

The Tawa Community Board (TCB) Submission to the Wellington City Council (WCC) on the Climate Change Action Plan 2020/11.

The TCB generally supports the WCC Community Climate Change Annual Plan, although it has a few concerns in relation to Tawa.

The WCC Climate Change Action Plan sets out a number of initiatives aimed at energy and transport options, including supporting more energy efficient transport options, specifically priority bus measures and cycling and walking plans. It is therefore very disappointing and strange that council has deferred the creation of any new tracks except those built by volunteers. Tawa has a number of volunteer organisations (including Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves et al), who together with WCC, have developed a number of tracks within Tawa that are widely used and enhance walking, health and educational pursuits in Tawa. If the Tawa Stream Walkway is to be implemented, it would have to be with the full support of WCC and other similar organisations.

We support the funding for assessing Wellingtons vulnerability to climate change.

We support the initiative for an electrical vehicle pilot, the Tawa community Board has recommended in the past its support for electric public transport within the city boundaries.

We support the continuation of the energy management programme through to 2012.

It is with concern that with Wellington's projected population growth, the target of reducing emissions by 80% by 2050 appears overly ambitious without considerable more funding and planning than is outlined. With 20% of Wellingtons greenhouse gas emissions coming from commercial and industrial buildings the support towards emissions of \$25,000 would bring into question the seriousness the council has on reducing emissions with such a small sum set aside.

The e-home energy saver programme, similarly, has only budgeted \$50,000 this year and would appear insufficient.

We support the council in its investigation in the use of "green roofs" and street planting. We would suggest that some funds be budgeted or set aside for the promotion of re-use of "GREY-WATER" which could substantially reduce storm water runoff, flooding and water usage. It would reduce pressure on storage, transport to site and treatment if a significant number of houses were re-using this source to water their gardens, lawns etc. A study should be instigated with the purpose of providing households with a storage

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vessel (drum with tap) and instructions to connect to a down pipe, thus collecting rain water from roof tops and possible connection to other drain areas eg showers for the purpose of lawn and garden watering.

With regard to Forestry and the associated ETS and PFSI, we suggest that increased benefits could be created by professionally managing the current and potential new forests in Wellington, especially if in co-operation with the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).

Tawa Community Board
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NB – Councillors Best and Wain were not involved in the drafting and approval of this submission