

Attachment D – Advocacy

The following is the most recently approved list of advocacy for the Great Barrier local board, adopted in February 2016 as part of the annual plan process.

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
All our main communities will have cell phone and internet coverage within five years	We have spent over \$600,000 of our LDI to install new cellphone facilities in Medlands and Okiwi. We are seeking support for investigations into extending cellphone coverage to communities without adequate or any service.	Governing Body
Retrofit all council buildings to run on alternative energy Investigate the feasibility of a solar powered electric vehicle charging station Over time, replace the council's vehicle fleet with electrical vehicles	We request that council lead the way in operating in a more sustainable way both regionally and on island, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing alternative energy systems for its council buildings. • Investigating electric vehicle infrastructure for an on island fleet. 	Governing Body
Fund courses to upskill our community	We request assistance to advocate to the Ministry of Education for an on island Learning Hub that can be used for the correspondence school children and for adult upskilling classes.	Governing Body
Lead the Auckland region on ecological enhancement, sustainability, and renewable energy use	We are currently funding extra costs of mechanical weed management in parks and seek governing body and Auckland Transport support for moving towards herbicide free weed management practises island wide.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
Increase regional road seal budgets so key roads can get sealed Investigate environmentally friendly products for our unsealed residential roads to reduce dust nuisance	We seek more budget towards road sealing on Great Barrier and an interim solution with dust suppression.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
Our ferry and air services will meet our communities' needs	We request that Auckland Transport begin a full review of the current and future needs of our wharves.	Auckland Transport

	<p>We are seeking that Great Barrier and Waiheke LDI budgets be adjusted annually for inflation as unlike the other 19 boards we don't get population increase adjustments.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
	<p>The empowered communities overhead has added \$57,230 to our limited LDI opex budget. Great Barrier & Waiheke have fixed LDI which don't change as populations grow unlike the other 19 boards so are disadvantaged by this. We seek additional LDI funding to offset these costs.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>