

Wellington Regional Strategy

We have been working with all of the councils in the Wellington region on the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS). This is a sustainable economic and growth management strategy for the region with a 50-year timeframe.

The Wellington Regional Strategy is governed on behalf of the councils by the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum. The Wellington Regional Strategy Forum recognises that our best chances of success as a region come from working together with a common vision, direction and commitment to act.

The Wellington Regional Strategy is due to be adopted by all of the region's councils in September 2006 and implemented via initiatives of the private sector, central government agencies, and amendments to long-term plans and other city and district council plans and policy statements. For more information on this project see www.wrs.govt.nz or telephone 04 801 4247.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY OUTCOMES PROCESS

The community outcomes for the Wellington Regional Strategy were identified through a specific community engagement process during 2005. They may be subject to change following further public consultation feedback in late 2006.

For the purposes of this long-term plan, we have sought to ensure alignment between our community outcomes and those from the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Progress towards the community outcomes for the Wellington region will be monitored on a collaborative basis by the councils of the Wellington region.

NEXT STEPS

A range of investments and initiatives in this long-term plan already support Wellington Regional Strategy concepts. Further opportunities exist to strengthen and reinforce these. We will continue to review alignment of our local community aspirations with those matters identified through the Wellington Regional Strategy to identify such opportunities. The result will be better quality of life and prosperity for our city and the wider region.

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WELLINGTON REGIONAL STRATEGY OUTCOMES

Prosperous community

All members of our community prosper from a strong and growing economy. A thriving business sector attracts and retains a skilled and productive workforce.

Connected community

Our connections and access are efficient, quick and easy – locally, nationally and internationally. Our communication networks, air and sea ports, roads and public transport systems are world class and enable us to link well with others, both within and outside the region.

Entrepreneurial and innovative region

Innovation, creativity and new endeavours are welcomed and encouraged. Ideas are exchanged across all sectors, resulting in a creative business culture. We have excellent education and research institutions, and benefit from being the seat of government.

Healthy environment

We have clean water, fresh air and healthy soils. Well functioning and diverse ecosystems make up an environment that can support our needs. Resources are used efficiently. There is minimal waste and pollution.

Quality lifestyle

Living in the Wellington region is enjoyable, and people feel safe. A variety of healthy and affordable lifestyles can be pursued. Our art, sport, recreation and entertainment scenes are enjoyed by all community members – and attract visitors.

Sense of place

We have a deep sense of pride in the Wellington region and there is strong community spirit. We value its unique characteristics – its rural, urban and harbour landscapes, its climate, its central location, and its capital city.

Regional Foundations

High quality and secure infrastructure and services meet our everyday needs. These are developed and maintained to support the sustainable growth of the region, now and in the future.

Healthy and educated community

Our physical and mental health is protected. Living and working environments are safe, and everyone has access to health care. Every opportunity is taken to recognise and encourage good health. Life long learning and education opportunities are world class, contributing to an internationally competitive workforce and reinforcing the region as a desirable place to live.

Strong and tolerant community

People are important. All members of our community are empowered to participate in decision-making and to contribute to society. We celebrate diversity and welcome newcomers, while recognising the special role of tangata whenua.

