

Purpose

- Analysis and recommendations to expand the MARCO core set (to include indicators commonly used by the TAs)

Process

- List, compare and prioritise indicators from:
 - MARCO full set and core set of indicators
 - TLA indicators (including EW)
 - DHB indicators
 - Anew NZ indicators
- Correspondence with TLA staff to confirm their data sets

Methodology

- All indicators themed into regional CO framework (with similar indicators grouped together where possible)
- Consideration of how many TLAs would benefit from increased accessibility (ie, common indicators)
- Consideration of other issues such as overall cost savings/avoidance of duplication (eg, township-level NZDep maps)
- Recommendations based on all of the above

Recommendations

1. Remove some indicators from the MARCO core set due to lack of relevance to TLAs:
 - Design of new developments (EW Attitudes Survey)
 - Employment in the tourism industry (Stats NZ)
 - International visitors (Ministry of Tourism Survey)
- Erratum - The report also suggests several others – however these are not part of the *core* set:
 - District Plan monitoring and State of the Environment reporting
 - Intra-regional bus passenger numbers/public transport generally
 - Effectiveness of wastewater treatment systems

Recommendations

2. Add indicators from the collaborative Waikato Region Community Outcomes Survey 2007

■ Examples:

- Prevalence/frequency of physical activity
- Satisfaction with recreational and sporting facilities
- Satisfaction with availability of schools
- Satisfaction with availability of community or tertiary education
- Experience of barriers to accessing health care

Recommendations

3. Consider adding other common indicators, particularly those for which data are readily available

■ Examples:

- Reported criminal offences and resolution rates
- Prevalence of cigarette smoking
- Telecommunications connection/infrastructure
- Landcare/streamcare groups
- Notifications to CYFS
- Environmental satisfaction/perceived quality of environment
- Approximately 30 others

Recommendations

4. Initiate high-level discussions regarding an official time series for monitoring 'percent of young people not in school, work or training'
5. Initiate high-level discussions regarding a national or regional approach to gambling impact assessments (3-yearly TLA obligation)
6. Initiate discussions with EW regarding provision of district and township-level NZDep maps

Recommendations

7. Consider options for providing mentoring and support for smaller councils to develop their community outcomes monitoring and reporting programmes (eg, Otorohanga, Waitomo, Franklin)

Next Steps for MARCO

Review of the current 75 MARCO indicators
- aiming for completion date February
2009

Questions/Comments?

Promotional Plug



- APR Consultants offers its service throughout the Waikato Region (and further afield)
- Desktop reviews of indicator sets
- Stakeholder consultation (including indicators review)
- Integrated, navigable community outcomes spreadsheets
- 'Circles of well-being' and other analyses to identify emerging priority issues
- www.apr.co.nz/aprconsultants (click on 'strategic and environmental planning')

