New Zealand Festival attracts tribes across both the THINK and THRILL dimension).

CULTURAL TRIBES:

1. CULTURE VULTURES
2. AVANT-GARDES
3. PRESTIGE SEEKERS
4. INDIES
5. TOE-DIPPERS
6. EDUCATING PARENTS
7. EVERYDAY GEEKS
8. POP CULTURALISTS
9. MAINSTREAMER

CULTURE VULTURES: Their cultural consumption mapped on the THINK/THRILL dimension:



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Wishes to be heard:
- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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- ( ) Both

Submission

Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly Oppose

Comments

Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose ○ Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments

Who we are reaching

You don't have to complete this section but this information helps us to know who we are reaching. (Note: the information you provide is open to public view.)

I am

○ Male
○ Female

My age is

○ under 18 years
○ 18-29 years
◉ 30-39 years
○ 40-49 years
○ 50-59 years
○ 60 years and older

Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

◉ Yes
○ No

Which of the following best describes you?

☐ Residential ratepayer
☐ Commercial ratepayer

- [ ] Residential and commercial ratepayer
- [ ] I rent
- [ ] Other

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- [ ] New Zealand European
- [ ] Māori
- [ ] Samoan
- [ ] Cook Island
- [ ] Tongan
- [ ] Niuean
- [ ] Chinese
- [ ] Indian
- [ ] Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

Please state:

Other issues/matters or general comments

Comments

Attached Documents

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Submission to Wellington City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2015-25

Introduction

Sport Wellington would like to thank Wellington City Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

Sport Wellington would like to thank the Wellington City Council Parks Sport and Recreation team and Councillors for the significant expertise, experience and wider industry networks which enable the Council to be able to make effective and good practice decisions. Sport Wellington values WCCs continued commitment to the ongoing development of the partnership with Sport Wellington.

This submission reflects an ongoing acknowledgement of WCC's current investment and highlights a number of important initiatives and facilities currently in development that rely on continued investment from key providers in the sport sector. Sport Wellington stresses the value of sport and recreation and the impact this can have on an economy to be smarter, more sustainable and more creative.

Sport Wellington would like to speak to this submission.

Sport Wellington

Sport Wellington is the independent organisation for sport and physical recreation covering the Greater Wellington Regional Council area – working alongside the eight local authorities.

VISION: Everyone in the greater Wellington region has a life-long involvement in sport & active recreation.

PURPOSE: To provide Sport & Recreational sector leadership that enables people in the region to have:

- **opportunities** to participate whatever their needs
- **motivation** for sustained and regular participation
- **meaningful experiences** at all levels

VALUES: SPORT - Service, Passion, Openness, Respect and Teamwork

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES:

1. A region of sport school-age kids (5 – 17)
2. A region excellent at achieving and celebrating success

3. Young adults (18-34) with a future of life-long positive sport and active recreation habits
4. A sustainable sport and recreation system for the entire region
5. Innovative opportunities to participate in response to changing lifestyles and macro trends

Value of Sport and Recreation to the Wellington Region

The residents of the Wellington region are passionate about sport; whether playing, supporting or volunteering, sport plays a significant role in the lives of residents of the Wellington region. Over 80% of residents from the Wellington region participate in at least one sport or recreation activity per week.[1] This means that on any given week you are guaranteed to come across one of the 390,000 residents taking advantage of the regions sporting and recreation opportunities. Only 9.7% of the Wellington region population is inactive which is the second lowest in the country behind Waikato and sets us up to be the "world's most active little capital".

Sport in the region is about more than trophy's in the cabinet. Sport builds and strengthens communities and cultural connectedness. It contributes to our pride and identity in being from the Wellington region. It keeps us healthy and reduces our risk of disease. It is a valuable part of our economy. Research has shown there are numerous benefits in increasing community participation in sport and active recreation including:

- Creating a strong and inclusive city
- Builds peoples connection to the outdoors and the environment
- Building Wellington regions community connectedness, pride and belonging
- Reduced anti-social behaviour within the Wellington regions communities
- Improved health and well-being for all participating Wellingtonians
- Contributing to the Wellington regions economic growth

More importantly, every day we see examples of sport and active recreation improving the lives of residents in Wellington City and the Greater Wellington region.

The Sport Wellington Green Prescription programme epitomises the value sport and active recreation can bring to communities. Through mentoring support and discounted entry into sporting facilities, such as local pools, the programmes holistic approach means that the impact is far greater than the targeted individual. Like Pete Smith who was inspired to lose 140kg after seeing his brother complete a Green Prescription healthy lifestyle programme. Pete's own weight loss journey culminated in a walk to raise money for charity that saw 100 family and friends come out to support him.

Sports Clubs promote qualities such as fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence, and interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. These qualities contribute to the development of good citizens and a life skill that outlasts competition days. Educators place high value on youth who play sport often

[1] 2007/08 Active NZ survey

selecting school leaders who play sport as they "have the self-discipline and organisational skills required to drive and organise a Head Student team and ensure deadlines are met"[2]

With continued support from WCC, sport and active recreation can play a vital role in creating vibrant connected communities in the Wellington region.

A Regional Strategy for Sport and Recreation

The Wellington Region is made up of 470,000 residents who are represented by; four city councils, four district councils and one regional council. These nine Councils are involved in the advocacy and delivery of Sport and Recreation across the region. The region is also supported by 87 Regional Sports Organisations, 1100 sports clubs and 75,000 Sport Volunteers who all contribute to 390,000 people participating in sport and recreation each week.

Currently there is no criterion showing how effectively and efficiently sport and active recreation is being delivered to the region's communities, whether that provision is appropriate and what is the return on investment of public money.

A regional strategy for sport and recreation will allow clarity and transparency around future planning and investment by creating a clear future vision for the region and identifying what the needs are at community, district and regional level. This will empower funders to be able to prioritise investment by weighing up the needs of communities and groups against the priorities at a regional level in order to make informed and evidence based decisions.

Work completed over the past 12 months with the nine Councils in the region and Regional Sport Organisations have identified strong support for a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy and commitment to the development of a draft framework that will help ensure the region has:

1. **Great places and spaces:** To create a sustainable sporting community with quality fit for purpose facilities that provide for optimal sport and recreation programs and activities to promote health and wellbeing.

2. **Active and healthy communities:** To grow participation in sport and recreation within the region and lead the way in becoming New Zealand's most active, healthy, sport and recreation city.

3. **Thriving sport and recreation industry:** To build capacity and quality of Councils, sports organisations, clubs, educational institutions and businesses to deliver a more sustainable and competitive sporting industry.

Sport Wellington would like to acknowledge the collaborative work being done by the Regional Sports Organisation in the Wellington region[3].

[2]Comments from Principals from Kapiti College Tony Kane, Naenae College John Russell and Richard Campbell former Principal of Paraparaumu College to Swim Wellington CEO Mark Berge.
[3] This group is made up of Sport Wellington 15 targeted sports. These consist of 7 previously Sport NZ nationally targeted sports and 7 new Sport NZ nationally targeted sports. Further to this Sport Wellington has identified 1 additional regionally targeted sport.

As representatives of the Wellington sports sector this group has identified that sport in the region face a number of common challenges and opportunities that would benefit from a collaborative approach. This group has come together under the leadership of Sport Wellington to form a strategic view around sport in the region and to collectively support, promote and advocate for the ongoing development of organised and informal sport and sports organisations in the Wellington region.

Council Support for a Regional Strategy

A regional sport and recreation strategy will require effective prioritisation in decision making both within and across councils and within and across Regional Sports Organisation and other stakeholders a role which will require independent and informed facilitation. Sport Wellington holds a position of independence in the Wellington regions sport sector. This enables Sport Wellington to use knowledge and expertise to positively influence, advocate and mentor positive change in the Wellington region.

Sport Wellington through a substantial Sport NZ investment over three years has committed resources to enabling the development of a regional sport and recreation strategy that will provide numerous benefits to the region.

Sport Wellington would like to acknowledge the continued support Wellington City Council Officers and Councillors have displayed for the development of a regional sport and recreation strategy. We would also like to note that for the benefits to be sustained long term and for continued independent facilitation to be achieved, Sport Wellington will look to the nine Councils in the region for financial support to allow Sport Wellington to continue to:

- use its professionalism expertise and objectiveness act as a facilitator to work with and communicate council(s) priorities and plans with Regional Sports Organisations, community funders and other key stakeholders
- work with the region's sports organisations to develop a collective regional approach to facility development needs and challenges in a logical and principled manner
- Work with key stakeholders to identify key regional and local facilities development requirements and take a key role in objectively prioritising regional and local facility development needs
- Ensure the resources of Sport NZ and community funders is utilised in the best interests of the region to ensure everyone in the region has the opportunity to have a life-long involvement in sport and active recreation.

Wellington City Council 2015-25 Long Term Plan

The following submission responds directly to some of the specific questions outlined in the *Consultation document: Our 10-Year plan*.

Draft *Long-Term Plan*

1. **Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?**

Sport Wellington **supports** the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service. Sport Wellington emphasises the need for investments to be sustainable long term, and invest in areas that look to grow all aspects of the community that contribute towards overall social and economic outcomes.

Sport and recreation can be a valuable part of WCCs growth strategy. The value added by the sport and recreation sector in Wellington is $378 Million (1.4% of regional GDP). This includes the value added by income from employment in sport and recreation occupations, the value added by investment in sport and recreation education, and the value added by local council expenditure on new facilities. This increases to $514.6 million (1.9% of regional GDP) when the value add of volunteer services (hours and market value) is included.

8. **Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?**

Sport Wellington **supports** any efforts to attract and host significant sporting events that are aligned with Sport NZs national events strategy. Sporting events are one of the most popular and lucrative forms of entertainment in the world and are a significant part of Wellingtons events calendar. Wellingtons Westpac stadium had 41 major event days, of which 35 were sporting events that resulted in 375,856 spectators visiting the stadium.

In addition to the positive economic benefits of hosting major sports games, several other important gains can be identified over both the short and long term. These include: concentrated media coverage; increased tourism; business development in the community; regional and national pride and identity; cultural awareness; sport development opportunities and an army of experienced volunteers.

The Wellington sport sector support the creation of a positive and encouraging environment for events in Wellington and ensure that Council event funds are allocated by means of a fair and transparent process, based on clearly defined criteria.

Wellington City is facing strong competition for the title of events capital and other cities and districts such as Hawkes Bay are developing exciting events programmes. It is important that the City remains innovative in building its events portfolio to ensure a wide audience is catered for and looks to set the bar high, at levels such as those set by the Gold Coast and Melbourne.

9. Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

Sport Wellington **strongly supports** upgrading sports facilities where **need** has been demonstrated. Capacity and demand is the right measure for prioritising investment into sport facilities but should be supplemented by a robust framework. The Sport NZ Facility Strategy provides six key principles; Sustainability, Partnering and Collaboration, Integration, Future Proofing and Accessibility which should be considered when making decisions around sports facility investment.

Sport Wellington would like to firstly thank the Council for the on-going provision and upkeep of sport fields, pools, recreation centres and walking/cycling tracks throughout the city. Sport Wellington acknowledges WCC's current significant funding into the ASB Sports Centre, Aquatic Facilities, Recreation Centres, Recreation Programmes, Passport to Leisure, NZ Academy of Sport Funding, Sport fields, Golf Courses and the Synthetic Sport fields. We emphasise the value this funding adds to both Wellington City and the region and stress the importance of continuing to invest in the upgrades and renewals of these important sport and recreational facilities and programmes.

Sport Wellington extends its support for the following projects highlighted in the draft *Long-term Plan*:

1. ***Third turf at the National Hockey Stadium*:** Demand has clearly indicated a need for a third hockey turf at the *National Hockey Stadium*. Hockey New Zealand states that a single turf needs between 600 and 850 players per turf for it to be sustainable. We recognise that the proposed turf aligns with the *Hockey New Zealand Strategy* as well as the *Sport NZ National Facilities Framework* by meeting an identified need. We encourage the development of facilities that are sustainable in the long-term, developed in partnership, fit-for-purpose, future proofed, and accessible. Sport Wellington supports a proposal that targets these stated strategic priorities and is supported by good planning. We also encourage the development of a well-planned system in place to replace turf damage over time.

2. ***Alex Moore Park multi-sport building*:** Sport Wellington strongly supports the development of multi-purpose facilities. Sport Wellington would expect the Alex Moore Park Board to be able to clearly demonstrate evidence that the project is affordable and sustainable. Sport Wellington would also expect that the facility will be able to be operated, maintained, and renewed long term without negatively impacting on the affordability of the facility to the community. We emphasise the findings of the peer review conducted by New Zealand Recreation Association to continue to work in partnership with Alex Moore Community Hub and therefore endorse a continued partnership funding model.

3. ***'Sportsville' Partnerships funding*:** Sport Wellington strongly supports the principle of clubs working together to increase participation. We wish to emphasise that while a facility may be one enabler, it is not the only approach. Club cooperation at all levels, including collaborative administration, coaching development and resource sharing may be alternative solutions to target sportsville outcomes.

4. Programme of upgrades and renewals at ***Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre*:** Sport Wellington reinforces the value of maintaining sport and recreation assets over the whole of its life. Upholding a

good quality customer experience not only maintains high participation rates but also encourages further participation and allows for increasing demand. With the current plan excluding increased investment into school pool partnership funding, the importance of ensuring Wellington aquatic centres are renewed regularly is heightened. If renewals and upgrades are forgone for other investment areas, Wellington will drift backwards, only to place pressure on future providers.

5. ***Basin Reserve redevelopment*:** Sport Wellington supports the proposed redevelopment of the Basin Reserve. This proposal could create a sustainable region for cricket in Wellington and maintain the stadium's historic premier status whilst giving the facility greater utility to community sport. Similar to previous statements with regards to good planning, and alignment with the *Sport NZ National Facilities Framework,* we would support a sustainable model that reflects the purpose outlined in the draft *long-term plan* that seeks to amplify the stated benefits of the proposal. With an investment of $21 million, we would expect to see multiple benefits being realised to their full potential with regards to enhancing the *Basin Reserve* as a local recreation reserve, and retaining the *Basin Reserve* as a premiere Test cricket venue.

Sport Wellington **notes** WCC's intention to increasing user charges for some sports fields and facilities:

The draft LTP proposes a number of increased charges for aquatic programmes and sports field hire that may have the effect of making sport and recreation less affordable and result in less people participating in sport through clubs and organised events.

The most significant barrier to getting all Wellingtonians involved in sport and active recreation is the cost of participation. Whilst cost is an accepted part of sport participation there are opportunities to improve the way cost is considered:

- Ratepayers don't always see the boundaries between different cities and districts; for many ratepayers, their sport and recreation pursuits see them using multiple parts of the Wellington region, the cost of indoor facilities, swimming pools and sports field varies widely across the region. Uniformity of user charges, peak and off peak times and commercial and community groups will help remove barriers to participation and enable sports organisations to have improved interactions with Councils.

- All people in the region should have the opportunity to participate in sport and active recreation. This may mean taking a more targeted, participant focused approach to remove barriers for non-participants. Sharing of learnings from innovative pilots such as Hutt City Councils Northeast Pathway project[4] will help ensure all residents have equal opportunity to participate at rates that reflect their ability to pay.

- Whilst user chargers to pools, indoor courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community

[4] This project enables youth from Council high deprivation communities greater access to sport and active recreation activities through a number of initiatives. E.g. providing a free bus service and free pool entry to children from identified low decile schools.

facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities.

Sport Wellington strongly advocates that the council monitors the impact of user charges on participation levels to make sure that these increased charges don't create barriers to participation that negatively impact on the wellbeing of residents.

Sport Wellington **notes** WCCs continued investment and partnership in the Wellington City Council Talent Development Programme:

The Wellington City Council Sports Talent Development Programme supports a number of talent development projects aligned to national sports organisation (NSO) and regional sports organisation (RSO) athlete development. The programme supports a wide range of sports and provides vital opportunities for success for local sports that do not receive central government funding (e.g. fencing).

The investment in this programme by WCC has had a significant impact on the community sport system in Wellington City and the region. Sport Wellington would like to acknowledge that one of the key accomplishments of the programme is how it contributes to the future of sport in the region. By developing the capability and capacity of sports organisations the funded sports are able to achieve sporting success long term, giving sport in Wellington a bright future. Sport Wellington looks forward to continuing to partner with WCC on this initiative and congratulates WCC on taking an innovative and proactive approach to sport development.

Sport Wellington believes that the Sport Talent Development Programme is a great example of an initiative which should be given regional support. Sport Wellington will look to encourage Councils in the region to explore opportunities to support this initiative which brings benefits to both Wellington City and the greater Wellington region.

14. Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

Sport Wellington **supports** proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys with a particular focus on encouraging a greater uptake of cycling.

In the 2013/14 Active NZ survey Walking and Cycling[5] were two of the top three most popular activities that adults take part in with 60% and 24.8% of adults across NZ taking part in these activities. The 2011 Young Persons Survey followed a similar trend with walking and cycling being the third and fourth most popular activities with 26.1% and 22.1% of young people in the Wellington region taking part in these activities 1+ times per week.

Research shows that cycling has many potential benefits, both for communities and individuals. Cycling can play a critical role in promoting mobility, creating healthy lifestyles, reducing traffic congestion and emissions, saving money and generating economic activity however a lack of safe and reliable transport routes can become a barrier to participation in cycling activities.

[5] Includes Cycling and Mountain Biking

Increasing safer opportunities for people to cycle not only reducing congestion, but also encourages active communities that can benefit from a number of health advantages from cycling. Further to this, we also support the WCC Urban Growth Plan with regards to focusing on improving the proportion of people walking and cycling by improving cycling networks and pedestrian access.

Sport Wellington notes that across the region plans for cycling features strongly in Local Authority plans with Greater Wellington, Upper Hutt, Hutt City and Kapiti Coast supporting the development of cycleway and walkways. Cycling NZ has recently developed a draft Community Cycling Strategy and Sport Wellington sees this as an opportunity for increased collaboration as Cycling NZ explicitly mentions Councils and Regional Sports Trusts as key members. We encourage Council to consider how the region could work with Cycling NZ to further develop and implement the Community Cycling Strategy to enable the region to be a premier cycling destination.

Conclusion

Sport Wellington would like to conclude its submission by acknowledging the Wellington City Council Parks Sport and Recreation team and councillors the significant expertise, experience and wider industry networks which enables the Council to be able to make effective and good practice decisions.

Sport Wellington values WCCs continues commitment to the ongoing development of the partnership with Sport Wellington. Over the last 12 months there have been a number of achievements registered because of this commitment to the partnership and because of the strong relationships across all levels in both organisations. Examples of this include the sport talent development initiative contract, co-hosting of sport and recreation forums in the city, the support from WCC in the delivery of Cigna Round the Bays and the Annual Buggy Walk event.

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Submission

Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

( ) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly Oppose

Comments

Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose ○ Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments

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My age is

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○ 30-39 years
○ 40-49 years
○ 50-59 years
○ 60 years and older

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Comments

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Submission to Wellington City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2015-25

Introduction

Sport Wellington would like to present the following submission on behalf of targeted[1] Wellington Regional Sport Organisations. We would like to thank Wellington City Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

This submission reflects an ongoing acknowledgement of WCC's current investment and highlights a number of important initiatives and facilities currently in development that rely on continued investment from key providers in the sport sector. Wellington Regional Sport Organisations stress the value of sport and recreation and the impact this can have on an economy to be smarter, more sustainable and more creative.

Sport Wellington in conjunction with Regional Sports Organisations would like to speak to this submission.

The following organisations contributed to the development of this submission:

- Athletics Wellington
- Basketball NZ
- Bowls NZ
- Capital Football
- Capital and Wellington Hockey Association
- Cricket Wellington
- GymSports NZ
- Netball Central
- Tennis Central
- Triathlon NZ
- Wairarapa Bush Rugby
- Wairarapa Cricket
- Wellington Golf
- Wellington Rugby
- Wellington Rugby League
- Wellington Swimming

These organisations represent over 500 clubs and over 100,000 affiliated club members in the Wellington Region.

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Mobilised Sector Voice

Sport Wellington is presenting this submission on behalf of Wellington Regional Sport Organisations identified above.

As representatives of the Wellington sports sector this group has identified that sport in the region face a number of common challenges and opportunities that would benefit from a collaborative approach. This group has come together under the leadership of Sport Wellington to form a strategic view around sport in the region and to collectively support, promote and advocate for the ongoing development of organised and informal sport and sports organisations in the Wellington region.

Over the past several months this group has mobilised to pool their knowledge of the challenges and needs of sport in the region. The intent of this group is to, where possible; take a co-operative approach to planning, investment and confirming region agreed priorities.

The group would like to propose that Council explore opportunities to strengthen the partnership between WCC and regional sports organizations through this group of targeted sports in the first instance. This relationship needs to move beyond "a snapshot" approach into an ongoing working relationship that involves sport organisations in the process of developing Wellington City Councils policies and plans in regards to sport and active recreation.

Sport Wellington would like to acknowledge the support WCC Officers gave during the initial development of this group.

Key Priorities of the Sector

The regional sport organisations have undertaken work to determine what the key challenges are for sport in the region. Of the nine key common themes that have been identified we would like to acknowledge three key challenges, which would be best addressed in collaboration with Council. These three themes are:

1. Lack of a regional strategy to enable regionally decision making, investment and planning
2. Access, need and provision for sport facilities
3. Understanding from Local Authorities around what their role is in terms of professional and community sport

Regional Synergy

The Wellington Region is made up of 470,000 residents who are represented by; four city councils, four district councils and one regional council. These nine Councils are involved in the advocacy and delivery of sport and active recreation across the region. The region is also supported by 87 Regional Sports Organisations, 1100 sports clubs and 75,000 Sport Volunteers who all contribute to 390,000 people participating in sport and active recreation each week.

While there are differences in areas of focus across the region there are common priorities in regards to increased participation, improved sporting success and optimised investment. Given the interests we all share as sport sector stakeholders there is an opportunity to create greater levels of motivation, wider opportunities and meaningful sport and active recreation experiences for the region.

Local Government plays a significant role in the provision of sport and recreation. It is one of the few stakeholders that have the ability to set parameters and provide platforms for communities, organisations and individuals to be able to make positive choices. Consequently local government is recognised as a key leader in improved collaboration across the sports sector.

Currently there is no criterion showing how effectively and efficiently sport and active recreation is being delivered to the region's communities, whether that provision is appropriate and what is the return on investment of public money. A regional approach to sport and active recreation will lead to a significant number of benefits to a wide range of stakeholder including:

- Improved and more transparent investment decisions, synergies and a holistic approach to sport and active recreation
- Increased opportunities for WCC to understand sport and recreation sector needs and challenges
- More consistent approach to interactions with sporting organisations by council
- More consistent voice and leverage when dealing with central government and other stakeholders
- Consistent region-wide standard of performance and service
- Increased customer satisfaction (because they don't want to see boundaries between different organisations)
- Better targeting to at risk groups and innovative opportunities to participate
- A region excellent at achieving and celebrating success
- A sustainable sport and recreation system for the entire region
- Ability for Local government to use their return on investment to finance other activities

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Need and Access to Facilities

Many national and regional sport organisations are focused on building the strength of their clubs and community delivery systems to make them more robust, capable and flexible to the changing needs of their current and potential members.

Some sports in the Wellington region are facing significant participation growth, as an example over the past 5 years Capital Football has experienced 30% growth in total number of participants playing football and futsal. Some of these sports are already facing shortages of available playing fields and facilities as a result of increased demand for access to their activities. An undersupply of good facilities can have a significant impact on the ability of sports organisations and clubs to provide sporting opportunities for the Wellington

community. Establishing a clearer understanding of need both at a regional and city level will improve how investment decisions are made.

The most significant barrier to getting all Wellingtonians involved in sport and active recreation is the cost of participation. This is a barrier that must be mitigated as part of the considerations before decisions are taken to increase a cost that will ultimately result in preventing people from participating. A significant number of people in our community are already struggling to access the facilities that enable them and the community to benefit from the advantages of being active and participating in sport and the positive indirect influence it has on the social fabric of the community.

To help remove barriers, some sports are now offering subsidised competitions to cater for participants in deprived communities, this approach involves sports absorbing increased costs to make participation in their sport more affordable i.e. WHA are offering a subsidised summer hockey programme in the Porirua region later this year.

Affordability of provision and access to facilities is fundamental to getting more people to participate in sport and active recreation.

Professional / Community Balance

The growing professional nature of sport is creating unique challenges for community sport in the Wellington region. The region is home to 5 sporting franchises; Wellington Saints (Basketball), Hurricanes (Rugby), Wellington Phoenix (Football), Central Pulse (Netball) and the Wellington Firebirds (Cricket). These franchises are well known and ingrained into the culture of Wellington City.

In the Wellington region the facilities used by professional sports are not exclusively professional sport facilities. ASB centre in Wellington is the training ground for the Pulse but also a community indoor facility. The Wellington Regional Stadium is the home ground for the Hurricanes but also home to the Wellington Stadium Sports Festival attended by over 600 school children. The Hutt Recreation ground is home to the Hutt Old Boys rugby football club but also hosted the Phoenix for three Major League Football games early in 2015. It is commendable that the region maximises the use of its regional, national and international standard facilities in this way however this does have implications for community sport.

In an environment where sports sponsorship is harder to come by professional sports are increasingly looking for support from territorial authorities and community funders. This made even more complicated in New New Zealand's sport market where back office staff are often shared between franchises and community sport business units. An example of this where Wellington Rugby is contracted by the Hurricanes to manage the day-to-day running of the Hurricanes franchise including administration, public relations, marketing and event management. This places both Regional Sports Organisations and TLAs in a position where they are being asked to support the conflicting investment needs of community and professional sport.

This has brought dilemmas in terms of balance; what to fund, who to fund and how to fund to achieve the best results at professional and community sport levels. Determining the appropriate division of funding between professional and community sport and between sport and active recreation is no easy task.

Regional sports organisations acknowledge that success for Wellingtons sporting franchises has the potential to positively impact community sport (and vice versa). Regional sports organisations also acknowledge that Councils have a role to play supporting the Wellington regions franchises. Increased clarity and transparency from Council will enable community sport to better understand what opportunities are available to them and plan accordingly ensuring facility use is maximised and sport continues to have a positive impact on the Wellington community.

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- Contributing to the Wellington regions economic growth

More importantly, every day we see examples of sport and active recreation improving the lives of residents in Wellington City and the Greater Wellington region.

The Sport Wellington Green Prescription programme epitomises the value sport and active recreation can bring to communities. Through mentoring support and discounted entry into sporting facilities, such as local pools, the programmes holistic approach means that the impact is far greater than the targeted individual. Like Pete Smith who was inspired to lose 140kg after seeing his brother complete a Green Prescription healthy lifestyle programme. Pete's own weight loss journey culminated in a walk to raise money for charity that saw 100 family and friends come out to support him.

Sports Clubs promote qualities such as fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence, and interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. These qualities contribute to the development of good citizens and a life skill that outlasts competition days. Educators place high value on youth who play sport often

[2] 2007/08 Active NZ survey

selecting school leaders who play sport as they "have the self-discipline and organisational skills required to drive and organise a Head Student team and ensure deadlines are met"[3]

With continued support from WCC, sport and active recreation can play a vital role in creating vibrant connected communities in the Wellington region.

Wellington City Council 2015-25 Long Term Plan

The following submission responds directly to some of the specific questions outlined in the *Consultation document: Our 10-Year plan*.

Draft *Long-Term Plan*

1. **Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?**

   Wellington Regional Sport Organisations **supports** the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service. Wellington Regional Sport Organisations emphasises the need for investments to be sustainable long term, and invest in areas that look to grow all aspects of the community that contribute towards overall social and economic outcomes.

   Sport and recreation can be a valuable part of WCCs growth strategy. The value added by the sport and active recreation sector in Wellington is $378 Million (1.4% of regional GDP). This includes the value added by income from employment in sport and recreation occupations, the value added by investment in sport and recreation education, and the value added by local council expenditure on new facilities. This increases to $514.6 million (1.9% of regional GDP) when the value add of volunteer services (hours and market value) is included.

8. **Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?**

   Wellington Regional Sport Organisations **supports** any efforts to attract and host significant sporting events that are aligned with Sport NZs national events strategy. Sporting events are one of the most popular and lucrative forms of entertainment in the world and are a significant part of Wellingtons events calendar. Wellingtons Westpac stadium had 41 major event days, of which 35 were sporting events that resulted in 375,856 spectators visiting the stadium.

   In addition to the positive economic benefits of hosting major sports games, several other important gains can be identified over both the short and long term. These include: concentrated media coverage; increased tourism; business development in the community; regional and national pride and identity; cultural awareness; sport development opportunities and an army of experienced volunteers.

   The Wellington sport sector support the creation of a positive and encouraging environment for events in Wellington and ensure that Council event funds are allocated by means of a fair and transparent process, based on clearly defined criteria.

[3]Comments from Principals from Kapiti College Tony Kane, Naenae College John Russell and Richard Campbell former Principal of Paraparaumu College to Swim Wellington CEO Mark Berge.

Wellington City is facing strong competition for the title of events capital and other cities and districts such as Hawkes Bay are developing exciting events programmes. It is important that the City remains innovative in building its events portfolio to ensure a wide audience is catered for and looks to set the bar at international levels such as those set by the Gold Coast and Melbourne.

9. Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

Wellington Regional Sport Organisations **strongly supports** upgrading sports facilities where **need** has been demonstrated. Capacity and demand is the right measure for prioritising investment into sport facilities but should be supplemented by a robust framework. The Sport NZ Facility Strategy provides six key principles; Sustainability, Partnering and Collaboration, Integration, Future Proofing and Accessibility which should be considered when making decisions around sports facility investment.

Wellington Regional Sport Organisations would like to firstly thank the Council for the on-going provision and upkeep of sport fields, pools, recreation centres and walking/cycling tracks throughout the city. Wellington Regional Sport Organisations acknowledges WCC's current significant funding into the ASB Sports Centre, Aquatic Facilities, Recreation Centres, Recreation Programmes, Passport to Leisure, NZ Academy of Sport Funding, Sportfields, Golf Courses and the Synthetic Sportfields. We emphasise the value this funding adds to both Wellington and New Zealand and stress the importance of continuing to invest in the upgrades and renewals of these important sport and recreational facilities and programmes.

Wellington Regional Sport Organisations **notes** WCC's intention to increasing user charges for some sports fields and facilities:

The draft LTP proposes a number of increased charges for aquatic programmes and sports field hire that may have the effect of making sport and recreation less affordable and result in less people participating in sport through clubs and organised events.

The most significant barrier to getting all Wellingtonians involved in sport and active recreation is the cost of participation. Whilst cost is an accepted part of sport participation there are opportunities to improve the way cost is considered:

- Ratepayers don't always see the boundaries between different cities and districts; for many ratepayers, their sport and recreation pursuits see them using multiple parts of the Wellington region, the cost of indoor facilities, swimming pools and sports field varies widely across the region. Uniformity of user charges, peak and off peak times and commercial and community groups will help remove barriers to participation and enable sports organisations to have improved interactions with Councils.

- All people in the region should have the opportunity to participate in sport and active recreation. This may mean taking a more targeted, participant focused approach to remove barriers for non-participants. Sharing of learnings from innovative pilots such as Hutt City Councils Northeast

Pathway project[4] will help ensure all residents have equal opportunity to participate at rates that reflect their ability to pay.

- Whilst user chargers to pools, indoor courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities.

Wellington Regional Sports Organisations strongly advocates that the council monitors the impact of user charges on participation levels to make sure that these increased charges don't create barriers to participation that negatively impact on the wellbeing of residents.

Conclusion

Wellington Regional Sports Organisations values WCCs ongoing commitment to the provision of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities in Wellington City. Wellington Regional Sports Organisations across the region have expressed a keen interest in participating in an ongoing dialogue to help ensure sport and recreation continues to play a key role in the lives of Wellington City's residents. There is a real commitment to proactively work together to address the challenges facing sport in the region so that ensure everyone in Wellington has the opportunity for a life-long involvement in sport and recreation and the numerous benefits this brings.

Phil Gibbons



Chief Executive Officer
Sport Wellington
On Behalf of Wellington Region Sport Organisation

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[4] This project enables youth from Council high deprivation communities greater access to sport and active recreation activities through a number of initiatives. E.g. Providing a free bus service and free pool entry to children from identified low decile schools.

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Submission

Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

( ) Strongly support (•) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments
The RNZB appreciates WCC's commitment to sustaining and growing Wellington as a liveable city, with the infrastructure, amenities and employment opportunities to attract and retain a skilled workforce - such as that employed by the RNZB.

Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

(•) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments
We recognise that investment is needed in order to sustain the capital city in which the RNZB, as a national and international company, is proud to be based.

Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

(•) Strongly support ( ) Support ( ) Neutral ( ) Oppose ( ) Strongly oppose

Comments
Access to excellent international air connections is vital for the RNZB. Improved connections out of Wellington would offer ongoing savings to our travel budgets for dancers and international artistic staff, including guest artists.

Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
The RNZB supports any initiatives which will encourage talent and creativity to make its home and develop new businesses in Wellington.

Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
The RNZB has a symbiotic relationship with Wellington's film industry. Keeping the film industry in Wellington gives the RNZB access to a pool of talent, especially in production (wardrobe, lighting, scenic painting etc.) which would otherwise not be available. These skills are already in short supply in New Zealand.

Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
Heritage buildings, especially in areas such as Cuba Street are part of Wellington's character. We would like to see long-term assistance, such as rates reductions, with the proviso that the difference is spent on strengthening, from Council to enable owners to maintain and strengthen buildings within a reasonable timeframe. Allowing historic buildings to rot and decay (aka demolition by neglect) is an eye sore and can only give a negative impression of the city to residents and visitors alike.

Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
The loss of the Town Hall as a world class facility for concerts, conventions and events is keenly felt throughout the New Zealand arts sector. Although the RNZB is not a direct user of the Town Hall, we know from our colleagues in the music sector how challenging they are finding presenting concerts in other venues. We would welcome and support any creative solutions that would enable the Town Hall to reopen.

Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
Visitors from outside the Wellington region already make up 20% of the RNZB's audience at performances that we present in the capital. We support continued investment in events, although would not like to see support of one-off 'destination' events increase at the expense of organisations such as the RNZB, OW, the NZSO and Te Papa whose permanent bases in the city provides year-round benefit for residents.

Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

○ Strongly support ○ Support ◉ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
We would prefer to see investment in the venues that already exist, especially the Town Hall - one of the Southern Hemisphere's great venues.

Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

○ Strongly support ◉ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments
Yes, keeping visitors in Wellington for longer - especially overnight, rather than just cruise ship day trips - can only benefit the city's economy.

Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

◉ Strongly support ○ Support ○ Neutral ○ Oppose ○ Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly Oppose

Comments

Urban Development

Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Comments

Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose Don't know

Comments

Do you see other matters as priorities?

Comments
We would like Council to support Wellington's status as 'cultural capital' through investment in the arts organisations, regional and national, that choose to be based in the city. One-off events are just part of the story - and they cannot happen in Wellington without a vibrant arts community and

infrastructure such as excellent venues.

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- ○ Male
- ◉ Female

My age is

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- ○ 40-49 years
- ◉ 50-59 years
- ○ 60 years and older

Have you ever made a submission on a draft annual or long-term plan before?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

Which of the following best describes you?

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- ☐ Residential and commercial ratepayer
- ☐ I rent
- ☐ Other

Which ethnic group do you belong to? (You can tick more than one box)

- ☑ New Zealand European
- ☐ Māori
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Cook Island
- ☐ Tongan
- ☐ Niuean
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, Somali)

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Other issues/matters or general comments

Comments

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I would like to speak at a submission hearing ☑ Yes ☐ No

I am making this submission as an ☑ Individual ☐ Organisation

Name of organisation

Draft Long-term Plan consultation survey questions

1) Do you support the broad approach taken in this plan of investing for growth, in addition to providing current levels of service?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

I am disappointed that the council relies grants to be based on white elephants. A nice document but not a lot of substance. - 23.7N

2) Do you support our plan to limit rates increases to 3.9% on average over ten years to fund investment for growth, as opposed to a 3.1% increase to provide 'business as usual'?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☑ strongly oppose

Comments:

Is that year on year? In which case the second year will be more than 3%. I do not support ratepayers money being spent on the airport runway

3) Should Council take action to improve our international air connections?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

I think the improvements should be in domestic connects to Auckland & Christchurch. I've seen no evidence that a large runway will bring benefits in a sensible timeframe

4) Do you think Council should be supporting the tech sector to stimulate it to grow?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☑ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

The council should be supporting people to get to and from work - no matter where they work. Why focus on a tech ~~centre~~ sector. Make it streamlined for anyone to do business here regardless of sector

5) Do you think Council should be supporting the film industry to enable it to stay local and grow?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
there is already a film entre - it is miramar. The council should make it streamlined for any sector/industry to do business yes we should encourage industries to stay here. 23.6y

6) Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose 26.10y ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
The council needs to do something - they have slapped earthquake prone stickers on buildings, ~~but~~ very little ~~thought to it~~. We need to have strengthened buildings to be able to rent them ~~on~~ with unwanted buildings the city centre looks abandoned

7) Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

☐ strongly support ☐ support 26.10y ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
The Townhall should be strengthened. It is part of our heritage and a fantastic venue for concerts the sound is the best. ~~ever~~

8) Should Wellington seek to remain the events capital of New Zealand?

☐ strongly support ☒ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
But haven't had an incept look at the expenditure.

9) Do you support our plan to provide a new and improved venue for concerts?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☒ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
What sort of concerts - Strengthen the Townhall. Then there is the Townhall, opera house, st James stadium, non-events centre, MFC. Put a roof on the stadium!

10) Do you support upgrading sports facilities where need has been demonstrated?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☒ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose 23.11y

Comments: 23.11y
~~Support Hockey turf~~; Tentatively support assisting with funding for basic Basin improvements - as long as there is no flyover. Why is the stadium position in such a dangerous - How much with the cricket people put...

11) Do you support the development of new tourism experiences to attract new visitors and get them to stay for longer?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
I feel the council should support the ones we have now to make sure they succeed. Observatory, Nga City to Sea Museum, Zealandia, Zoo, Int'l, Botanic Gardens, Te Papa, 24.2y 22.2y

12) Do you support Council's activities to optimise infrastructure to realise savings and better cope with adverse events?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:
~~agree with retention of~~
This should be part of business as usual as long as it means no selling off of public land with private use.

agree with a non-council funded Film museum but not on the waterfront. 23.12y

27.8y

13) Do you support the Council's transition to the use of smart technology such as parking sensors and LED streetlights?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

yes for LED as long as it is like the lights used in Tekapo to reduce light spillage + enhance biodiversity.
- no to parking sensors. — 27.10 No

14) Do you support proposed improvements to transport that will allow for safer, faster and more reliable journeys?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

I support the increase of cycleways, better bus services, - not necessarily faster as people miss out.
27.3y 27.4y

Urban Growth Plan

15) Do you support the Council funding and taking action to regenerate inner-city precincts?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

I support in a broad sense attempts to improve the urban scape. 26.7y
If regenerate means demolishing old lodges then don't support.

16) Do you support our proposal to improve public spaces such as laneways?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

What is a laneway? Why not say alleyway or Pedestrian access path / Pedestrian Path
Laneway is an Auckland Festival - Public spaces should be b.A.U.

17) Do you support Council's plan for strengthening suburban town centres including work in Johnsonville, Karori and Tawa?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose

Comments:

Each suburb needs attention. 26.3y

18) Do you generally agree with the priority projects identified in the Urban Growth Implementation Plan?

☐ strongly support ☐ support ☐ neutral ☐ oppose ☐ strongly oppose ☐ don't know

Comments:

Do you see other matters as priorities?

* maintaining the Campervan site 10. 28.14N
* The retention of Council land as Public Space/Land not to be "sold off" to developers / Private
* the creation of cycle specific routes - separate bikes from Pedestrians.
* To return the old flight routes to as they were before the new GPS system. No suburbs was airplane free.

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Other issues/matters or general comments

* The council seems to be good at coming up with ideas but not so good at implementing them. What happened to the Blueskies competition? Why has nothing happened on the Cute T. Where is the maritime Museum? 22.14
* I am opposed to any building on Hott Green. There are fewer + fewer inner city parks. This is a nice space & spaces don't have to be used to be nice. Why around you 'selling off' the space to the right of the bridge. You can't see that except from the walkway?? Please Hott particular.
* The proposed spend on Frank Kitts park is not warranted. Don't change the name.
* Bring more services back in house! get stuff done.
* make buses cheaper.

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Dear Council

The Body Corporate committee has prepared this submission specifically on questions 6 and 7 of your questionnaire - the elements of the draft Long-Term Plan that directly affect all our owners.

The Body Corporate comprises 25 unit title owners: one retail owner-occupier and 24 apartment owners, of whom approximately half are owner-occupiers. Our building, constructed in 1927 and strengthened on its conversion to apartments in 1994-95, is registered as earthquake-prone. We are required to undertake major strengthening work by 2026.
As a result of being classified Earthquake Prone , our QV 's have halved , sales are almost unachievable due to buyer aversion and many owners are unable to raise the funds for their strengthening contribution due their required borrowing exceeding Banking parameters.

We would appreciate the chance to present on our submission if you would find that helpful.

6) Do you believe Council should support private owners with the strengthening of heritage buildings?
Strongly support

We greatly appreciate the support we have already received from Council in terms of grants from the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, reduced consenting costs and access to advisers. However we are still faced with trying to raise at least $2 million in loan funding towards a $4 million strengthening project for which we are now seeking a revised resource consent. We know that Council faces major costs in relation to its own buildings, so it will be important to apply Council funds to the interventions that might have the biggest positive impact on city resilience.

We support the increased funding proposed for the Built Heritage Incentive Fund.

We would also like to see a – suitably managed and limited - guarantee scheme to support lending on projects with multiple residential owners.

The draft Investment and Liability Management policy appears to allow a suitably scoped guarantee scheme to be approved by Council as long as it contributes to meeting Council's strategic objectives and outcomes. It might be useful for the avoidance of doubt to include enabling building owners to complete strengthening as one of those objectives. We think such a scheme could be useful and would like to ensure that the policy allows such a scheme to be agreed by Council in the future. We hope to be able to provide a more substantive proposal once we have engaged with banks in relation to our strengthening project, but envisage something that would involve:

- A limited total guarantee portfolio outstanding at any time
- Any guarantee would be time-limited – effective at the start of project borrowing and to be released as soon as refinancing is available at completion of the project
- Those using the guarantee would pay a fee
- Targeted at bodies corporate that include residential owner-occupiers.

As we indicated in our presentation to Council in early 2014, we believe that help to raise the funding for strengthening will make more difference than rewarding strengthening after the fact with rates rebates. For owners in our building, a 3-year rebate following strengthening would probably be worth about a year's rates in total. This is about two or three percent of the amount they will each need to contribute to the strengthening programme.

7) Should Council strengthen its key Civic Square buildings, and offset the cost where possible?

Support the strengthening with reservations about how to offset the cost

We expect widespread opposition to the proposal to lease the Michael Fowler Centre carpark for development given the current traffic and parking issues and the limited number of open spaces available in the area. (In recent years, for example, the carpark has been used as an "open space" during emergencies and for occasional crane, helicopter and large-scale bus marshalling operations as well as for the large vehicles loading sound and lighting equipment in and out of the MFC itself).

Our unit owners have a particular concern regarding this proposal.
Development on the site would create noise, dust etc during construction.
A substantial building would also, once built, reduce sun and light to the north side of our building and obliterate waterfront and sea-views enjoyed by 15 units.
Not only would actual development reduce the values of the north-facing apartments, the possibility of such development will create a perceived risk of loss of value to our Building which will greatly inhibit our ability to get bank finance to support our own strengthening programme.

The consultation document appendix refers to the Council exercising control over the design, size and scale of any development. The expected contribution to

the Town Hall strengthening may not be forthcoming if development is as constrained as the draft plan and media coverage indicate, and we are concerned that this may mean that those constraints are abandoned. Media coverage indicated, for example, that the pohutukawa trees around the carpark would be retained. The footprint of any building would also be constrained by the presence of the large overflow tank constructed under the entrance to the carpark in the early 2000s, and by the need to retain large vehicle access to the Michael Fowler Centre. We would value a chance to discuss with relevant officers what conditions Council envisages attaching to the lease.

We will be happy to discuss our comments with you further.

Yours sincerely

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Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014-2023 & Implementation Plan

CentrePort welcomes the opportunity to provide its views on the Council's proposed Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014-2023 and Implementation Plan (The Plans).

CentrePort comprises two key entities which are impacted by The Plans the Port and Commercial Property. Our submission will address the respective entities separately to the extent that their interests, as provided for in The Plans, are diverse.

The Port

The Port is one of the largest ports in New Zealand and a key part of the national and international supply chain of the country.

The Central New Zealand economy which CentrePort serves represents 27% of New Zealand's GDP and 1.1 million people. CentrePort is a significant contributor to the economic performance of the City and wider Region, supporting nearly $2 billion of GDP. CentrePort continues to invest in the economic prosperity of the region. With the freight task in the lower North Island forecast to increase by 50% in the next 30 years, investing for growth is a key focus.

It is pleasing to note the emphasis, detailed in The Plans, highlighting the importance of the Port. The Plans highlight the following;

- Help in implementing the delivery of the Roads of National Significance (RoNS), a vital freight route for the region
- Work with NZTA in the delivery of the Petone to Grenada Link Road, a vital freight route and industrial corridor
- Acknowledgement of the port as critical city infrastructure and a key economic hub
- Acknowledgement of the Port as a key lifelines network facility
- The need to improve the access to the port for both freight and passengers

- Development of a Port Precinct Plan to improve connections with the central city
- Understand the movement of urban freight

To ensure that all of the above is delivered efficiently and effectively it is essential that CentrePort is engaged by the Council as a key stakeholder in the economic performance of the city. CentrePort would like to stress the importance of a cooperative environment being established between the Council and CentrePort in ensuring the outcomes are both sensible and efficient.

Whilst the city has benefited from the repositioning of the port over recent decades (with the release of the Wellington Waterfront Area for civic and commercial development uses) the port needs to continue to function at its current location and requires network connections (Road and Rail) and a continued and stronger acknowledgement of its economic role in the city and wider region.

The City clearly recognises the implication of not having an international airport. As Wellington already has an international seaport it is vital that the Council supports the retention of the seaport's international status. In particular CentrePort requires support from the Council to secure resource consent to deepen the shipping channel to accommodate bigger ships.

Commercial Property

CentrePort's commercial property is primarily located within the Harbour Quays precinct at the northern end of Wellington's waterfront and Central Business District. This area of land formerly used for operational port purposes, was reassigned for commercial development in 2003.

Settlement of district plan provisions

In 2006 CentrePort lodged with the Council an application for resource consent for the construction and use of a new six-storeyed commercial office/retail building in the Harbour Quays area. Vibrant Wellington lodged judicial review proceedings, and in order to settle these proceedings and following careful negotiation, CentrePort and Vibrant Wellington agreed a limit on additional commercial office activity within the Harbour Quays area to 25,000m^2 of net leasable area and that the planning provisions would be amended to provide for a cap on office development (excluding any redevelopment of Shed 35 and Maritime House) to be the sum total of:

(a) The existing occupied commercial office space; and
(b) The amount of net leasable area to be built within the BNZ Building; and
(c) The agreed further allowance of 25,000m^2.

To put the position in perspective, and putting aside the positive contribution that the Harbour Quays commercial developments make to the city, the additional 25,000m2 of net leaseable commercial office space that the agreement provided for equates to 1.7% of the current Wellington central city area commercial office stock which is at a level that could hardly justify

the claim in The Plans "that further port area office development could adversely affect the vitality of the central city".

Existing development

CentrePort has undertaken a number of development and infrastructural investment in reliance upon this framework amounting to $100's of millions of dollars. The completion of Harbour Quays is an expectation and requirement under CentrePort's relationship with the Accident Compensation Corporation who have a joint financial interest in the Harbour Quays existing commercial office buildings. Any attempt by the council to change the existing provisions relating to future development within Harbour Quays will have serious financial consequences for a number of stakeholders including CentrePort's shareholders (The Greater Wellington Regional Council and Horizons Regional Council) and will be strongly resisted. The council should be providing stability for investors not promoting instability.

Existing cap on office development

Plan Change 48 (Central Area Review) to the Wellington City District Plan introduced an overall cap on the quantum of additional commercial office space at Harbour Quays. Rule 13.1.1 of the Wellington City District Plan provides that in order to be a permitted activity within the Port Redevelopment Precinct the area of net lettable floor space occupied by office activities must not exceed 68,200 square metres. Rule 13.4.6 of the District Plan provides that office activities within the Port Redevelopment Precinct with a combined total area of net lettable floor space in excess 68,200 square metres are a discretionary activity. Similarly, rule 13.4.12 of the District Plan provides that the construction or alteration of and addition to buildings and structures, for office activities within the Port Redevelopment Precinct that does not meet the conditions specified in 13.2.3.9 (which relates to the cap) are discretionary activities.

The Position in The Plans

The Harbour Quays development precinct has been instrumental in improving the entry perspective to the city. It has also continued the trending of releasing waterfront space for public access and use as well as commercial development which is recognised worldwide as important to the vibrancy and success of waterfronts. The Plans highlight the role of the city controlled Wellington Waterfront development in its mix of civic and commercial developments but then questions the adverse effect of the Harbour Quays commercial office development component, within the mixed use Harbour Quays development Plan, on the vitality of the city. It is important that the Council maintains consistency in its planning responsibilities and that the public processes that have resulted in agreed outcomes (as outlined above) are not compromised. **The need to include in The Plans "Port Precinct" focus to "*Address impacts of port area office development on the central city*" is not warranted and should be removed.**

The Plans state more specifically that "*there has been concern that further port area office developments could adversely affect the vitality of the central city. We will work to ensure that this is not exacerbated.*" CentrePort strongly opposes the inclusion of this intent in The Plans. The concern expressed is unfounded, and in any event this matter has been carefully considered and addressed in the district planning framework. It is not appropriate for The Plans to comment on this matter given that the matter is controlled through the District Plan, and CentrePort and other parties have relied on the existing position. In addition, it is particularly important that amenity and linkages to existing development at Harbour Quays are improved rather than unnecessarily compromised.

CentrePort sees, in a holistic sense, the Wellington Waterfront as a contiguous development area (i.e. the city controlled Wellington Waterfront and the CentrePort controlled Harbour Quays) and is working towards an integrated and seamless accessibility of the two areas to the public for the overall wellbeing of the City and its inhabitants. CentrePort's strategic objective for Harbour Quays will enhance the whole waterfront experience and on this basis it would be very much in WCC interest to work with CentrePort rather than take a confrontational restrictive approach.

Conclusion

CentrePort seeks, as a key infrastructure provider and stakeholder in the economic performance of the city, a greater level of cooperation and liaison with the city. It is of concern that we have such issues inflicted via policies and plans with next to no consultation. We welcome the opportunity to work more closely with the Council in a climate of mutual respect and support.

It is important for the Council to understand the need for stable city planning with a long term focus of 20 to 30 years out on the understanding that investors and developers are making significant long term financial commitments in reliance of those plans.

CentrePort requests the opportunity to make oral submissions in support of the matters raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely



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To: BUS: Long Term Plan; Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer; Councillor Paul Eagle
Subject: Late submission on long term plan

Hi all

I've only just found out that the council was encouraging people to express their views regarding the long term plan. I've just visited the site today which states that the public consultation phase it is now closed.

I'd like you to accept a late submission on behalf of the Wellington Boardriders Club - a group of Wellington surfers that unites, develops and represents the Wellington surfing community.

The club has a neutral stance on all proposals with the exception of the airport runway extension. The club opposes the extension until a full and satisfactory environmental assessment has been carried out and WIAL and the council have a plan in place which guarantees that wave quality will not be negatively affected and factors surfing into the extension's design.

The extension's construction should be carried out in a way that prevents any negative impact on the surf spots currently in Lyall Bay and also creates surf breaks on either side of the extension as it will be destroying a current break in front of the current runway called airport rights. You can view footage of the wave that breaks directly where the runway will be here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2hihX0O-YQ

It broke well and was surfed during our large swell last week.

I'd like you to confirm that you will include our feedback and I'd also like the opportunity to present our submission in person.

Have a great week

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Cc: Don McDonald; Info at WCC; BUS: Long Term Plan
Subject: Submsn LTP. Don mcdonald conscious consum pd $5 bank pls.

Dear
Long term plan

Submission. Wcc spkg.

Business as usual.
Zero growth.
Exhaust planet resources.

Carbon foot print.
Climate change.

Population overshoot collapse.
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@WgtnCC: Only 3 hours left to #HaveYourSay on the draft Long Term Plan.Go on, submit! #TheWellingtonWay http://t.co/Ox02LCW9DR/s/EWbG http://t.co/Ospa4ILRC

@pimathman: We are the very best at being us, "It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation" Herman Melville #quote #inspiration

Cc: Don McDonald
Subject: Don mcdonald conscious consum pd $5 bank pls.

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Time bank

Sincerely

Fri 1-4-15 12:30 noon

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Submission on behalf of the Glenside Progressive Association Inc

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I am making a submission on behalf of the Glenside Progressive Association (The Association) as Secretary of the Association.

We **do** wish to speak at the submission hearing on behalf of our members.

Introduction

In making this response, we have reviewed the following documents:

- Our 10-Year Plan, WCC's Draft Long Term Plan 2015-25.
- Wellington's Urban Growth Plan.
- Wellington's Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2014.

Our comments will focus mainly on the broad aspects of these plans and the impact of some of the specific plans on Glenside and the Northern Suburbs although some of our residents have views on specific plans and projects for the whole LTP and have made individual submissions accordingly.

Overview

Do you agree with the priorities of the Long Term Plan (LTP)?

Our Association agrees with Council that it is now timely for Wellington City to plan for growth including improved infrastructure and some new projects whilst ensuring that essential services are maintained and expenditure well controlled. It is important to preserve our heritage (eg earthquake strengthening) but it is also important to utilise our existing assets before we spend too much on new ones.

We can justify expenditure on infrastructure if this leads to efficiency improvements. We can justify investing in projects if these are likely to bring financial returns to the Council or City, or enrich and diversify our City.

We should encourage tourism but look at projects targeting specific sectors such as the tourist industry as being largely self-funding in the longer term. They shouldn't be a burden on the ratepayer.

The LTP document is well presented and easy to read but once again focuses on the inner city to

the point where we are not actually sure what is planned for the suburbs with just a few exceptions (eg the Johnsonville renewal projects).

Specific Comments

Rates Increases

The consultation survey asks residents whether they support business as usual rates increases at 3.1% pa or a growth strategy – 3.9% pa. Central Government's inflation target is 1.0 – 3.0% pa, let's say 2.0% pa over the long term. This should be the business as usual level of rates increases. Over a 10 year period, 2.0% pa is 21.9%, 3.1% pa is 35.7% and 3.9% pa is 46.6%. There is no justification in our view for a long term rates increase of 24.7% over inflation! We therefore ask Council to reconsider these targets, limit rates increases to 3.1% pa and reclassify this as the appropriate rates increase for *investment for growth*.

Sustainable Growth Agenda

A lot of the focus of the consultation process has been on items under this heading, namely:

- Airport runway extension
- International film museum
- International conference centre
- New concert venue
- New sports facilities
- New music centre
- New visitor attractions, eg Ocean Exploration Centre.
- A revamp of Frank Kitts Park and a Chinese Garden

Our Association doesn't wish to comment specifically on these and other similar projects except that we believe the total expenditure proposed is too large, the beneficiaries are often visitors or special interest groups and some projects are unlikely to produce an adequate rate of return on investment for the ratepayer. The items described are mainly facilities for entertainment and recreation rather than for employment, business and sustainable economic growth. If these projects are to go ahead, some way of recovering the investment from the business and tourist industries and others that are most likely to benefit should be part of the agenda.

On the other hand, as an example, we believe a Tech Centre would be a good investment for growth.

Revitalising the Inner City

We generally support preserving heritage buildings where feasible and revitalising inner city precincts such as those proposed. We note some of these projects are underway already.

Housing Intensification and Suburban Growth

Most people support housing intensification if it isn't in their back yard. Johnsonville was one of the first suburbs to be picked for intensification. They have subsequently benefited from several projects namely:

- Traffic decongestion around the Johnsonville Triangle
- Keith Spry swimming pool upgrade
- Alex Moore Park sporting facilities
- A proposed new much larger library complex

The Glenside Community will also benefit from these facilities and strongly supports them.

Our Association believes that, wherever housing intensification is proposed, Council has a duty to provide good community facilities which will reduce the need for residents to travel outside their suburb. We also strongly support the Johnsonville Community Association's 10 Year Strategy and ask Council to give this their full endorsement. We understand that some of the key projects identified by JCA can't proceed without the Johnsonville Mall upgrade and this may be being held up by consenting difficulties. Again, it is important that Council understand the needs of growing suburban centres, especially those targeted for intensification.

Tracks, walkways and cycleways

The Northern Suburbs continue to be deficient in walking tracks compared to the rest of Wellington. Our Association supported the Porirua Stream shared walking-cycling path through Tawa and urges that this should be extended to Glenside Village in some form. We recognise that the cost of constructing a walking-cycling path to the specification being used in Tawa could be prohibitively expensive but would like to engage with Council on alternative design specifications and joint funding sources that would make this possible. We would therefore like to see provision for this included in the current LTP.

In 2006, Council invited our Association to propose routes for new walking tracks in the Northern suburbs because it was then recognised that there was a lack of hill tracks in the area (Churton Park, Glenside, Grenada). Funding was withdrawn for new tracks but we understand an extension to the Skyline Walkway in the Stebbings Valley area is being considered again.

Our Association sees local walking tracks as assets similar to playgrounds, sportsfields and swimming pools. They provide the opportunity to enhance health and wellbeing but are open to a larger proportion of the community than most other recreational facilities. They also provide a sense of pride and a sense of place. We look forward to engaging with Council to reinstate this programme which we believe can be achieved with moderate funding.

Heritage

Heritage is an important part of Wellington's character and needs to have its place in LTPs. Our Association is very pleased that restoration of the Halfway House in Glenside is nearing completion and look forward to being involved in leasing the two downstairs rooms. We ask that Council provide assistance with the creation of a Heritage Garden on this site. We believe it will be the only one in the Northern suburbs.

Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2014

Our suburb is largely rural in character so our Association strongly supports a comprehensive pest control and eradication programme, eg *Enhancing the Halo* as well as the ever growing Council sponsored community planting programmes. We are actively involved with both of these

programmes.

We have read the excellent and very detailed document on the above plan but the focus of this was on science, policy and methodology rather than specific field projects or budget intentions.

As part of the Two Million Trees Programme, Council are currently focusing on funding the Berhampore Nursery and supporting planting on Council owned land which we agree should be the priority for now. Unfortunately, over the years, Council has divested or failed to acquire small pockets of land adjacent to roads, walkways and streams or left over from housing developments, and expects community groups to work with private owners in restoring such pockets. We ask Council to review this policy. We also ask Council to put more attention and funding into weed control on riparian strips and Council owned land.

Conclusion

The Glenside Progressive Association has reservations in respect of some of the capital items proposed in the LTP and the proposed expenditure increases but supports the general tenor of the Plan. In particular, we support items that are key to the development of the Northern suburbs such as the Johnsonville Library but would like to see more. We note that several areas of interest to Glenside, namely heritage buildings, planting projects, pest control and walking tracks get such scant mention, we are unsure what is proposed this time.

We thank Council for the opportunity to comment and look forward to engagement with Council during the detailed planning and implementation stages of the above projects. We have identified priorities more specific to Glenside itself (the Porirua Stream Walkway and Glenside-Churton Park walking tracks and the Halfway House Garden), and trust these will also receive Council's support and inclusion in the final version of the current LTP.

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Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014-2023 & Implementation Plan

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We have sighted the CentrePort submission on Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014-2023 & Implementation Plan and fully endorse the thrust of that submission relative to the removal from the Plan of the action to "*Address impacts of port area office development on the central city*" .

Harbour Quays A1 Limited requests the opportunity to make oral submissions in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely

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Harbour Quays D4 Limited requests the opportunity to make oral submissions in support of this submission.

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CentrePort Properties Limited is charged with the delivery of a completed Harbour Quays development and has associated property and financial interests in the Harbour Quays development precinct.

CentrePort Properties Limited has assisted CentrePort Limited in the review of the Council's Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Urban Development and Transport Strategy) 2014-2023 & Implementation Plan and has been instrumental in the development of its submission of opposition to in particular the Port Precinct initiatives (Pg 39) of the Growth Plan for the Council to "*Address impacts of port area office development on the central city*" and accordingly CentrePort Properties Limited endorse the content of that submission.

CentrePort Properties Limited requests the opportunity to make oral submissions in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely

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Newtown Branch New Zealand Labour Party

Submission
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Executive summary

1. The Newtown Branch of the New Zealand Labour Party (NZLP) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Council[1]s Draft Long Term Plan ("the plan").
2. The Newtown Branch has over 60 members who live in the central city suburb of Newtown, part of the Rongotai electorate.
3. Notwithstanding the short, much appreciated, extension granted for this submission, and the efforts made to inform Wellingtonians about the Plan, we are concerned with some aspects of the content; the level and timing of information made publicly available; and the short consultation timeframe.
4. The consultation document is, however, attractive and readable, though entirely monocultural. We expect, particularly given the history of settlement here, te Tiriti o Waitangi to be acknowledged as a founding constitutional document for our *bicultural nation*, and for its principles of partnership, participation and protection to be articulated throughout the plan.
5. We also suggest that more needs to be done to involve people with English as a second language in the development and implementation of the plan, using multi media, multi lingual strategies. We draw your attention to the sections on consultation in the Local Government Act 2002 which, though not prescriptive (s 78), are rigorous as to the principles of public engagement and expectations of the quality and accessibility of the information that should be provided ss 82, 83, 95A).
6. In general the Branch supports those aspects of the plan that are positively focused on building "resilient infrastructure" (p8), including cultural, scientific, arts and technical infrastructure that leverages the value of Wellingtonian[1]s diverse people and skills base.
7. However we are not convinced that the Council can or should "pick winners" and oppose Council funding for commercial enterprises such as the Wellington airport extension and the film museum where the need, as well as the business case, has yet to be proven.
8. Conversely, we welcome the continuation of the Council[1]s outstanding leadership in social housing and in generating a (proud) sense of place and community indicated in projects 3 - 8
9. We recommend an additional aim to make Wellington a Living Wage city, beginning with the full implementation of the Living Wage for all employees of WCC including all those working for Council Controlled Organisations and indirectly employed and contracted workers.
10. We wish to acknowledge what the Council is already doing to make Wellington an attractive and exciting place to live.
11. The Branch wishes to make an oral submission.

Discussion

A simple choice

12. The branch is strongly supportive of sustainability but unlimited growth is clearly not sustainable; we would like to see what Council has done on identifying how much and what sort of growth is 'sustainable' given our geography and determining socio-economic factors.
13. The choices are not "simple" – they are complex, and require robust and comprehensive cost benefit analysis (cba) that is not limited to 'financials' but also considers outcomes such as fairness, equity, reducing disparities, and avoiding structural discrimination.
14. Growth at any price is not acceptable to most Wellingtonians who value the culture and 'connectedness' of our compact city, and have strongly eschewed some of the pathways that other cities have taken to attract tourists, money and growth.eg the casino (open to people whose wealth exempts them from standard immigration procedures) at the heart of Auckland city.
15. We also reject the notion that the choice is limited to either the investment outlined or 'business as usual'. Again, the choices are extensive and complex and each must be argued on its merits.
16. We support investment – in people and places and communities, and in enabling business, and cultural and other pursuits to prosper.
17. We also accept that a certain amount of risk comes with investment and that not all investments will pay 'dividends', economic, social or otherwise.
18. "Flagship' investments that will significantly change the character and style of the city and its size, need very wide public support, predicated on access to full information (robust business cases and comprehensive cba), and inclusive community consultation.
19. The economic consequences of a 'Sesqui' type failure are no more disastrous or unwelcome than, for instance, the rather bizarre attempts to 'Tolkeinise' our particular space in the South Pacific.
20. While the plan articulates a focus on essential services (which we support), the upfront focus is on two major projects (p4 & 9), the airport extension and the film museum, which we strongly oppose.
21. Among the other listed investments for growth (p9), there is not one that has a specific tangata whenua focus, despite the seminal historical, cultural and geographical importance of Whanganui-a-Tara.
22. Quite apart from our Treaty obligations, the intrinsic and economic value we derive from the excellence of Māori culture, performing arts, music, places makes this omission contradictory to the plan which is, rightly, highly focused on celebrating and extracting value from the uniqueness of Wellington's culture and environment.

23. Whanganui-a-Tara is home to many iwi and hapu - Ngāti Whatua, Te Ati Awa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Toa, for example; the Tenths Trust has a significant commercial and social role in the city; and Māori comprise 15 percent of the population 50 percent of whom are under 30. We suggest that equal investment in Māori and ensuring Whanganui-a-Tara is truly bicultural should be a part of the draft plan.

A longer airport runway

24. The Branch opposes a longer airport runway, and does not support any Council expenditure on what is a commercial venture.
25. There are many capital cities in the world that do not have direct international links – Canberra, Washington DC, Brasilia etc. A one hour flight from Auckland is not overly inconvenient or expensive.
26. Wellington's airport is a treasure. It is conveniently located, not too intrusive and is valued by both residents and visitors.
27. A key aspect of the airport is that it services government, and its size and volume of traffic make that manageable.
28. There is considerable risk in building a longer runway that is not demand driven, and that will involve significant and urgent expenditure on the infrastructure supporting it.
29. The environmental impact will be significant and will inevitably reduce the liveability' of the southern suburbs.
30. Has a health impact assessment been done? If not, why not, and if it has been done, the assessment needs to be made public.
31. A longer runway is also antithetical to transport decisions that will have to be made to address the adverse impact of climate change.
32. We note that movement between Lyall Bay and the Miramar peninsula and the Miramar golf course is already ludicrously restricted by Infratil's ownership of the connecting road and the enforcement of traffic through the airport. Extending the airport raises the spectre of more limitations to freedom of movement.
33. It is essential that the plan does not reduce the quality of life for a substantial number of Wellingtonians in order to improve the access and experience of visitors.

Supporting smart and sustainable growth

34. We support the concept of a central city tech hub, and a Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA).
35. Wellington's numerous existing tertiary educational facilities obviate the need for the establishment of "an international higher education facility to support the industry's demand for skills" unless it is part of a national tertiary education strategy.

36. However, a tech hub should naturally involve the educational and research institutes including the (unmentioned) Crown Research Institutes we are fortunate to have in and near Wellington, which are the repositories of intellectual knowledge and technical skills.
37. Technology and innovation are ubiquitous and the hub needs to be inclusive and interdisciplinary.
38. Council could play a key role in promoting community awareness of and connection with the institutes as we assume it does with industry.
39. Council support in terms of offering simple planning (advice? expertise?) and rates processes is sensible, as long as it is transparent, and does not circumvent rules, regulations, or citizens rights eg to public consultation.
40. We support an integrated approach linking services, venues, etc. to improve resident, industry and visitor experience, with the emphasis being on the first two.
41. While we agree that tourism is important to Wellington, our small size is a limiting factor. Tourism does provide jobs, but they are generally low waged, insecure, and associated with increasingly precarious employment practices (New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, 2013).
42. Tourism is also highly susceptible to unpredictable and ungovernable international conditions and is not a secure base for a primary industry.
43. This does not diminish its importance as a secondary industry, but, Wellington must focus its energy on areas that will sustain real jobs with liveable wages, rather than servicing a south Pacific 'Wellywood'.
44. With regard to the latter, we take this opportunity to express our considerable disquiet at the continued 'association of Wellington's 'brand' with the Lord of the Rings films. It is one thing to celebrate the success of the films, and for commercial ventures to profit from them; it is quite another to adopt a city wide image of Wellington as the fantasy land conjured up seventy years ago by an English professor on the other side of the planet!
45. The films are relevant to Wellington only to the extent that they were made here and are part of a commercial enterprise; they, and their images, are irrelevant in every other way.
46. Except, perhaps, the constant reminder they give of the part they played in undermining New Zealand employment legislation, removing employee rights and protections from *anyone involved in any aspect of film production*, including the production of games (Employment Relations Act 2000, s 6 (1)(d), s 7).
47. This sweeping and iniquitous legislation is the antithesis of the 'good faith' employment relations we would like to see Wellington become known for.
48. It is not only inappropriate, but repugnant to the Newtown Branch of the NZLP (and others) that Wellington as a whole should be associated symbolically with the Lord of the Rings.

49. That is one of the reasons why the Branch categorically opposes support for the establishment of a film museum in Wellington (and particularly not in the centre city), but, more pragmatically, we suggest that investment in the existing excellent museums and attractions (including the film archive) that are utilised year round by Wellingtonians, is better placed than in a one-off tourist attraction.

Projects 3-8

50. As indicated, we strongly support these projects.
51. Housing is fundamental to health and equity and we again congratulate the Council on its exemplary commitment to community housing with the outstanding redevelopment and upgrading of facilities it has undertaken.
52. In Newtown we have been privileged to witness several council projects and can attest to the difference they have made to residents and the pride we feel in our community. Thank you.
53. We strongly support opportunities for more affordable housing, especially in the inner city, and maintaining our heritage buildings.
54. Creating liveable communities with (walkable) access to work, services and recreational activities for *all* will ensure a vibrant inner city.
55. We note, however, that it is vitally important that the Council ensures the provision of recreational facilities for residents of inner city apartment blocks as *part* of the development; public spaces should not have to serve as 'backyards'.
56. In addition to the inner city projects outlined for Victoria Street and the city end of Adelaide Road, we would like to recommend finishing the wonderful city to sea bridge.
57. This is much admired and very well used, but its capacity is unnecessarily limited and it remains a half finished art project. Finishing the bridge would enhance the link between the harbour, the civic centre and the city and avoid the bottleneck it sometimes is. We suggest this is more of a priority than redesigning Frank Kitts Park, which is at least functional as it is.
58. In addition it would compensate for the loss of Jack Illott Green should the national music hub go ahead. We note that while the green may not be extensively used it is an oasis of peace that is highly valued.
59. A national music hub is well overdue in Wellington. Is it possible to involve Massey University, which has a highly acclaimed jazz school, as well as Victoria University?
60. We suggest our sense of place is significantly linked with the harbour and that there are opportunities for strengthening that connection, through events and improvements. We therefore support Council funding of the ocean exploration centre and expansion of the Museum of Wellington City to Sea and other

offerings of the Wellington Museum Trust (p38-39), which, incidentally, does an excellent job.

61. With regard to funding and support of major events we would like to draw attention to the derisory and reduced funding for the longstanding Newtown Festival, which is by far the largest and most diverse community festival in Wellington and actually is the hub of a lot of local music, in comparison with that given to the Cuba festival.
62. Such disparities underline the need to 'support our own' first.
63. We would like to see much stronger support for Māori events, particularly those that, like Matariki, are associated with our location. Auckland has a number of events (http://www.matarikifestival.org.nz/). We suggest that and we believe that, in this instance, there is a lot to be gained from a coordinated national approach.
64. We support small consistent improvements to 'cheer up' streets and laneways throughout Wellington – the benefits of improvements must be equally distributed and not limited to the inner city.
65. With regard to improved lighting please note the New Zealand Nurses Organisation's comments on the impact of lighting on health.
66. We also draw your attention to the potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of street and sports field lighting to minimise adverse impacts on human health and safety and natural and cultural systems.
67. The Hockey field in Berhampore is a prime example of misdirected, misaligned, wasteful lighting; it is known locally as "the alien landing strip" as so much of its light is directed upwards. Light pollution is unnecessary, expensive and harmful.
68. Finally we suggest, with respect, that further commemoration of World War 1 is unnecessary. We would like to see commemoration of other events and celebration of local heroes, including pre European ones first.
69. The pou marking the location of marae is a good example of a project which strengthens ties to this place, not any place.

Make Wellington a Living Wage city

70. The Branch is surprised that no mention is made of the Living Wage, though it was overwhelming supported as part of the 2014 Annual Plan and should be an established part of the long term plan.
71. We again refer you to the New Zealand Nurses Organisation's submission which notes that: "Poverty and inequity are root causes of much ill health and inequality in this country, and Wellington is not immune to either. Those who are struggling to survive on incredibly low wages are also the people who face barriers to accessing health care, education and other social services when and where they need them. ..One measure by which to demonstrate how a population is valued is by the wages they earn. The rationale behind the Living Wage movement is that it uses mainstream economic tools to analyse the income necessary to provide workers and

their families with the basic necessities of life. A living wage enables workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society. “

72. It is essential that as well s being a beautiful and exciting place to live, it is also a fair place to live.
73. Making Wellington a Living Wage city, beginning with the full implementation of the Living Wage for all employees of WCC including all those working for Council Controlled Organisations and indirectly employed and contracted workers, is the way to achieve this.

Conclusion

1. In conclusion, the Newtown Branch of the NZLP values this opportunity to contribute to the development of the plan.
2. We look forward to making an oral presentation and recommend that you
   - ensure the plan is consistent with Treaty obligations, is bicultural, throughout, and includes specific for Māori;
   - develop more inclusive consultation processes;
   - note our support for those aspects of the plan that are positively focused on building “resilient infrastructure” and supporting affordable housing and attractive liveable communities;
   - agree that the tech hub needs to be broadly focused rather than narrowly focused on film and utilise existing educational and research resources;
   - agree that the plan should not reduce the quality of life for a substantial number of Wellingtonians in order to improve the access and experience of visitors;
   - note or strong opposition to the airport runway extension and the film museum; ;
   - ensure the plan includes Wellington’s commitment to being a Living Wage city; and
   - note our warm support of the many ways in which Council is supporting the sustainable development of our city.

Nā māua noa, nā

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Long-term Plan 2015-25, Urban Growth Plan and 30-year Infrastructure Strategy

Submission to the Wellington City Council (Council) from the Environmental Reference Group (ERG)

23 April 2015

This document combines the ERG's responses to the Long-term Plan 2015-25 (LTP), Urban Growth Plan (UGP) and 30-year Infrastructure Strategy (IS) consultations.

As these consultations are highly inter-related and have significant environmental dimensions, the ERG has decided to respond by providing some overarching comments, particularly relating to the LTP proposals, and has appended multiple detailed submissions according to environmental themes as set out in the following table.

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The overarching comments and each appendix has been developed and written by different ERG members. Given this comprehensive scope, the ERG would like to make separate oral submissions relating to the overarching comments and each of the 5 themes. Please liaise through our Council liaison officer, Simon Wright, to arrange these.

Overarching Comments

The draft LTP is well presented and easy to read, although there is significant variability in the levels of detail provided and how the value of proposals is expressed in different sections.

The draft reduces the complexity of public sector economic development to a simplistic binary dilemma *(think big and advance, versus business as usual and go backwards)*, and in many instances promotes a pro-growth bias, rather than a balanced argument of options.

There is little evidence that the development proposals in the LTP have been based on an objective assessment of costs and benefits, and that those being presented offer a fiscally prudent approach (i.e. good return on investment for the district).

The current document proposes several large scale development projects (mainly in the CBD), with no reference to the prospect that multiple smaller projects (distributed across the district) could offer equal or better value and sustainability outcomes.

Despite widespread media attention about the need for alternative approaches to housing, there is no reference to promoting small, affordable and sustainable housing, and all references to promoting housing are focused on inner city apartments and a new urban development agency focused on the inner city.

The LTP claims a 'sustainable development growth agenda', although the focus is largely focused on economic growth rather than sustainable development (which integrates economic, social and environmental considerations). The focus of the draft is very clearly on economic growth, with little acknowledgement of the social and environmental consequences associated with that growth.

A Simple Choice

Due to Wellington's space constraints, further growth must inevitably be by loss of green space or intensification of developed areas. As this will also intensify the associated social and environmental impacts, the Council will need effective monitoring and regulatory functions to assess and moderate adverse impacts. However, recent loss of urban green space and deterioration in harbour water quality suggest that the checks and balances we have may not be adequate to cope. Any development intensification should therefore have a corresponding increase in the Council's monitoring and regulatory capability.

Financials

There is no reference to national guidelines on what acceptable levels of public sector debt might be. This means that readers cannot judge whether a debt level of 100% of annual income is prudent or otherwise. Attempts to express debt repayment using a mortgage metaphor are welcomed, as a way of helping individuals understand the Council's position. It would also be useful to present the dollar value of debt per ratepayer, and express how Wellington ranks nationally.

References to Wellington's flat economy over the past 6 years (p.12) does not reference the wider national and international context. If Wellington's performance has been similar to that of comparable cities, perhaps there is not a need to 'kick start' it after all.

Investing in projects that grow the economy appears prudent, but there is no indication of the relative return on investment for the airport extension, war museum etc. It is good to see on p.21 that there will be an economic benefit assessment before it is decided to commit funding, though presumably there has been some form of preliminary business case done for these items to be considered at this point.

The premise that more residents equals more revenue may be a compelling driver of growth for the Council, but will not necessarily result in sustained economic development, which must also take into consideration factors such as environmental and social impacts, which affect quality of life for our residents and visitors.

The document uses large font for 'key' numbers and statistics. Although this may benefit the visually impaired, the numbers often lack relevant context, undermining their usefulness and potentially misleading the reader. For example, the figures on p.11 might suggest the figures at the top are GDP growth rates, and that forecast rate rises are comfortably within the limit.

"The time is right to invest in game changing projects" needs justification. Why is it the right time for big projects? Is it not also the right time to invest in lots of little projects that can achieve the same benefit?

The table on p.13 shows a growth in ratepayer base of 1-1.5%, while the histogram below it shows growth of 4-6%.

It would help if colours in the key to the histogram on p.15 were presented in the same order as in the histogram itself. This makes it impossible to differentiate between items in a monochrome print.

The categories used in the pie chart on p.15 & p.17 do not correspond with any of the following sections, effectively preventing the reader from understanding what constitutes 'environment' etc. Complementary text for the Opex figure on p.17 indicates that it for water, wastewater and stormwater, which is probably better described as 'infrastructure'. In its current form, the word 'environment' could imply to some that a third of all expenditure will go to protecting/enhancing the natural environment. There should be some way in which the reader can see on one page a broad breakdown of what each category comprises.

$9m seems an incredible amount of money to spend on stormwater and sewer modelling. This is significantly greater than that needed to develop and calibrate the models, so what other components does this cost cover? There is no mention of an integrated catchment management plan, but Wellington Water is currently working to develop one at a cost of several million dollars.

The $6/day figure used on p.18 is a 'per resident' statistic, but would be more appropriately presented on a 'per ratepayer' basis (which will correspond to more bread and milk).

Invest for Growth

p.20 notes that our economic prosperity is to focus on tech and creative sectors, yet the airport extension text makes strong references to increased student numbers. Are these two initiatives joined-up? Could education be another focus area? It certainly seems to be one at the moment.

Sustainable Growth Agenda

The objectives of making parking easier (item 10) and aspiring to a sustainable transport network (item 11) appear to be at odds with each other. The former would presumably attract more cars, undermining public transport.

Real Transport Choices (item 11) appears vague, attempting to cover all bases. Is the intent to actively promote sustainable modes and reduce traffic in the CBD, or have things changed?

1. **Longer Airport Runway**

   The current text does not provide any information about how airlines would respond to a longer runway. Is there any assurance that they will provide the flights to enable the anticipated growth? Without this information, the reader has no knowledge of the risk inherent in securing a viable return on this $90m investment, and is effectively being asked to trust in 'build it and they will come'. There appear to be some serious concerns out there regarding the modelling done for the business case, and a professional and independent peer review should be conducted before any commitments are made.

   Given projections of sea level rise and more frequent and severe storm events, how resilient will the airport and associated transport routes be?

   Given the forecast increase in visitors and freight that a longer runway would provide, is the airport extension contingent on improvements in the transport corridor through to SH.1?

2. **Film & Tech Industries**

   Is a central city location the most appropriate for a tech precinct? Does this not provide the council with an ideal opportunity to energise other areas. Tech companies are so well connected, the need for a city centre location is largely irrelevant. An obvious choice would be Miramar, an established centre of tech expertise, excellent access to the airport and more space to plan.

3. Inner city Regeneration

Would it be possible to integrate the Urban Development Agency (p.29) with the Regional Economic Development Agency (p.27), in an attempt to improve alignment and reduce duplication?

4. Revitalise the Civic Square Precinct

This section is supplemented by detailed information in the appendix, though reference to this fact is limited to a low profile comment in the assumptions. Many readers may miss this reference.

Creating an active frontage around the Civic Square is likely to create a much more vibrant area.

It is not clear whether the upgrade proposals include repair of the defunct water features around the Michael Fowler Centre.

In the event that the current green space of Jack Ilott Green is lost to development (p.51), this would further erode the limited urban green space in the CBD. The proceeds of any lease of this space could be dedicated toward a compensatory development of urban green space elsewhere, rather than the current proposal of it going to earthquake strengthening.

The high ($58.5m) cost of earthquake strengthening the town hall building (also reported as $60m elsewhere in the document) versus a demolition cost of $11m (and other options some of which are not costed) makes this a particularly high profile decision, deserving of greater public attention than it can be afforded via the LTP process.

5. Reigniting our Sense of Place

Johnsonville redevelopment needs to balance the planned intensification with protection of the diminishing green space.

Is a greater demand for books driving the development of a larger library? Doesn't the shift to digital media enable library facilities to be shrunk?

The proposal for medium density developments in Karori and Tawa makes sense where it replaces existing low density housing. However, suburban centres have suffered significant erosion of green space in recent years, so it would be more appropriate for intensification to occur on brownfield (rather than greenfield) sites.

Karori is a suburb served by a single, overly busy road, that suffers significant congestion during rush hour. Further intensification will clearly worsen this problem. Will all the new accommodation units be required to have car parks? If so, are the proposed improvements in public transport likely to be sufficient to offset a projected increase in private vehicle use? The road between Karori and the city is a very popular (and dangerous) cycle commuter route. What will be done to prevent the danger to cyclists being increased?

The benefits box suggests that the suburban redevelopment will support the use of public transport, walking and cycling. The mechanism that creates this benefit is not explained.

6. Strengthening Town Centres

A 12,000 seat arena is proposed for the central city, which is already crowded. Is there scope to locate this proposed development outside the CBD so that is can energise growth or improve the

urban experience elsewhere? The concrete wasteland around the railyards and stadium concourse would be obvious candidates.

There is reference to Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown all planning new convention centres. Do we run the risk of contributing to significant over supply, thus making its economic viability less 'lucrative'? Can any such development be made into a multi-purpose facility, so that we only need one?

7. New & Improved Venues

If we are proposing a new music hub, will this compete with or complement the music centre at Christchurch's Performing Arts Precinct?

There is a question about what to do with the Basin Reserve. Given its large earthquake-prone stand, deteriorating structure, small size and location that fundamentally compromises two transport corridors, is it not time to think more objectively about whether retaining the stadium would be cost effective, and whether this is the right facility for this location?

8. New Visitor Attractions

Wellington currently has Te Papa and the Museum of City and Sea. Is there a public demand and economic justification for a war museum, film museum and Peace and Conflict museum (or are these proposals catering to the wishes of an influential minority)?

The proposal for a World War I museum is unsurprising, but questionable. Would a sculpture park be a better option, as it would have lower capital and operational costs, and potentially create another opportunity for boosting urban art.

The proposed Ocean Exploration Centre will improve awareness of the neglected Blue Belt, and further improve access and interest in a previously desolate and unattractive area. Hopefully those estimating visitor numbers have learned lessons from Zealandia's efforts to plan future revenue.

Given that the harbour and the natural environment feature so highly in defining Wellington and enabling residents to enjoy our current lifestyle, it is surprising that the proposed investment in a film museum is five times greater than that of the Ocean Exploration Centre. Is this simply a consequence of private investment interests, or does the Council genuinely consider that the movie industry (which some argue has now passed its peak) has significantly more importance for residents?

9. Improved Management of Key Infrastructure

It is good to hear that the Council is now keen to understand the performance of its sewage and stormwater network, but a concern that it is making such a leap from knowing very little, to wanting to know so much. An essential first step is to develop a calibrated hydraulic model for catchments (surprisingly this is not mentioned in the LTP), to identify potential for leakage, surcharge, and to cross check with actual measurements to assess inflow/infiltration. This can then be used to develop an integrated catchment management plan (not mentioned in the LTP). The LTP does talk about 'real time stormwater monitoring', which is a technically sophisticated approach that tells what the network is doing at all times. If the Council has a calibrated model and monitors the network on occasions, it does not need real time monitoring. It would be better to focus efforts on using model identify likely leaks from the sewer network (into the

stormwater or tide), rather than developing a sophisticated monitoring approach for the stormwater network itself.

What is the basis for the $101m savings from infrastructure renewals. This appears to be quite a change from not very long ago, where there was insufficient funding to replace pipes to maintain current service levels.

The text references sea level rise of 0.6 to 1.1m, but does not mention the period the rise will occur over (5 years? 100 years?).

The text states what the Council can do over the next three years to reduce/mitigate sea level risk, but it does not mention the identification and prioritisation of at risk areas, or restricting development in impacted areas.

The Council is looking to benchmark its carbon emissions, but has the impact of an airport extension been considered (as it has the potential to increase long haul flights, and so grow the carbon footprint).

In the 'supporting our natural capital' item, it would be good to reference the green belt and the Southern Walkway (and perhaps other areas).

10. Use Smart Technology

The text describes an investment-return relationship for wireless parking sensors, which is one of the few places where the reader is given sufficient information to assess the value proposition of a proposal.

Will 'easier access to parking' encourage more vehicles to enter the city? Isn't the Council trying to encourage more sustainable modes of transport and reduce its carbon footprint? There seems to be a contradiction here.

Switching to LED street lighting is a good initiative, but costs of LED bulbs are falling rapidly. Unfortunately, as neither the cost or payback period are quantified, the reader cannot judge whether this is a good investment. It may be more cost-effective to wait for the cost to fall further before making this investment.

11. Real Transport Choices

The text on 'a cycling network' acknowledges our narrow and winding streets, but should also acknowledge that due to the increasing number and size of vehicles in recent years, Wellington is now recognised as the most dangerous city in NZ for cyclists.

Independent Auditor's Report

The auditor considers that the document "…..provides an effective basis for public participation in the Council's decisions….." However, there are very few instances where the costs of proposed initiatives are expressed in terms of their return on investment, or even the period over which the cost will be incurred. A rare example where this is done well is on p.42, where the reader is informed that a $1.5m investment in improved parking technology will yield a return of $8m over 10 years. The absence of information describing payback or the investment period means that the reader cannot assess the value proposition. It is recommended that value statements be included where practicable.

There is extensive duplication of content between the Long Term Plan, Infrastructure Strategy and Urban Growth Plan, and the distribution of content between the three documents is inconsistent and confusing. For example, the LTP has significant detail about the civic square renovation options, but next to nothing on the sewer and stormwater network and developments along the urban growth spine. This makes it confusing for the average reader to work out the difference in purpose between the different documents, and to form coherent comments. It will not be possible to rectify this in 2015, but the ERG would like to see more effort on making key consultation documents more coherent and consistent in the future, to truly provide "….. an effective basis for public participation in the Council's decisions….."

Miscellaneous

There is negligible acknowledgement (reference to WREDA on p.27.) that Wellington city is largely dependent on people coming in from surrounding districts to work, shop and play in Wellington. Although they are not ratepayers to Wellington City Council, they still make a significant contribution to the Wellington economy. Has this contribution been quantified? Acknowledging and understanding this relationship will help the council to better understand the development dynamic of the city, so that it can focus on maximising return on investment. It may prove more cost effective to focus on attracting more people from other districts, rather than continually aiming to grow Wellington's population (particularly as this could reduce social and environmental pressures on the CBD). Is the council working with neighbouring councils to maximise such synergies? Has this group done the analysis?

There is reference to the development of sophisticated monitoring and modelling approaches to network monitoring and climate change impact assessment. However, these approaches can take years to be fully developed, calibrated and validated. It is important that the Council does not wait for the results before acting, as there will be enough evidence arising from early development that will identify critical priorities that need attention now (e.g. overflowing sewers, areas prone to repeated flooding, and land that should be restricted from future development.

Several pages encourage the reader to respond to questions presented in black speech 'bubbles' at the end of a section. Although this feedback process is an important part of a transparent public planning process, it's effectiveness is undermined by the lack of objective information in the draft LTP, and the unduly short consultation period.

Appendix 1. Urban growth

Wellington Urban Growth Plan - Planning our strategy to manage an expected population growth of around 50,000 people over the next 30 years.

This appendix has been prepared by a sub-group of the Environmental Reference Group (ERG). It excludes aspects of the ERG's advice that are covered the group's overarching comments on the Long-term Plan 2015-25 (LTP).

Throughout this appendix, excerpts from the draft Urban Growth Plan (UGP) are reproduced here in *Blue coloured Italic text*.

Guiding Principals

The ERG would like to note that we support the guiding principles of the plan, namely;

- *keep our city compact, walkable and supported by an efficient transport network*
- *maintain the features that support our high quality of life*
- *protect the city's natural setting and reduce the environmental impacts of development and transport*
- *make the city more resilient to natural hazards, such as earthquakes, and the effects of climate change.*

However, we feel that a further guiding principles are appropriate, In particular, **the re-establishment of Wellington's original biodiversity** is a goal in need of inclusion in the guiding principles of the UDP. The ERG had submitted similarly on this issue to the draft "our natural Capital" policy, but this issue is so fundamental to Wellington's future environment - especially with respect to balancing an expanding "built environment" with the natural environment, which easily presents the biggest threat to biodiversity - that we feel it necessary for its inclusion in the guiding principles of the UGP.

As with the earlier drafts of "our natural Capital', the tone of the UGPs reference to the environment is one of "maintenance" rather than improvement, and there are significant areas of Wellington marked for urbanisation where there is little remaining "original" natural biodiversity to maintain (yet there lies enormous potential for its reestablishment, albeit within and among new suburbs). Stebbings Valley is a case in point: 150 years ago it was virgin forest, and uninhabited, yet it was cleared of almost all of this naturally occurring flora and most of the fauna, and for generations now it has been grassland pasture. Without a fundamental goal of "re-establishment" in the UGP, there is nothing within the UGP to direct developers and planners to maximise whatever aspects of naturally occurring biodiversity (both preservation AND re-establishment) they can, and to keep these objectives front-of mind.

This goal need not be costly or incompatible with urban intensification; indeed, many studies have shown that re-establishment of 'indigenous' natural capital maximises the sustainability and resilience of an urban area. If Wellington is to thrive as a successful, liveable and internationally competitive City, it has much to gain by pursuing its natural individuality, and this goal is arguably best achieved by incorporating more "naturally occurring" (i.e., pre-1840) biodiversity into its future structure, with the help of inclusion of this additional guiding principal

It is appropriate that the much higher number and diversity of locally occurring plant species be reflected in Wellington's streetscapes, parks and reserve improvements, and there is no reason why this could not be extended to private homes through landscaping choices of residential 'spec' developers. This improvement in 'quality' of flora – even in very small scale plantings - will attract and preserve other native flora and fauna (aid

corridors, etc.) , and these will become exponentially more valued as the intensification of the urban environment increases.

Outcomes

A compact city; Development along the growth spine, Greenfield growth areas:

Considering that Lincolnshire Farm and Stebbings Valley are situated almost as remotely from the CBD as it is possible to get within Wellington City – and well away from commuter rail links - we note the inherent inconsistency of this outcome with the objective of keeping Wellington "compact and walkable". For the greenfields sites under rapid development in North Wellington, private motor vehicles will inevitably be the primary source of transport and 'orientation' of these suburbs will be ever-more towards Porirua than the Wellington CBD (Much closer, and more accessible by car).

Residential intensification achieves best results when it occurs in centres which are less dense. Paradoxically, the two suburbs chosen first for MDRA in 2010 are already the densest suburbs outside the CBD, and it is perhaps for this reason that MD redevelopment has not eventuated from either of these new MDRA zones in 5 years. The ERG encourages the Council to more closely focus on intensification in areas where intensification is most likely to actually succeed, rather than areas where there is no current or likely future demand for it, or where existing high densities render the benefits so much less than might be possible elsewhere. In this regard, Tawa and Karori are both more appropriate sites for MDRA, and we support the extension of MDRA to these and to other similarly low-density suburban centres.

A liveable city; Dynamic central city, Attractive suburban centres, Transport routes that provide choice:

Include 'MDRA-Type' housing options within new greenfields residential developments. The ERG agree that urban intensification is an environmentally desirable and legitimate means of reducing urban sprawl, and we note that MDRA seeks to "retrofit" intensification on established lower density suburbs, albeit at some cost (in terms of urban renewal to create the "dense centres") near services and transport hubs that most agree are desirable.

However, we question the lack of similar planning initiatives to encourage (or even require) higher density centres in amongst new greenfeilds suburbs (like Lincolnshire Farm and Stebbings Valley). Surely it is easier in the long run to mandate higher densities in the centre of "new" suburbs from the onset, than it is to do so decades later (and then encourage the destruction and redevelopment of those same properties, as is now occurring in MDRA re-zoning)?

The primary stated reasons for targeted suburban intensification is to create housing choice (especially for aging citizens) and to create 'affordable housing'. Yet if left undirected, greenfields developers seek to maximise profits (naturally), and at this point in time they are achieve this by building larger family homes (spatially less efficient), which are neither affordable nor suitable for ageing citizens. **Creating stricter rules for higher-density 'quotas' within greenfields subdivisions would ensure a better "mix" of citizenry long term, as well as reducing the associated environmental footprint.**

P2G Road construction. From an environmental standpoint, it is almost impossible to reconcile the P2G road with the objectives of the proposed UGP. For example, there is no existing established public transport service between Tawa or Johnsonville and the Hutt Valley now, and presumably that is because there is little or no demand for a service on that route. It is therefore nonsensical that building a new motorway access that is slightly more direct than existing routes can provide 'choice' in a way that is necessary or economically viable.

A city set in nature; Identity and sense of place, Coastal environment:

Much of Wellington's original natural habitat has been destroyed, and so, as there is little of that biodiversity remaining in the large tracts of 'undeveloped' Wellington, merely 'maintaining' the remainder is a very 'soft target'. As outlined on page 1 of this submission, we believe the goals of the UGP to create a liveable future Wellington could and should be much higher.

There is little in the plan that actually seeks to re-establish habitats for native species, and this can be done relatively easily and inexpensively - even on the 'micro' scale – if the Council's plans, such as the UGP, include provision for these initiatives. We encourage such inclusion.

A resilient city; preserving our built heritage, Preparing for natural hazards, responding to climate change

"Heritage" is a nice to have, but earthquake strengthened buildings are often almost impossible to bring up to modern efficiency standards, and the opportunity cost of forsaking opportunities to rebuild larger more efficient buildings usually rises continuously over time. As costs of earthquake strengthening (even to levels well below current minimum standards for "new builds") rises, we would like to see more focus on what redevelopment on some of these sites could offer the city.

Many inner-city suburbs like Thorndon are best placed to receive very much higher residential intensification, and their proximity to town belt and other greenspaces & to central Wellington services support that growth. In the interests of a more efficient, compact and walkable future Wellington, we would like to see the needs for sites for higher inner-city intensification given more weight relative to heritage values, which will soon begin to present a major obstacle to the most space highly efficient redevelopment of these areas.

Our strategy is to direct urban growth where it will benefit the city most:

- *along the 'growth spine', between Johnsonville and the airport*
- *around the central city*
- *around selected suburban centres which can support intensification*
- *in 'greenfield' areas, north of the city, at Lincolnshire Farm and Stebbings Valley.*

Intensification of housing is undoubtedly a positive step in terms of improving the sustainability of Wellington's population growth. The success of inner-city residential intensification is clear, but WCCs chosen vehicle for suburban intensification is MDRA zoning, and the success of this strategy (as implemented so far) is less convincing; In the 5 years since MDRA was introduced, there is evidence that developers have built any "MD" redevelopments within these zones at all (with at most one or two exceptions).

This raises the question as to whether simply re-zoning in places WCC would like to see intensified is a practical approach, when homeowners and property developers clearly do not share that enthusiasm (and they are the ones paying for any future redevelopment). We appreciate that MDRA is a "trade off" for the raising of in-fill building standards around the rest of "outer residential" Wellington, but because this targeted intensification mode is so slow to roll out (so far only extends to two suburbs and possibly soon two more), its scope is still too restricted to have much effect. Because MDRA re-zoning is such a passive & long-term tool to encourage intensive redevelopment, it may take decades for MDRA to have any effect, if it does so at all. **The ERG therefore suggests an acceleration of MDRA zoning to all suburban centres fulfilling the criteria for MDRA zoning, and a widening of those criteria to allow MD redevelopment to extend throughout the city.**

More rigorous protection of greenspace near areas marked for residential Intensification – Just as intensification should extend further, there needs to be more and better protection of parks, reserves and greenspace. Naturally Councils would prefer to retain maximum ultimate flexibility of what they may do with

'Council land', but we encourage the Council to firm-up its commitment to preserving these reserves for future generations, by whatever legal means are necessary, to prevent expedient political decisions from usurping greenspace for other purposes.

While residential intensification is certainly a positive for the environment in many ways, such growth is only sustainable as a 'habitat for humanity' if it provides the local services, greenspace, outdoor playing fields, etc. that New Zealanders consider it their right to enjoy. This is especially important where intensification (such as through MDRA zoning) is imposed on 'outer residential' suburbs where Kiwis expect more greenspace, and doubly so where MDRA type developments allow developers to create dwellings with zero ground-floor outdoor private space.

Intensified suburbs create more demand for a wealth of services, but the provision of those services should not come at the expense of ever-diminishing greenspaces, and those greenspaces that lie entirely within and on the periphery of MDRA zones deserve and should receive a much higher level of protection than is now afforded.

A case in point is Johnsonville, which was marked for MDRA redevelopment in 2010. Johnsonville already has the densest population of any suburb north of the CBD, with a strongly growing population and historically high proportion of children. Since 2013, four initiatives have been agreed to / consented / built to improve social and recreational services for the northern suburbs, but each has/will come at a considerable cost to greenspace. These costs have neither been acknowledged, nor have they been mitigated. The following summarises:

Development	**Area**	**Prior Use**	**New use**	**Current "market" la value**
KSP Pool extension	300 m2	Infants play area	Indoor pool	$300K (@ $ 500/m2)
AMP all-weather turf	3000 m2	Playing field	Parking lot	$1.5 Million (@ $ 500/m2)
Proposed new library	700 m2	Park, 1/2 court	Library	$700K (@ $1000/m2)
Prop. new	2000 m2	Playing field	Parking lot	$1 Million (@ $ 500/m2)
			Total	**$3.5 Million**

All these developments have unquestionably seen WCC invest many millions in better services for a needy suburb as it builds infrastructure to cope with MDRA, however, their construction has come at the cost of four significant losses of greenspace. These trade-offs will ultimately be realised as untenable as future generations of residents without any back yard space at all within MDRA zones rise demand greenspace.

The conversion of 5000 square metres of flat parkland for private vehicle car parking – at a site across the road from Wellington's second biggest public transport hub, and adjacent to a new cycleway – seems particularly incompatible with the needs of a future intensified urban space.

The risk to the long-term 'liveability' of intensified suburbs, as Council officers and representatives making expedient 'trade-offs' of natural capital for built infrastructure, is therefore very high. **Creating legal means to prevent erosion of greenspace – or require any land taken for other development to be 'replaced' by similar quantity and quality of land elsewhere – would protect greenspace access for future generations and require 'new community facilities' to be fully costed, and not 'cannibalise' our natural capital.** It is therefore the ERG's recommendation that the Council pursue greater legal and/or planning mechanisms to ensure a much higher level of protection for existing greenspace around areas marked for MDRA zoning.

With regard to the choice of Karori for MDRA zoning, the ERG notes that limited road access and traffic congestion creates a commuter transport problem (including PT overcrowding and delays) that requires significant attention. Wastewater & storm-water capacity are also already considered at or beyond capacity, and we would like assurance that these issues will be addressed as a priority before the Karori population can increase as a result of MDRA. It may be preferable for this essential infrastructure investment to take priority over more cosmetic investments, such as proposed improvements to the town centre.

Performance measures

The ERG supports the intention to develop effective monitoring and review processes, and would like to participate in the development of the indicators. Attention to unintended consequences associated with uncertainties and risks will also be required.

Appendix 2. Climate Change

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The Long Term Plan 2015-2025, the Urban Growth Plan and the 30 year Infrastructure Strategy provides Wellington with a critical opportunity to address climate change and its impacts.

These plans provide a platform to implement the Climate Change Action Plan 2013 to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- build resilience through adaptive management to the effects of climate change
- increase community awareness about the impacts of climate change.

The Long Term Plan recognises that "one of the most important tasks facing the Council is to prepare the city for [climate change] impacts. We will have to make decisions, for example, about whether coastal land needs to be protected by sea walls, or changes are needed to the storm water system or other infrastructure."

Now is the time to make some of these decisions. Currently, the plans do not provide any direction on how the city will respond to climate change and its impacts. This is a wasted opportunity with far-reaching implications.

Background

The Greater Wellington Draft Climate Change Strategy 2015 provides that:

"Climate change is something that will affect everyone in the region. It is often described as the biggest environmental challenge we face.

As a coastal region, hemmed in to the east, south, and west by the sea, we are particularly vulnerable to even a small rise in sea level, and coastal hazards such as erosion and storm surge.

This will be significant and expensive for some landowners across the region. Storms occurring on top of a higher sea level will affect public infrastructure such as transport network and stormwater systems, as well as people's homes and other buildings.

We all saw the impact of the big storm that took out a chunk of the Hutt-Wellington railway line for nearly a week. This was a big wake-up call and, as a region, we need to take these trends seriously.

Sea levels in the Wellington region have been measured for many years. They are now tracking towards a 0.8 metre rise by 2090 and one metre by 2115 compared to 1990 levels.

Extreme winds will likely increase in frequency between two and five percent over this century and average temperatures are forecast to climb 0.9 degrees celsius by 2040 and 2.1 degrees by 2090.

These projections come from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report, released in 2007 and downscaled to the Wellington region by NIWA.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Jan Wright, has noted that while some of the impacts of climate change are now inevitable due to the accumulation of past and current greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere, the speed and magnitude of impacts will be decided by how quickly countries - including New Zealand - reduce emissions."

Gathering Information

The Long Term Plan focuses on gathering information in relation to climate change effects. It provides that "we need to understand what will happen so we can prepare." We already have a good understanding of how climate change will affect our city - now is the time to prepare.

The consultation document for the Long Term Plan outlines some of the impacts of climate change but the only actions set out in the Plan are: the development of "a hydraulic model to assess the impact of increased storm intensity and rising sea levels on the stormwater network, so we can make sensible decisions about land use, building and infrastructure;" and to "review District Plan provisions for areas that might be vulnerable to rising sea levels." (p 41)

There is no information on the objectives of the District Plan review process (such as limits on new building in low-lying areas vulnerable to sea level rise or reinstating dunes along Wellington's south coast).

The only investment identified in the Long Term Plan that relates to climate change is for the hydraulic modelling of the stormwater and sewer (pages 9 and 16 of the consultation document). This modelling is intended to guide future decisions around climate change adaptation.

There is a number of references in the plans to building the city's resilience to climate change effects. But there is no information on how this will be achieved. This is vital information and must be included in these plans.

This focus on gathering better information to guide Wellington's future response appears to come at the cost of planning for the irrefutable impacts of climate change and committing to measures that would see an immediate reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions.

Submission – the ERG supports the collection of data to improve climate change understanding; however, action on climate change (as described in the Climate Change Action Plan 2013 and the Greater Wellington Draft Climate Change Strategy 2015) must occur at the same time.

Sea Level Rise

The 10 year plan provides that projected sea level rise will be between 0.6–1.1m. The plan, however, does not state the period over which the rise will occur over (5 years? 100 years?).

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (in the report *Changing climate and rising seas: Understanding the science* November 2014) states:

"Over the last century, the average sea level around the world has risen by about 20 centimetres. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) expects it to rise another 30 centimetres or so by the middle of the century and up to a metre or more by the end of the century."

"The IPCC is inherently cautious since it relies on hundreds of scientists from many countries reaching consensus. The IPCC's prediction of a 30 centimetre rise in average sea level by the middle of the century is 'locked in' – it is expected to occur regardless of action taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is not until the second half of the century that the effect of any such action will be seen."

Submission - amend the Long Term Plan (and other plans) to more accurately reflect the IPCC's predicted sea level rise.

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

In its latest report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts that sea levels will rise by a further 20 to 40 centimetres by the middle of this century. This increase is 'locked in' – it is forecast under all IPCC

scenarios. New Zealand, like other countries, needs to adapt. After 2050, the forecast rises in sea level become increasingly dependent on the actions taken to reduce future greenhouse gas emissions. Under IPCC's 'Business-as-Usual' scenario, the mean sea level is forecast to be as much as a metre higher in 2100 than it is now. But this is not inevitable. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will make a difference in the future. (Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *Changing climate and rising seas: Understanding the science* November 2014)

The longer major reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are delayed, the more change in the climate becomes inevitable, and the more sea level will rise. According to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, "how high and how fast the water rises will be influenced by the speed at which the world – including New Zealand – reduces greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decades."

The Long Term Plan consultation document provides that "the city is making progress towards mitigating its contribution to carbon" (p41); however, there is no analysis of the climate change impact of the proposed new developments, in particular the proposed airport extension.

Some events hosted by Wellington have a significant carbon footprint such as the recent world waterskiing championship. A climate change analysis should be part of the process for deciding to host these events.

These plans are an opportunity for the Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Submission - implement the Climate Change Action Plan 2013 through these plans in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and include a carbon analysis for all new major investments and significant events.

Funding

The Long Term Plan provides some funding for the smart energy challenge and climate change mitigation. This is supported. Unfortunately, the Plan fails to fund any adaption to climate change effects. A budget for adaption initiatives was included in the previous Long Term Plan - this funding should be reinstated to enable the Council to build a more resilient city.

It is essential that the Council fund mitigation and adaption. You cannot do one and not the other. Even if we stopped emitting greenhouse gases today, the climate will keep warming, the sea will keep rising and the weather patterns will change. The Council must plan for these effects.

Submission - amend the Long Term Plan to provide funding for adaption to climate change effects in order to build the city's resilience.

Conclusion

Climate change has far-reaching effects - it is not just an environmental issue but it has social and economic impacts too. It should be a primary consideration for Wellington City Council in the development of plans and policies. We cannot consider economic development and the growth of our city without putting climate change at the centre.

The focus in the Long Term Plan on gathering information to enable better planning for climate change in the future has been used as a reason for deferring taking any action on climate change now. We already know that sea level rise and increased storm events will significantly affect Wellington. We cannot wait for perfect information (which may never come), before we act. The Council has a responsibility to take a lead for the city now.

These Plans are an opportunity for Wellington City Council to:

1. Demonstrate a commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across all Wellington City Council's areas of influence, including its own operations, helping to create the conditions for a smart, innovative, low-carbon economy.
2. Manage risks from climate change-related impacts and increase resilience through consistent adaptation planning.
3. Improve understanding of the causes of climate change and community awareness of its impacts and implications.

These plans should explicitly promote the commitments in the Climate Change Action Plan 2013 and the recommendations in the Greater Wellington Draft Climate Change Strategy 2015.

Appendix 3. Water

This appendix has been prepared by a sub-group of the Environmental Reference Group (ERG). It excludes aspects of the ERG's advice that are covered the group's overarching comments on the Long-term Plan 2015-25 (LTP).

The following comments relate to the water aspects of the Draft Long Term Plan and, in particular, the Draft Infrastructure Strategy.

Overall it is considered that the LTP fails to respond to the deteriorating quality and ongoing environmental impacts of the city's stormwater discharges and makes insufficient provisions for works to mitigate the ongoing ecological, cultural and social impacts. Whilst there is a stated commitment towards developing a real time monitoring program the details of this are uncertain and the remainder of the plan and strategy do not adequately integrate the environmental management of our water resources into the proposed capital works over the coming years. The repeated references to the current good condition of our stormwater discharges is considered to be incorrect and not reflective of the current lack of water quality treatment within the network and corresponding poor water quality outcomes. Assessment of our water quality only in relation to the existing resource consent conditions is not sufficient as these current conditions do not include parameters which provide a true indication of potential eco toxicity. Similarly there is little consideration of the principals of water sensitive urban design and integrated water management within the documents in relation to management and/or planning of the three waters infrastructure and as an underlying framework for future development projects by both private and public entities.

It is also important to consider the implications of the current GWRC Whaitua process and the Wellington ICMP which are expected to lead to enhanced water quality requirements initially in the catchment of Te Awarua O Porirua and subsequently Wellington Harbour. These changes should be reflected within the current LTP, in particular for growth areas such as Tawa, Johnsonville, Churton Park and Lincolnshire Farm. These requirements will ultimately require a reprioritisation of capital and operational budgets for water services (especially drainage) which must be adequately forecast and planned for.

The following points refer to specific statements made in the Draft Infrastructure Strategy and the LTP respectively.

Infrastructure Strategy

- The stormwater summary states that *"Our stormwater service provides protection from flooding and weather events, while* ***minimising the adverse effects of stormwater discharges*** *on the harbours, streams and other water bodies of the City".* This statement is unsupported and is inconsistent with the lack of investment in assets to treat water quality/quantity of stormwater. Almost all of the cities stormwater is currently discharged directly to the environment without removal of heavy metals, hydrocarbons, nutrients, sediments and other pollutants.
- The statement that *"in general water quality standards are currently being met"* is unfounded. With a lack of real time water quality monitoring on the cities streams and harbour outlets there is insufficient data to assert that standards are being met. Without any effective water quality treatment, stormwater discharges will almost certainly exceed ANZEC trigger levels for a range of contaminants during rainfall events. The statement that standards are being met gives the community an incorrect understanding of the Councils environmental performance.
- The risk table (Page 18/19) mentions the need to address water quality but offers only *"engagement in the Whaitua process"* as a solution. Engagement in this process is a requirement for Council and is

not an option. Investment and capital works will be required to manage water quality in the coming years, in particular as the Porirua and Wellington Whaitua will most likely result in more stringent statutory requirements.

- Discussion on the future levels of service (page 19) states *"To maintain the level of service we are currently providing for water quality – namely compliance with resource consents and maintaining appropriate standards of water quality and waterway health across Wellington City's coastal and river environments".* The current level of service is considered very low in terms of stormwater quality with significant change needed to align with national and/or international best practice. The current resource consents for the Councils outfalls currently only relate to the discharge to coastal marine areas and do not adequately reflect the range of pollutants and the impact of these on receiving environments. Monthly water samples at outlets, weekly water samples at swimming beaches are focussed only on faecal coliforms with the harbour sediment sampling including a broader range of toxicants. Whilst the conditions must clearly be met there is a need to manage the network to adequately reduce the impact of stormwater.
- Discussion on water supply does not adequately address the risks associated with climate change and the expected increased periods of drought. Solutions to implement integrated water management solutions which include the collection of stormwater/rainwater for non-potable uses should be included in the strategy as a means of providing resilience, delaying the timing of augmentation of supply storages and improving environmental outcomes.

Long Term Plan

- Further information is required on the proposed real-time stormwater modelling system. It is unclear whether this will accurately incorporate simulation of water quality pollutants (including heavy metals, nutrients and sediments) to support future infrastructure design and performance monitoring.
- The LTP mentions the intent to manage key infrastructure for better environmental outcomes but does not adequately reflect this in terms of specific projects.
- #3 Inner City Regeneration. No mention of the importance of managing the environmental impacts of urban developments and the potential to embed concepts of liveability, human health/wellbeing and water sensitive urban design into future flagship projects. In particular major regeneration areas should incorporate best practice integrated water management to reduce environmental impacts. This should be stated in the LTP.
- #5 Reigniting our sense of place. No mention of the potential to embed integrated water management and biodiversity into the urban core of the city. Projects such as laneway upgrades and Frank Kitts Park provide an excellent opportunity to incorporate the principals of WSUD to deliver a range of environmental, cultural and social benefits.
- #6 Strengthening town centres. States the aspiration to deliver liveability but makes no mention of water management and/or the principals of WSUD.
- #9 Improved management of key infrastructure. The assertion that *"the environmental impacts of stormwater runoff are monitored, and generally comply with resource consents and environmental standards"* does not reflect the true state of the city's stormwater discharges. Currently very little event based monitoring is available in the local context with only a small number grab samples (not necessarily related to rainfall) and sediment sampling within the harbour. Until a more consistent and co-ordinated program of water sampling, ecological investigations and catchment based

pollutant modelling it is not possible to pass judgement on the current state of the discharges relative to 'environmental standards'. Further information is required on the proposed real time stormwater monitoring to determine whether this will provide confidence in future stormwater modelling and management. It is also noted that the current resource consent conditions do not require stringent testing of water quality and are more related to faecal contamination rather than other urban pollutants which pose a risk to receiving environments.

- The proposed airport runway extension is likely to cause multiple adverse environmental impacts. Has the impact on coastal erosion/deposition been evaluated? Has the impact on dispersal of plumes from Moa Point been done to confirm that it will not worsen the water quality situation at Lyall Bay? What would be the impact on the unique habitat of the giant kelp forest off Moa Point? What would be the impact on the seawater intake for the proposed Marine Centre?

Appendix 4. Transport

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Airport

Business case

The ERG notes that some experts believe that the business plan of the airport extension stacks up while others do not. The Council should investigate the issues raised by those who believe that there are problems with the business case used by the Council to date.

Transport choices

The Long-term Plan is very focused on long distance air travel. It also needs to consider and provide for improving other long distance travel choices such as improving pedestrian access to the ferries and improving long-distance trains and buses connections.

Connections

Any redevelopment of the airport needs to improve to encourage the use of buses, walking and cycling. These modes need to be prioritised to achieve the agglomeration benefits of a hub.

The airport should be designed to have walking connections to green spaces such as the coast.

Environmental effects of extension

The airport extension will have significant negative environmental effects including the impacts associated with construction and with the operation of long-haul air services.

Recommendations

The Council will need to take more control of how airport is designed to ensure it improves the use of buses, walking and cycling.

Inner city and sense of place sections

The Long-term Plan needs more on making all streets attractive public open spaces.

Design to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport, not car movements

In addition to turning lanes into areas with cafes and the like, the Council should be actively reducing the dominance of the car in all streets and making walking movements easier through crossings and adding amenity and seating.

Bond Street is a great example of this whereas Victoria Street is likely to deliver less benefit for the cost as it focuses on car movement and does not make a step change in service for bus movements. It will be hard to change the Victoria Street area as people's use of the space changes.

Overall, there needs to be more emphasis on making bus routes work better. For example, Lambton Quay should be redesign for buses and people and cars should not be able to use it. Bus stops need to be made much better places in their own right with improve connections to them for pedestrians.

Green spaces

The Long-term Plan should put more focus on using all the small, unused bits of transport corridor as green space in city centre (For example, terrace gardens, and gardens at the ends of dead-end streets) as the population density improves. This is important for the well-being for residents and for biodiversity.

Civic Square

If the Council leases areas in the Civic Square complex, it must retain control to ensure that anys changes contribute to pedestrian networks and quality of the whole public space (e.g. perceptions of safety).

Creating liveable communities.

In terms of redevelopments in Johnsonville, major improvements in the walking network and public open space are need. New housing should be focused near the railway station.

Other town centres also need pedestrian and public transport improvements.

New venues

New venues must be located so public transport is easy. Car parking should not be prioritised and walking should be made attractive. New venues need to connect to the surrounding area (E.g. the indoor sports centre has no direct link to Cobham Drive and the harbour for pedestrians.)

Basin and NZTA plans

Most of NZTA's proposals are actually contrary to objectives of Long-term Plan as they will increase traffic and congestion, and reduce pedestrian and cycling service levels. The Long-term Plan should not endorse current NZTA proposals.

Transport

The transport section of the Long-term Plan does not mention walking at all even though current service levels often very low and submitters to previous Long-term Plans have called for improvements.

Footpaths should not be sacrificed for cycle ways. If the road corridor is not big enough, then provision for cars should be reduced or properly designed, shared space roads made.

Appendix 5. Waste

This appendix has been prepared by a sub-group of the Environmental Reference Group (ERG). It excludes aspects of the ERG's advice that are covered the group's overarching comments on the Long-term Plan 2015-25 (LTP).

Managing waste is an important service provided by Wellington City Council (Council). The effective and efficient processing and disposal of waste supports economic activity, protects public health and shields the natural environment from the long-term harmful effects of disposal to land and water.

Annually around 85,000 tonnes of waste is disposed of at the Council's Southern landfill but this figure does not represent fully the landfill waste generated by Wellington City as there is a net transfer of waste by commercial operators out of the city. Using regional figures for per capita landfilled waste[1], a higher volume of around 124,000 tonnes (excluding construction and demolition waste) can be estimated.

It is clear that the transition away from the landfill disposal of all waste, to a process that maximizes resource utilization, reprocesses, recycles and only landfills as a last resort is now considered best practice. The 12,000 tonnes of recyclable materials diverted annually from landfill by the Council's curbside collection is an example of a significant initiative in this transition.

However a Ministry for the Environment national study[2] suggests approximately 75% of waste currently going to landfill could still be diverted. This fraction represents significant opportunity for further reduction in the city's waste disposal to landfills. Waste education and minimisation programmes have an important role in changing waste-ful attitudes and finding ways to use all our resources more productively.

The ERG has outlined four initiatives that it believes need to be included in the Council's Long Term Plan to ensure that substantive progress is made in the area of waste minimization. Failure to make progress in minimizing our waste will inevitably undermine the Wellington City's claim to eco city status.

- **Divert sewage sludge from landfill**

  Continued disposal of dewatered sewage sludge to landfill, needs to be considered a stopgap practice at best. The resource consent[3] for this activity emphasizes this status by requiring alternative means of processing and disposal of the sludge to be investigated. Little progress is apparent in this regard since the consent was issued in 2009.

  The consent[3] requires a mixing ratio of four parts of general refuse to one part of sewage sludge. This balance is currently achieved with existing waste volumes but any increase in sludge volume or decrease in general waste would lead to a technical non-compliance to consent conditions. This situation is often cited as the most significant reason for the delay in the introduction of further waste reduction initiatives in Wellington City.

  We also understand that charges for disposal of sludge to landfill do not reflect the true cost of disposal. This subsidy distorts the financial incentives for developing an alternative and environmentally sustainable process.

  We suggest that priority attention be paid to this keystone issue and that a plan and commitment to a new disposal process is made within the 10 years of this LTP.

- **Increase support for waste reduction initiatives**

Using progressive waste diversion targets as key performance indicators. For example: A reduction in commercial waste based on a 2014/15 baseline, with 5% less in 2015/16, 15% less in 2016/17, 30% less in 2017/18, 50% less in 2018/19, and 75% less in 2019/20.

Making the city's commitment to recycling visible in public spaces by providing recycling stations alongside waste bins in the CBD.

The Council leading by example within its own business units, CCOs and sponsored events is crucial if the wider community is going to take these initiatives seriously. An example of this in practice would be to require all Council-sponsored events to have recycling stations set up at all waste collection points.

The Council should also actively promotion of the "Ecomailbox" initiative[4] to Wellingtonians. It is estimated that a further 12,000 Wellington households would place these no-junk-mail sticker on their letter boxes if it was well promoted and the stickers were distributed. This uptake alone, would avoid 3600 tonnes of admail waste at source over the next ten years. A mailbox sticker insert with WCC rates notices, articles in community newspapers, "My Wellington" in the Dominion Post and other targeted measures would enable this initiative to gain momentum in the community.

Regional co-operation on waste reprocessing where benefits from economies of scale can be obtained. Polystyrene is an example of a material that could be collect at landfill level and processed at a regional level.

- **Create additional waste minimization funding**

  Waste minimisation initiatives in Wellington City are primarily funded from landfill charges rather than general rates. While the principle of "Polluter Pays" seems most appropriate, the dependence of waste minimisation and recycling programmes on funds derived from landfilling volumes is problematic. As waste minimisation becomes more effective in reducing the rate of landfilling, the funding base for these programmes is effectively eroded. If we are to take a serious and long term view towards avoiding waste at source and significantly reducing waste volumes to landfill then funding arrangements need to ensure that successful projects continue to be well supported.

- **Mandatory Licensing of commercial collectors and transporters of waste**

  Implement a licensing system for waste collectors and operators of waste facilities to optimise the recovery of resources, reduce the amount of waste that is disposed of and require waste data to monitor progress on the achievement of waste minimisation targets.

  Auckland City, for example, has adopted a Solid Waste Bylaw[5] which includes such detailed operational controls to give effect to their Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

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