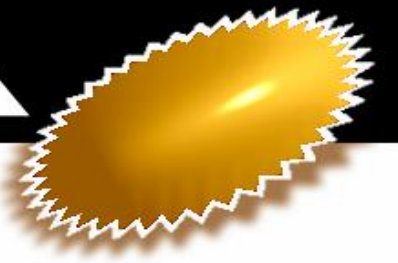


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Executive Summary

The draft regional community outcomes were distributed for feedback to local authorities, government and community organisations using a feedback form. Thirty-four responses were received.

The outcomes were positively received by the majority of the respondents. Assessing the future needs of the region and planning for it were seen as very important steps. Encouraging decision-making through well informed debate was seen to ensure more balanced processes and outcomes. Celebrating diversity and working together to encourage partnerships in planning and development were key suggestions. Supporting education and reducing disparities between Maori and non-Maori were also important aims for the region.

Taking care of the natural environment, managing the expansion of housing development while balancing the needs of agriculture, natural landscapes and economic growth, are some of the challenges raised for our region. Appropriate infrastructure, services and transport were clearly required for the further growth of the region's economy. Acknowledging the local Maori economy and supporting rural businesses were proposed, while promoting and celebrating our diverse cultural heritage was seen to enhance our identity.

Background

Over the past few months councils have been asking the communities of the Waikato region what they want for their future. Local councils have joined forces and talked to residents and communities throughout the region. A series of nine regional visioning workshops were held in communities throughout the Waikato region, Iwi in the region have contributed; local councils have consulted with their communities and worked closely with key organisations, including central and local government and community organisations. All of these people and organisations were asked what they wanted the region to be like in the future. This information was drawn together by a representative group of people from the Waikato region – the Community Outcomes Working Group.

A set of community outcomes or goals has been identified to work towards for local authorities, government agencies and community organisations. These outcomes were grouped under five themes:

- ◆ Sustainable Environment
- ◆ Quality of Life
- ◆ Sustainable Economy
- ◆ Identity
- ◆ Participation and Equity

The draft community outcomes, statements of how the community want the Waikato region to be, were presented for consideration and feedback to be posted before 6 September 2005.

Methodology

The key objective of the present project was to analyse and report the responses on the Regional Community Outcomes. Feedback was received in hand-written form by the Choosing Futures Coordinator on one-page feedback forms. Respondents were asked to make comments about the five themes of Regional Community Outcomes and provide the most important outcome from each of the five sets.

CBA Consulting Group Ltd received 34 individual responses, including five written as letters. The findings of this report need to be considered with caution as it is supported by due to the low number of responses. For consistency, the data entry and analysis of the contents of the submission letters were analysed in a similar way to the feedback forms.

The information was collated and entered electronically, both into an excel database and in word formats. The comments for each of the five themes were analysed individually and the most important outcomes in the five sets identified.

Results

This section summarises the feedback received on these specific outcomes. For ease of reference, the draft outcomes proposed by the Community Outcomes Working Group are listed at the top. This is followed by the feedback received.

Sustainable Environment

The outcomes proposed were:

The Waikato region values and protects its diverse, interconnected natural environments.

1. The natural features of our environment define and sustain us. We respect and celebrate them as Taonga.
2. Our natural environment is protected and respected. Its ecological balance is restored, its air, soil and water quality is improved, and its native biodiversity is enhanced.
3. We are aware of what we need to do to look after our environment. The Waikato region is renowned for linking environmental awareness with action.
4. The traditional role of Iwi and Hapu as Kaitiaki is acknowledged, respected and enabled.
5. Our coastal and waterway environments are restored and preserved and access to them is maintained.
6. The Waikato region's waterways have consistently high water quality.
7. We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land.
8. The Waikato region seeks to use energy from renewable sources in all areas.
9. Waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation and energy efficiency are promoted and are part of how we all live.

Summary of the Feedback

The key ideas reflecting respondents' comments were

- ◆ Thinking about our future needs
- ◆ Getting communities involved
- ◆ Looking after our environment
- ◆ Issues about land use for housing and its negative impacts.

The most important outcome was:

'Our natural environment is protected and respected. Its ecological balance is restored, its air, soil and water quality is improved, and its native biodiversity is enhanced.'

Comments:

There were 27 individual comments from the 34 respondents about the theme of Sustainable Environment, covering a broad range of issues. Six of the respondents commented positively on the quality of the outcomes and a few asked for wording or terminology clarifications or changes such as translating Maori words or including humankind in the natural environment.

The importance of thinking about our future needs, looking after the environment and getting communities involved in managing these issues well were mentioned. The presented outcomes were seen to be interlinked, and the potential timeframe to achieve these outcomes was said to be "a bit utopian".

"The natural environment is a strength, without it we lose quality of life." (Survey 3)

Recycling and sustainable housing were raised as needing more attention, however issues regarding land use were the most frequently mentioned. The effects of the expanding population, negative impacts of subdivisions on the natural landscape, urban sprawl, and the negative effects of urban planning on the environment were mentioned. Integration of land use and transport was also requested.

"I deplore the fact that so much prime agricultural land is now being sold off as "lifestyle" blocks. What a waste!" (Survey 24)

Prime agricultural land being sold as lifestyle blocks was seen as a waste and public and private access issues were requested to be negotiated further. Some respondents wrote about encouraging practices that protect and sustain land but others commented that dairy farm practices do not fit the presented outcomes. To change pine tree plantations to native trees with selective sustainable harvesting was a specific comment regarding land use.

Most Important Outcomes:

The frequencies of the outcomes can be seen in the Table below.

Outcome	Frequency
Our natural environment is protected and respected. Its ecological balance is restored, its air, soil and water quality is improved, and its native biodiversity is enhanced.	12
We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land.	6
The natural features of our environment define and sustain us. We respect and celebrate them as Taonga.	5
Waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation and energy efficiency are promoted and are part of how we all live.	4
We are aware of what we need to do to look after our environment. The Waikato region is renowned for linking environmental awareness with action.	2
Our coastal and waterway environments are restored and preserved and access to them is maintained.	2
The Waikato region's waterways have consistently high water quality.	2
The Waikato region seeks to use energy from renewable sources in all areas.	2
The traditional role of Iwi and Hapu as Kaitiaki is acknowledged, respected and enabled.	1

Quality of Life

The outcomes proposed were:

The Waikato region is a great place to live, providing the services and opportunities we need to live well.

1. We are healthy with active lifestyles and enjoy a total sense of well-being. Everyone has easy access to affordable quality health services throughout the Waikato region.
2. Education provides opportunities so we can reach our full potential as individuals and contribute to the wellbeing of the whole region.
3. Maori enjoy the same quality of health, education, housing, employment and economic outcomes as non-Maori.
4. We have a choice of healthy and affordable housing that we are happy to live in and that is close to places for work, study and recreation.
5. Maori have the ability to live on ancestral land in quality, affordable housing.
6. Our communities and government work together so that people are safe, feel safe and crime is reduced.
7. People can work and participate in the communities where they live and there are quality work opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels.
8. We can participate in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs and we have opportunities to enjoy the Waikato region's natural places and open spaces in responsible ways.
9. Families are strong and our communities are supportive of them.
10. Older people are valued and children are valued and protected. Young people have work, education and leisure opportunities and are included in making decisions that will affect their future.

Summary of the Feedback

The key ideas reflecting respondents' comments were

- ◆ Our region is a great place to live in
- ◆ Encouraging communities to work together
- ◆ Expanding services and amenities
- ◆ Importance of education
- ◆ Including and valuing ethnic groups, older people and children
- ◆ Maori living and health issues

The most important outcomes were (selected by equal numbers of participants):

'We are healthy with active lifestyles and enjoy a total sense of well-being. Everyone has easy access to affordable quality health services throughout the Waikato region.'

and

'We can participate in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs and we have opportunities to enjoy the Waikato region's natural places and open spaces in responsible ways.'

Comments:

There were 21 individual comments from the 34 respondents about the theme of Quality of Life.

A number of individuals said that the Region is a good place to live in with plenty of opportunities and available services but mentioned that life is more complex than the presented outcomes.

Encouraging communities to work together for new and existing facilities was asked for, to expand the diversity of services and amenities in all towns i.e. heated pools. Treasuring our landscapes, possibly using the United Kingdom planning as a model, was mentioned to avoid ruining views by lifestyle blocks. Decentralisation and support for industry in small communities to improve rural areas' sustainability were also raised.

The importance of education in the widest sense (attitudes, respect), in all forms was mentioned. Valuing older people and children, and including ethnic minority groups in the outcomes were requested. Some questioned the reasons for Maori being singled out as being more important.

“Education in its widest sense is important. Personal attitudes, respect, caring to be included” (Survey 8)

For others, it was important to enable Maori to live on ancestral land in quality and affordable housing, however, achieving the same quality of health of Maori and non-Maori was seen to be a long term plan. Further, it was stated that the outcome relating to expectations for the provision of quality health services needed to be more realistic.

“I strongly agree with Maori being able to live on ancestral land in quality, affordable housing and older people and children being highly valued” (Survey 12)

Energy efficient housing and road crash reduction were asked to be incorporated as integral elements to safety and wellbeing. Some also mentioned the protection of private rights.

Most Important Outcomes:

The frequencies of the outcomes can be seen in the Table below.

Comment	Frequency
We are healthy with active lifestyles and enjoy a total sense of well-being. Everyone has easy access to affordable quality health services throughout the Waikato region.	5
We can participate in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs and we have opportunities to enjoy the Waikato region's natural places and open spaces in responsible ways.	5
Education provides opportunities so we can reach our full potential as individuals and contribute to the wellbeing of the whole region.	4
People can work and participate in the communities where they live and there are quality work opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels.	4
Maori enjoy the same quality of health, education, housing, employment and economic outcomes as non-Maori.	2
We have a choice of healthy and affordable housing that we are happy to live in and that is close to places for work, study and recreation.	2
Our communities and government work together so that people are safe, feel safe and crime is reduced.	2
Older people are valued and children are valued and protected. Young people have work, education and leisure opportunities and are included in making decisions that will affect their future.	2
Other	2
Families are strong and our communities are supportive of them.	1
Maori have the ability to live on ancestral land in quality, affordable housing.	0

Sustainable Economy

The outcomes proposed were:

The Waikato region balances a thriving economy with looking after its places and people.

1. The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.
2. Our regional and local economies are robust and diverse, providing opportunities throughout the Waikato region.
3. We have reliable, efficient and well-planned infrastructure and services, including transport that is interconnected, and easy to get to and use.
4. We take a common-sense approach to planning and providing services, which works effectively across boundaries and sectors and responds to our communities' needs.
5. The growth, wealth and uniqueness of the Maori economy is acknowledged and supported.
6. The Waikato region has a tourism industry that recognises its cultural and environmental heritage and values, and supports economic growth.
7. The Waikato region has a reputation for entrepreneurship, innovation, research and education, attracting investment and people to work, study and visit.

Summary of Feedback

The key ideas reflecting respondents' comments were

- ◆ Expanding economic base, including Maori economy
- ◆ Entrepreneurship and innovation
- ◆ Addressing issues in rural areas more
- ◆ Balancing natural environment, housing developments and agriculture
- ◆ Considering people in sustainable planning and development
- ◆ Reliable, efficient and well planned infrastructure, services and a multi-modal transport system

The most important outcome was:

'The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.'

Comments:

There were 25 individual comments from the 34 respondents about the theme of Sustainable Economy. Some acknowledged the quality of the outcomes; others wanted more emphasis on expanding the economic base to benefit everyone. Entrepreneurship and innovation were identified for leadership and to enable us to live in an exciting and challenging area. Lack of outcomes for rural areas was commented on, i.e. jobs continue to disappear and, therefore, assistance for small town businesses was raised. The importance of the Maori economy was also singled out for the region.

"Special assistance should be given to small town businesses struggling in a difficult economy"
(Survey 27)

A number of respondents asked for more encouragement of economic activity which is in harmony with the natural environment, to protect and preserve the natural world. This should also include peoples, by using local resources and creating minimum waste. Some said that we cannot have a sustainable modern economy with sustainable environment.

“We should encourage economic activity which is in harmony with the natural environment”
(Survey 9)

A few disagreed with or wanted more detail added to the statement of having reliable, efficient and well planned infrastructure and services. Others mentioned the need for safe, responsive integrated and sustainable infrastructure and a multi-modal transport system.

Identifying our ‘outstanding natural landscapes’ and protecting them so they are not lost to subdivisions were requested, and being careful with common sense approaches i.e. developers’ common sense is to fit more houses in a subdivision but leaving no space for a bus to turn around. The importance of agriculture / horticulture, and limiting housing on farmland were also mentioned.

Considering all aspects, including people, in planning and development and ensuring that all citizens have some ideas about the region’s future were commented on, including the use of ideas from other countries. Some aspired to include sustainable planning development i.e. within the resources available and to have an informed long term approach to reduce our dependence on unsustainable commodities such as oil and fertilisers.

Most Important Outcomes:

The frequencies of the outcomes can be seen in the Table below.

Outcome	Frequency
The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.	9
We have reliable, efficient and well-planned infrastructure and services, including transport that is interconnected, and easy to get to and use.	6
We take a common-sense approach to planning and providing services, which works effectively across boundaries and sectors and responds to our communities' needs.	5
Our regional and local economies are robust and diverse, providing opportunities throughout the Waikato region.	4
The Waikato region has a reputation for entrepreneurship, innovation, research and education, attracting investment and people to work, study and visit.	3
The Waikato region has a tourism industry that recognises its cultural and environmental heritage and values, and supports economic growth.	3
The growth, wealth and uniqueness of the Maori economy is acknowledged and supported.	2
Other	1

Identity

The outcomes proposed were:

The Waikato region knows where it has come from and celebrates where it is going.

1. We are proud of the Waikato region's distinctive identity, its strong Maoritanga, and its rich and diverse cultural heritage.
2. Heritage sites and landscapes of significance to Whanau, Hapu and Iwi are preserved and valued.
3. Our historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. New developments are designed to be sensitive to our people, places and environment.
4. All our communities have cultural and recreation events and facilities. We identify with and take part in our communities, building good community spirit.
5. Creativity can be a part of everyone's life. We all have opportunities for creative expression and our creative industries are supported and promoted.

Summary of Feedback

The key ideas reflecting respondents' comments were

- ◆ More focus on the future
- ◆ Caring and preserving the past
- ◆ Education
- ◆ More inclusive and coordinated approach regarding cultural heritage
- ◆ Recognising the interconnectedness of the natural environment and people

The most important outcome was:

'Our historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. New developments are designed to be sensitive to our people, places and environment.'

Comments:

There were 24 individual comments from the 34 respondents about the theme of Identity. Several respondents acknowledged the quality of the outcomes for this theme, however some either did not agree with them or believed that they had no meaning.

One person summed the importance of identity up by saying that recognising and celebrating identity leads to all the other outcomes. On the other hand, others warned that more focus on the future is necessary, as well as caring and preserving the values of the past. Education about local history to build a strong identity was mentioned, along with further support for educational facilities including Te Wananga O Aotearoa. The importance of art, especially for Maori, was also raised.

"Recognising and celebrating identity leads onto all the other outcomes. We need to know who we are." (Survey 3)

Cultural heritage was said to be recognised as both Maori and Pakeha and the protection of areas of cultural heritage to be in partnership with iwi. By including other ethnic and gender groups, not just Maori, in our outcomes and celebrating diversity, a regional Marae could be established to be used by all peoples. Coordination and support for the promotion of Waikato's heritage was also requested.

"Protection of the areas cultural heritage must be done in partnership with iwi. Cultural heritage should be recognised as being both Maori and Pakeha" (Survey 14)

Participants urged the recognition of the interconnectedness of land, air, river, waterways, mountains, flora, fauna and peoples, with a number emphasising the importance of the river. One person mentioned the growing number and negative visual aspects of rural subdivisions.

Some wished to see the region as the food garden for the nation but the fact that tourism was the only industry singled out in the outcomes presented was seen as inappropriate.

Most Important Outcomes:

The frequencies of the outcomes can be seen in the Table below.

Outcome	Frequency
Our historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. New developments are designed to be sensitive to our people, places and environment.	8
We are proud of the Waikato region's distinctive identity, its strong Maoritanga, and its rich and diverse cultural heritage.	6
All our communities have cultural and recreation events and facilities. We identify with and take part in our communities, building good community spirit.	5
Creativity can be a part of everyone's life. We all have opportunities for creative expression and our creative industries are supported and promoted.	4
Heritage sites and landscapes of significance to Whanau, Hapu and Iwi are preserved and valued.	2
Other	1

Participation and Equity

The outcomes proposed were:

The Waikato region builds strong informed communities and has a culture that encourages people and communities to play their part.

1. All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.
2. Iwi, Hapu and Maori work together with central government, local government and community organisations in mutually beneficial partnerships.
3. Our communities understand partnerships under the Treaty of Waitangi and representation and processes for these partnerships have integrity.
4. The unique status of Tangata Whenua is respected and reflected in community processes.
5. Maori have the opportunity to participate in community development and decision-making at Marae, Hapu and Iwi levels.
6. We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many and diverse cultures and ways of life of the people who live here.

Summary of Feedback

The key ideas reflecting respondents' comments were

- ◆ Looking after the environment and including the natural and spiritual worlds
- ◆ Developing, informing and enabling communities to work together
- ◆ Broadening, valuing and encouraging debate
- ◆ Including diverse groups to work together and treat them equally
- ◆ Communities to take responsibility to get involved
- ◆ Significance of leadership and partnerships

The most important outcome was:

'All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.'

Comments:

There were 25 individual comments from the 34 respondents about the theme of Participation and Equity.

Some respondents acknowledged the quality of the outcomes for this theme. However, the inclusion of natural and spiritual worlds in this theme was requested, as well as more effort to look after the environment, i.e. re-establishing native vegetation in more areas. One person stated that participation by communities in decision making was a myth.

Several responses included that communities need to be educated, informed and enabled to work together, to have respect for the individual and the group, and be tolerant and fair in decision making. Further, working together and accepting each other should be valued. Marae stays for all could be established i.e. on a regional Marae so non-Maori do not miss out on debate, which was recommended to be encouraged more.

"If all communities are educated informed and enabled then the future is in our combined hands" (Survey 3)

The importance of all peoples, not just Maori, was raised, having no division between Maori and others and to treat Maori participation and decision making as others' in the community. All groups to work together and to be treated equally was requested and to have more emphasis on understanding and accepting our cultural diversity. Some specifically asked for the inclusion of ethnic communities and youth participation in decision making and planning.

People / communities were said to need to take responsibility to get involved, to have strong and sensitive leadership and transparent community leaders who display integrity and can be trusted. The significance of partnerships was emphasised, including with local authorities and transport agencies. Local government was said to need more funding from central government for their added responsibilities.

“Importance of partnerships and multicultural nature of society must be recognised” (Survey 14)

Most Important Outcomes:

The frequencies of the outcomes can be seen in the Table below.

Outcome	Frequency
All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.	12
We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many and diverse cultures and ways of life of the people who live here.	6
Our communities understand partnerships under the Treaty of Waitangi and representation and processes for these partnerships have integrity.	2
Other	2
Maori have the opportunity to participate in community development and decision-making at Marae, Hapu and Iwi levels.	1
Iwi, Hapu and Maori work together with central government, local government and community organisations in mutually beneficial partnerships.	0
The unique status of Tangata Whenua is respected and reflected in community processes.	0

Results Summary

Comments and Most Important Outcomes for the Themes:

Sustainable Environment

Feedback about this theme concentrated on the protection of the environment. Considering our future needs to have the knowledge to look after our environment was both perceptive and strategic to ensure sustainability. Limiting the misuse of land by urban development seems to be a real concern in our region.

The most important outcome was:

'Our natural environment is protected and respected. Its ecological balance is restored, its air, soil and water quality is improved, and its native biodiversity is enhanced.'

Quality of Life

Comments about this theme reflected respondents' satisfaction to be living in the region. Valuing the diversity of the community and working together towards identified goals, such as expanding services and amenities, were the key message. The importance of different forms of education can ensure that different values and attitudes are respected. The disparity between Maori and non-Maori living and health status was raised specifically as a longer term goal.

The most important outcomes were:

'We are healthy with active lifestyles and enjoy a total sense of well-being. Everyone has easy access to affordable quality health services throughout the Waikato region.'

and

'We can participate in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs and we have opportunities to enjoy the Waikato region's natural places and open spaces in responsible ways.'

Sustainable Economy

Feedback about this theme focused on the growth of our local economy. Recognising the importance of the Maori economy and supporting rural businesses seem to be key areas for the future. Entrepreneurship and innovation are central to the development of the region's leadership, along with ensuring that reliable, efficient and well planned infrastructure, services with a multi-modal transport system are in place. Balancing the requirements of expanding housing developments with the natural environment and agriculture is seen as a challenge. In addition, considering the needs of people in sustainable planning and development also should be addressed in the future.

The most important outcome was:

'The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.'

Identity

Participants' thoughts about this theme were forward looking and inclusive. There was a clear desire to acknowledge and preserve our cultural heritage, while focusing on our future needs. Encouraging education, especially about our local history, was seen to build strong identity, as well as co-ordinating and promoting our heritage. The diversity of our peoples was to be celebrated and the cultural heritage of all to be recognised. The interconnectedness of our natural environment and people was to be included in this theme.

The most important outcome was:

'Our historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. New developments are designed to be sensitive to our people, places and environment.'

Participation and Equity

Comments about this theme concentrated on encouraging and broadening participation and looking after the environment more. Developing, informing and enabling communities to work together, and valuing and encouraging debate were ideas to build stronger communities in the region. Including diverse groups and treating them equally in decision making and planning were requested. On the other hand, it was said that communities must take responsibility to get involved and for ensuring that their community leaders are appropriate for these roles.

The most important outcome was:

'All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.'

Discussion

The majority of the respondents reinforced the usefulness of this feedback process and commented on the high quality of the outcomes. These findings need to be considered with some caution due to the number of responses.

Across the five themes, the importance of assessing our future needs and using this knowledge to plan for the region's future seems to be paramount. Along with this forward looking approach, we also need to take care of our natural environment, to protect, respect and restore its ecological balance. Celebrating diversity and actively including all peoples and communities of the Waikato region is another thread which was strongly suggested in relation to many of the themes. Closely relating to this is the suggestion to enhance the way communities and organisations work together and to encourage partnerships in our planning and development of the region. Further, a greater focus on education is seen to be necessary to achieve this, both on the individual and community levels, to be informed and aware of where we are now and where we are heading.

The rapid growth of housing developments has been upsetting the harmony between the needs of agriculture, natural landscapes and some potential economic expansion. Careful consideration and planning must take place to ensure that these requirements are balanced, and decisions are made through well informed debate. The development of the region's economy is seen to be dependent on reliable and efficient infrastructure, services and a multi-modal transport system. Acknowledging and enhancing the local Maori economy and supporting rural businesses can also add to the region's economic progress.

Actively promoting and celebrating our diverse cultural heritage and improving disparities between Maori and non-Maori will also enhance the already positive views of living in the Waikato region.

Recommendations

Overall, the process and development of the Regional Community Outcomes received positive comments. Some wording / terminology changes might be required for the final Regional Community Outcomes. Feedback specific to word / terminology changes are in Appendix 2.

For future consultation processes of this kind, the use of social science research techniques is recommended to ensure a more substantial response rate. This could include sending out reminders and/or some incentives.

The outcomes under each theme were bulleted in the draft document, making it somewhat difficult for respondents to easily identify them on the feedback form. The use of alphabetical listing can assist this, making data entry and analysis more objective and less confusing for respondents. Electronic submission of responses for some of the stakeholder groups, along with the traditional written feedback, is recommended. These methods could also help to overcome the difficulty of reading respondents' handwritten notes.

Appendix 1

Sustainable Environment

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 1	Far too much emphasis on environmental issues. Does not adequately reflect on expanding population and declining standard of living.	
Survey 2	All outcomes are inextricable linked well	No 9. Waste reduction, recycling
Survey 3	The natural environment is a strength, without it we lose quality of life.	No 2. "Our natural environment is protected and respected."
Survey 4		All of them are extremely important
Survey 5	Identify your areas of landscape beauty and protect them NOW. Before you sub-divide your whole region	
Survey 6	The practices of dairy farming does not 'fit' with most of the statement	
Survey 7	What is kaitiaki? Recycling; need lots of work on this to councils as well as residents.	No 7. We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land.
Survey 8	All good ideas & visions - how will they be put into practice	No 2. "Our natural environment is protected and respected."
Survey 9	Lets lose the pines & revert to native trees with selective sustainable harvesting of mature trees	No 2. Our natural environment is protected etc.etc.
Survey 10	Good	No 7. Practices that protect and sustain our land.
Survey 11	A bit utopian especially if 10-15 year timeframe	No 1. The natural features of our environment define + sustain us. We respect + celebrate them as taonga.
Survey 12	We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land, water and air quality	No 3. We are aware of what we need to do to look after our environment.
Survey 13	Overall a good set of outcomes	Bullet points 2 (Our natural environment is protected and respected), 6 (The Waikato region's waterways have consistently high water quality) and 7 (We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land) are key points.
Survey 14	The outcome below should be seen as encompassing the others - care, recycling, good practice, restoration, preservation, etc	No 7. We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land.
Survey 15		Second on left. No 2. (Our natural environment is protected and respected)
Survey 16	We would like to see "The Waikato and its Rural region etc and the already Public access is maintained "Private access to be negotiated"	No 2. "Our natural environment is protected and respected."
Survey 17	Communities are involved to ensure it is well managed	No 7. We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land
Survey 18		No 1. The first "The natural features of our environment define + sustain us. We respect + celebrate them as taonga."
Survey 19	Need something about urban planning or urban sprawl ruining the environment, Need sustainable housing	No 2. Our natural environment is protected and respected
Survey 20	I agree with these comments. This page is more reflective of the comments made at the meeting I attended	No 8. Use Energy from renewable sources in all areas
Survey 21	In the "seeks to use" in the 8th bullet point regarding energy, can it not be "uses"?	No 9. Waste reduction, recycling

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 22	Translate "kaitiaki" in brackets	No 2. Point 2 "Our natural environment is protected and respected"
Survey 23	Amend this: The Waikato region recognises, values and protects the interconnection between human kind and nature (or natural world).	No 1. 1st bullet point, but replace 'environment' with 'world'
Survey 24	I deplore the fact that so much prime agricultural land is now being sold off as "lifestyle" blocks. What a waste!	No 5. Cleaning up our waterways, that are far from pristine
Survey 25	Thinking bout future needs to be major , far more effort than present. Annual ? biannual Citizens 2 day conference? Overseas sponsors	No 1. First on list "The natural features of our environment define + sustain us. We respect + celebrate them as taonga."
Survey 26	Excellent. Out aims for the whole region	
Survey 27	We must look after what we have	No 9. Waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation etc...
Survey 28	Good	No 2. "Our natural environment is protected..."
Survey 29		No 2. That our natural environment is protected
Survey 30	Integration of transport and land use	
Survey 31		
Survey 32	Amend thus: Insert 'identifies with, recognises,..' after '..region,', and delete '..diverse, interconnected natural environment.' to read thus: "The Waikato region identifies with, recognises, values, and protects the interconnection between humankind and the natural world."	No 2. "Our natural environment is protected..."

Quality of Life

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 1	<tick>	
Survey 2	It is important to incorporate road crash reduction as an integral element to overall safety and wellbeing	No 1. healthy lifestyles
Survey 3	I put the three below (Most important outcome) a triple imperative!	Nos 7 / 8 / 9. Quality work opportunities / Participation leisure activities / Strong families
Survey 4		Common sense approach to providing services. Especially regional public library service
Survey 5		
Survey 6	Wonderful ideas, however life is more complex than that!	
Survey 7	Amenities in all towns - e.g. do not have to go miles to all year round pools etc	No 6. Our communities and govt work together so that people are safe.
Survey 8	Education in its widest sense is important. Personal attitudes, respect, caring to be included	No 2. "Education provides opportunities so we can reach our full potential as individuals and contribute to the well-being of the whole region."
Survey 9	Diversity of services is vital - the more choices we have, the better off we are	No 10. Older people are valued and children are valued etc.
Survey 10	Good	No 7. People work and participate in their communities.
Survey 11		No 1. We are healthy with active lifestyles etc.
Survey 12	I strongly agree with Maori being able to live on ancestral land in quality, affordable housing and older people and children being highly valued	No 4. We have a choice of healthy and affordable housing.

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 13		Points 7 (People work and participate in their communities where they live and there are quality work opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels.) & 8 (We can participate in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs and we have the opportunities to enjoy the Waikato region's natural places and open spaces in responsible ways.) are key points.
Survey 14		No 8. Participating in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs...
Survey 15	Every community and region could say exactly the same	
Survey 16	Feel the rural areas are lacking by far and its not reflected in this outcome e.g. some improvement for our rural areas or encourage sustainability of rural areas	No 6. Our communities and govt work together so that people are safe.
Survey 17	Private rights are protected. Communities encouraged to work together for new and existing facilities	No 2. Education provides opportunities so we can reach our full potential and contribute to the well being of the whole region
Survey 18		1st and 8th points (We are healthy with active lifestyles etc.) and (Participating in recreation and leisure activities that meet our diverse needs...)
Survey 19		No 1. Everyone has access to affordable quality health services...
Survey 20	Yes agree with that statement but have to ask again why have Maori been singled out as being more important	The Waikato region is a great place to live
Survey 21	Can you include "energy efficient" housing in the 4th & 5th bullet points?	No 10. Last one - "older people are valued..."
Survey 22	Include ethnic minority groups in point 3 (re health, education and housing)	No 1. Point 1 Everyone has access to affordable quality health services...
Survey 23		No 3. 3rd bullet point: delete "Maori" replace with "All people", delete "as non-Maori" replace with "because our natural world has been respected and enhanced"
Survey 24	Yes I think it is a good place to live, with plenty of opportunities and good available services	No 4. I question whether houses are affordable for everyone in some communities
Survey 25	Landscapes need to be treasured. Lifestyle blocks, etc are in many places ruining views UK planning way ahead	No 8. We can participate in....
Survey 26	Industry in small communities and decentralisation is vital	
Survey 27	All that we need is available	No 7. People can work and participate in the communities etc...
Survey 28	OK, add - "we seek and actively participate in education in all forms."	No 2. "Education provides..."
Survey 29		No 2. Education - with knowledge, everything else improves
Survey 30		
Survey 31		
Survey 32		No 3. (Maori enjoy the same quality of health, education, housing, employment and economic outcomes as non-Maori.) but delete 'Maori' and replace with 'All people..' and delete 'as non-Maori and replace with '...because our natural world has been respected and enhanced.'

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Sustainable Economy

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 1	Insufficient emphasis on expanding our economic base. Having the warm and fuzzies is all very fine, but it doesn't put food on anyone's table.	
Survey 2		
Survey 3	Without innovation and entrepreneurship we will be followers not leaders. We need to have an exciting, challenging area to live in.	No 6 and 7, 7 is particularly, "The Waikato Region has a tourism industry that recognises its cultural and environmental heritage and values, and supports economic growth." and "The Waikato region has a reputation for entrepreneurship, innovation, research and education, attracting investment and people to work, study and visit."
Survey 4		
Survey 5	Please before it's too late identify your areas of "outstanding natural landscapes" - as has the ARC & protect them, or you will one day find they are all gone & sub-divided, houses are rarely removed. Franklin DC is presently undertaking this study - you could work in with them.	
Survey 6	"Sustainable" in local government jargon, you simply cannot have a sustainable modern economy along with a sustainable environment! Get Real!	
Survey 7	We must not use all farmland for building homes on (limit)	No 3. We have reliable and efficient and well planned infrastructure and services including transport that is interconnected and easy to get to and use (needs lots of work on this).

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 8	All aspects of the region, and all its peoples need to be taken into consideration in planning and development.	No 1. "The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values."
Survey 9	We should encourage economic activity which is in harmony with the natural environment	No 1. The Waikato region has economic growth etc.
Survey 10	There is no statement about planning development that is sustainable i.e. within the resources available.	The above has to be an outcome not just balanced with our values.
Survey 11		No 3. We have reliable and efficient and well planned infrastructure and services including transport that is interconnected and easy to get to and use.
Survey 12	A wise informed long-term approach to economic development which reduces our dependence on the unsustainable commodities e.g. oil, fertilisers.	No 4. We take a common-sense approach to planning & providing services etc.
Survey 13		Bullet points 1 (The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.) and 4 (We take a common-sense approach to planning & providing services) are key points.
Survey 14		No 6. The Waikato Region has a tourism industry that recognises its cultural and environmental heritage and values, and supports economic growth.
Survey 15	For Pauanui cannot agree with "We have reliable, efficient and well planned infrastructure and services"	They are not numbered So!!! Second on left! No 2. (Our regional and local economies are robust and diverse, providing opportunities throughout the Waikato region.)
Survey 16	Again doesn't acknowledge the lack of outcome in the rural areas.. Who are ????? Jobs continue to disappear	Nil
Survey 17	Well planned infrastructure with regard to planning and providing services	No 1. Economic growth and development that is well planned and balanced with our environment, cultural and social needs and values.
Survey 18	Protecting our natural environment should be our highest priority	Nos 2 & 5. 2nd (Our regional and local economies are robust and diverse, providing opportunities throughout the Waikato region.) and 5th (The growth, wealth and uniqueness of the Maori economy is acknowledged and supported.
Survey 19	Nothing about preserving environment, using local resources, minimum waste etc	No 1. Economic growth and development that is well planned and balanced with our environment, cultural and social needs and values.
Survey 20	I agree with the above statement. At the meeting I attended stated that the growth of the economy was for everyone	No 3. Well planned infrastructure including transport
Survey 21	Not sure that "common-sense" is the right term in the 4th bullet point. It is common-sense for developers to fit in as many houses as they can in a new subdivision with no space for buses to turn around - not a good outcome!	No 3. 3rd bullet point - reliable, efficient and well planned infrastructure
Survey 22	Good	No 1. Point 1 (The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.)

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 23	Amend this: The Waikato region balances a thriving economy with looking after its natural world	No 4. 4th bullet point but add after "...community needs.." "... within the framework of a just and sustainable natural world."
Survey 24	I think agriculture / horticulture still very important to our region	(No 1.) We should be more careful about how we use our land and consider better ways of planning new building developments. Also recycling (a cost in Cambridge)
Survey 25	Most important is that all citizens have a few ideas on what Waikato might look like in 10-20 years time. Have ideas from other lands - beyond NZ	No 1. First on list, well planned - balanced (The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.)
Survey 26	The Maori economy is very important in the district	
Survey 27	Special assistance should be given to small town businesses struggling in a difficult economy	No 2. Our Regional and local economies are robust and diverse etc...
Survey 28	OK	All
Survey 29		No 7. Entrepreneurship, innovation, research and education
Survey 30	Reword such as We have safe, responsive, integrated and sustainable infrastructure and services including multi-modal transport systems that are interconnected and easy to get to and use.	No 3. We have reliable and efficient and well planned infrastructure and services including transport that is interconnected and easy to get to and use.
Survey 31		
Survey 32	Amend thus delete 'places and people' and replace with '..natural world' to read thus: "The Waikato region balances all basic needs economy with respecting and looking after its natural world."	No 4. (We take a common-sense approach to planning and providing services, which works effectively across boundaries and sectors and responds to our communities' needs.) but add after 'communities' needs..' '..within sustainable and vibrant natural world'.

Identity

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 1	<tick>	
Survey 2		No 4. All communities have cultural and recreational events
Survey 3	Recognising and celebrating identity leads onto all the other outcomes. We need to know who we are.	
Survey 4		No 4. Recreation and leisure - important role of regions public libraries
Survey 5	Too much rural sub-division - should never allow houses on ridge lines (prominent) - ugly to drive and look at	
Survey 6	This is of no meaning at all to anybody	
Survey 7	To be the food garden to the nation if land is kept for that!!	No 4. All our communities have cultural + recreational facilities etc.
Survey 8	Celebrate diversity	No 1. "We are proud of the Waikato region's distinctive identity, its strong Maoritanga, and its rich and diverse cultural heritage."
Survey 9	We romance the past, we tolerate the present, but we ignore the future	No 3. Our historic buildings and places are retained etc.
Survey 10	Good	No 2. Heritage sites and historic buildings protection.

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 11	Fertile river valley; lush pastures. Tourism is the only industry specifically mentioned which is inappropriate	No 1. We are proud of the Waikato regions distinctive identity etc.
Survey 12	Educate, particularly pakeha New Zealanders, about local history to build a strong, proud New Zealand identity	No 3. Our historic buildings & places are retained & cared for. New devs ok.
Survey 13		Points 1 (We are proud of the Waikato regions distinctive identity etc.) and 5 (Creativity can be a part of everyone's life.) are key points.
Survey 14	Protection of the areas cultural heritage must be done in partnership with iwi. Cultural heritage should be recognised as being both Maori and Pakeha	No 3. Our historic buildings & places are retained & cared for.
Survey 15	Cannot agree with top right for Pauanui	Don't know. Pauanui does not feel like its is part of Waikato.
Survey 16		No 5. (Creativity can be a part of everyone's life.)
Survey 17	A co-ordinated and supportive approach that promotes Waikato's heritage	No 3. Historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. Sensitivity to peoples places and environment
Survey 18		
Survey 19		
Survey 20	It would be more reflective of our meeting if the work "Art" was included, as that was discussed at length why is there such an importance to Maori	Nos 3, 4, 5. Art & Culture. Historic Buildings be preserved
Survey 21	Good	No 3. 3rd one (Our historic buildings & places are retained & cared for.)
Survey 22	Mention the river	No 1. Point 1 (We are proud of the Waikato regions distinctive identity etc.)
Survey 23	Amend this: The Waikato region identifies with, and values its land, rivers, mountains, forests and people	No 1. 1st bullet point but delete 'Maoritanga', insert 'natural' before 'cultural heritage'
Survey 24	We must continue to be forward looking, while caring about the past and preserving what is valuable.	No 3. More care should be given to planning industrial sites that do not jar on the landscape
Survey 25	Should have a regional Marae for all Nzers in Waikato as per Chch 4 winds Marae	No 2. Heritage sites need to have information boards, etc
Survey 26	<tick> Support for all educational facilities including Te Wananga O Aotearoa	
Survey 27	An excellent cross section of events are available	No 4. All our communities have cultural and recreation events and facilities etc
Survey 28	OK	No 5. "Creativity can be.."
Survey 29		No 3. historic places are retained and cared for
Survey 30		
Survey 31	We believe you have correctly identified Maori but we have concern with the omission of other sectors, such as other ethnic, gender etc groups. Therefore we consider it necessary to include other groups in the community such as these in the outcomes.	
Survey 32	Amend thus delete rest of the sentence after '..region..' and replace to read thus: The Waikato region, in recognising interconnectedness, identifies with, and values its land, air, river and waterways, mountains, flora, fauna and people.	No 1. (We are proud of the Waikato regions distinctive identity etc.) but insert '..and natural...' before '...cultural heritage.' to read thus: We are proud of the Waikato region's distinctive identity, its Maoritanga, and its rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage.

Participation and Equity

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 1	<tick>	
Survey 2	People (communities) need to take responsibility to get involved	No 1. Participation in decision making
Survey 3	If all communities are educated informed and enabled then the future is in our combined hands	No 1. "All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures."
Survey 4		All communities have cultural + recreational facilities, especially public libraries.
Survey 5		
Survey 6	Participation by communities in decision making is a myth - C'mon guys this sounds better than the bible!	
Survey 7	Some councils don't put much effort into looking after the environment e.g. Vegetation of wasteland that could be turned back to native vegetation	No 6. We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many diverse cultures etc.
Survey 8	Respect for the individual, & the group, acceptance and working together to be valued and encouraged.	No 1. "All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures."
Survey 9	Inform the people encourage debate, then five strong, sensitive leadership	No 1. All communities participate etc
Survey 10	Good	No 6. Accepting the many diverse cultures.
Survey 11	Only take participation and decision making by Maori to Marae level just as the rest of the community is treated	None really. In 1 what is meant by having the "resources"
Survey 12	Tolerance and fairness as an important consideration in decision making	No 3. Our communities understand partnerships under the Treaty etc.
Survey 13	Point 5 Maori take rather than have the opportunity	No 1. (All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.) & No 6. (We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many and diverse cultures and ways of life of the people who live here.) are key points.
Survey 14	Importance of partnerships and multicultural nature of society must be recognised	No 3. Our communities have understand partnerships under the Treaty of Waitangi...
Survey 15		No 1. First on left. (All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.)
Survey 16	Nil	No 1 (All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.)
Survey 17	Community leaders need to be trusted, transparent and display integrity	No 6. We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many, diverse outcomes of people
Survey 18	Much more emphasis needs to be placed on the understanding and acceptance of our cultural diversity	No 6. The last (We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many, diverse outcomes of people)
Survey 19		
Survey 20	Again the meeting I attended put more importance on all peoples of the Waikato not just Maori as you seem to have in the write up	No 1. Participation and Equity for all - not mainly Maori
Survey 21	Good	No 1. The first - all communities participate

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 22	No inclusion of ethnic communities. No mention of youth participation indecision making and planning	No 1 (All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.)
Survey 23		
Survey 24	It is true that all communities work together but why the implied division between Maori and others?	I would like to see Maori and Pakeha mix together in cultural as well as sporting activities
Survey 25	Marae stays for any groups in a regional Marae!! Non Maori are missing out on a great way to debate	No 5. Maori have the opportunity to participate
Survey 26	Local Government needs central government funding for added responsibilities	
Survey 27	All groups should be treated equally, i.e. no special treatment for ethnic groups	No 1. All communities participate in decision-making etc...
Survey 28	OK	No 1. "All communities..."
Survey 29		No 6. We are accepting and knowledgeable about our diverse cultures
Survey 30	Strong partnerships and more communication with local authorities and transport agencies.	
Survey 31		
Survey 32	Major amendment to read: The Waikato region encourages all people to play their part in establishing well informed communities with a culture where all people live healthily, happily and confidently, and in accord with their natural and spiritual worlds.	No 1. (All communities participate in decision-making etc...) with some amendments to read thus: All communities participate in decision making. People are educated and well informed and have the resources to enable them to take the responsibility for their own well being and that of their natural world.

Appendix 2: Word / Terminology Changes Feedback by Themes

Sustainable Environment

	Comments	Outcome
Survey 7	What is kaitiaki? Recycling; need lots of work on this to councils as well as residents.	
Survey 19	Need something about urban planning or urban sprawl ruining the environment, Need sustainable housing	
Survey 21	In the "seeks to use" in the 8th bullet point regarding energy, can it not be "uses"?	
Survey 22	Translate "kaitiaki" in brackets	
Survey 23	Amend this: The Waikato region recognises, values and protects the interconnection between human kind and nature (or natural world).	No 1. 1st bullet point, but replace 'environment' with 'world'
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Quality of Life

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Participation and Equity

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Appendix 3: Choosing Futures Waikato Feedback Form


Choosing Futures Waikato
Whiriwhiria Te Waa Heke o Waikato

Working Together for a Better Waikato August 2005

Have your say –

Regional Community Outcomes

Over the past few months councils have been asking the communities of the Waikato region what they want for their future.

A set of community outcomes, or goals, for local authorities, government agencies and community organisations to work towards has been identified.

We are pleased to present these community outcomes for your consideration and feedback.

Please fill in the feedback form on the back page and post it to us before 6 September 2005.

The process so far

We have joined forces with local councils and talked to residents and communities throughout the Waikato region.

A series of nine regional visioning workshops was held in communities throughout the Waikato region, hwi in the region have contributed; local councils have consulted with their communities; and we have worked closely with key organisations, including central and local government and community organisations.

All of these people and organisations were asked what they wanted the region to be like in the future.

This information has been drawn together by a representative group of people from the Waikato region – the Community Outcomes Working Group. Our thanks to this group for their hard work.


The community outcomes outlined in this booklet are statements of how the community want the Waikato region to be.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on the Choosing Futures Waikato process

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Sustainable Environment

The Waikato region values and protects its diverse, interconnected natural environments.

- The natural features of our environment define and sustain us. We respect and celebrate them as Taonga.
- Our natural environment is protected and respected. Its ecological balance is restored, its air, soil and water quality is improved, and its native biodiversity is enhanced.
- We are aware of what we need to do to look after our environment. The Waikato region is renowned for linking environmental awareness with action.
- The traditional role of Iwi and Hapu as Kaitiaki is a knowledgeable, respected and enabled.
- Our coastal and waterway environments are restored and preserved and access to them is maintained.
- The Waikato region's waterways have consistently high water quality.
- We encourage practices that protect and sustain our land.
- The Waikato region seeks to use energy from renewable sources in all areas.
- Waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation and energy efficiency are promoted and are part of how we all live.



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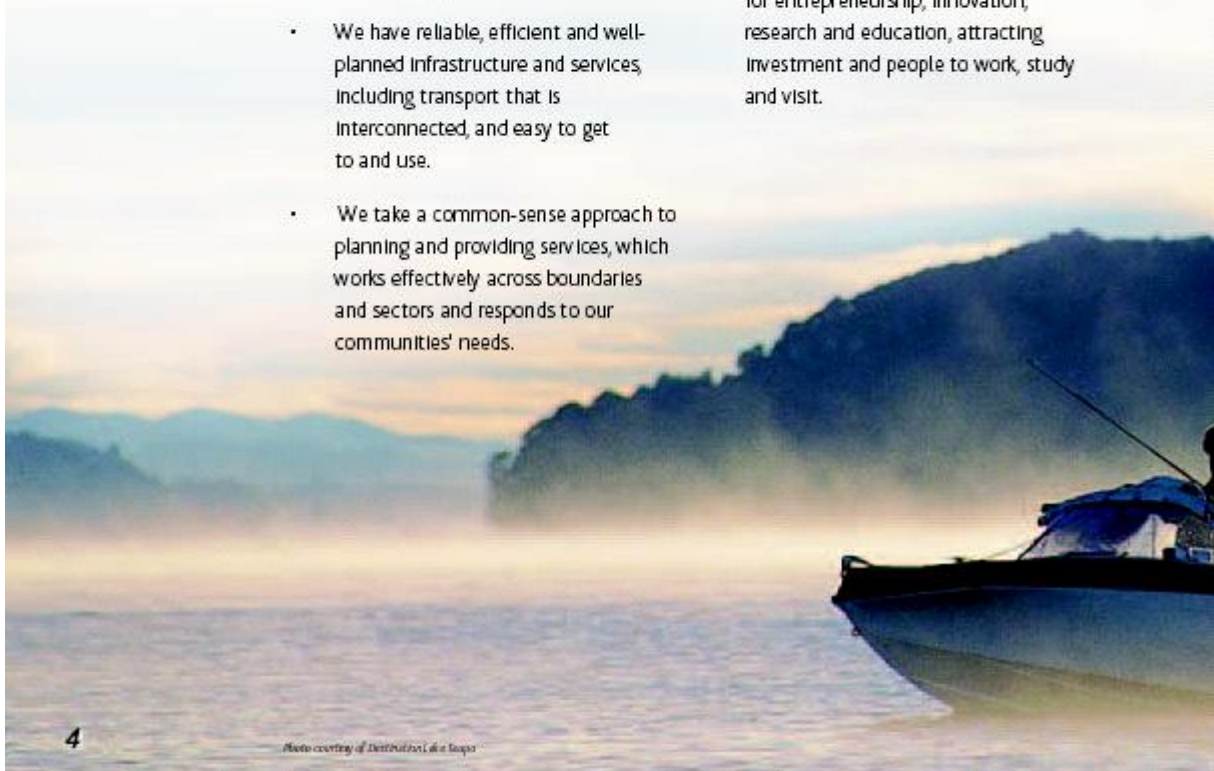
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Sustainable Economy

The Waikato region balances a thriving economy with looking after its places and people.

- The Waikato region has economic growth and development that is well-planned and balanced with our environmental, cultural and social needs and values.
- Our regional and local economies are robust and diverse, providing opportunities throughout the Waikato region.
- We have reliable, efficient and well-planned infrastructure and services, including transport that is interconnected, and easy to get to and use.
- We take a common-sense approach to planning and providing services, which works effectively across boundaries and sectors and responds to our communities' needs.
- The growth, wealth and uniqueness of the Maori economy is acknowledged and supported.
- The Waikato region has a tourism industry that recognises its cultural and environmental heritage and values, and supports economic growth.
- The Waikato region has a reputation for entrepreneurship, innovation, research and education, attracting investment and people to work, study and visit.





Identity

The Waikato region knows where it has come from and celebrates where it is going.

- We are proud of the Waikato region's distinctive identity, its strong Maoritanga, and its rich and diverse cultural heritage.
- Heritage sites and landscapes of significance to Whanau, Hapu and Iwi are preserved and valued.
- Our historic buildings and places are retained and cared for. New developments are designed to be sensitive to our people, places and environment.
- All our communities have cultural and recreation events and facilities. We identify with and take part in our communities, building good community spirit.
- Creativity can be a part of everyone's life. We all have opportunities for creative expression and our creative industries are supported and promoted.





Participation and Equity

The Waikato region builds strong informed communities and has a culture that encourages people and communities to play their part.

- All communities participate in decision-making. They are educated, informed and have the resources they need to take responsibility for their own futures.
- Iwi, Hapu and Maori work together with central government, local government and community organisations in mutually beneficial partnerships.
- Our communities understand partnerships under the Treaty of Waitangi and representation and processes for these partnerships have integrity.
- The unique status of Tangata Whenua is respected and reflected in community processes.
- Maori have the opportunity to participate in community development and decision-making at Marae, Hapu and Iwi levels.
- We are accepting and knowledgeable about the many and diverse cultures and ways of life of the people who live here.



Where to from here?

Once the Waikato regional community outcomes have been confirmed, councils, government agencies and community organisations can start looking at ways to work towards achieving these outcomes.

Much of what is being done now will contribute to this process but there will be new ways in which we can all work together to make our region a better place.

Councils must report back on progress being made towards achieving our community outcomes at least every three years. We will be able to see how much progress is being made and where we need to put in more effort to achieve what our communities want.

We would like this to be a whole of community approach where we all work together to achieve a better Waikato region. So keep thinking about what you or your organisation might be able to do to help achieve these goals.

But before we can do any of this we need to know if we have got our regional community outcomes right.

Please take the time to fill in the feedback form on the back page and post it to us before 6 September 2005.

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Give us your feedback – Have your say

We would like your comments on the draft Waikato regional community outcomes. Please complete each box for each draft outcome theme and tell us if you think these are the things our communities aspire to, whether we have missed anything and whether you like the way they have been worded. Please fold up and Freepost to Choosing Futures Waikato (see address below).

Sustainable Environment – The Waikato region values and protects its diverse, interconnected natural environments.

Comments _____

Which outcome do you regard as the most important in this set?

Identity – The Waikato region knows where it has come from and celebrates where it is going.

Comments _____

Which outcome do you regard as the most important in this set?

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Quality of Life – The Waikato region is a great place to live, providing the services and opportunities we need to live well.

Comments _____

Which outcome do you regard as the most important in this set?

Participation and Equity – The Waikato region builds strong informed communities and has a culture that encourages people and communities to play their part.

Comments _____

Which outcome do you regard as the most important in this set?

Sustainable Economy – The Waikato region balances a thriving economy with looking after its places and people.

Comments _____

Which outcome do you regard as the most important in this set?

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