

## Aotea Great Barrier Local board feedback for proposed topics for inclusion in the Auckland Water Strategy

Proposed topics to be included in the Auckland Water Strategy			
Theme	Proposal	Questions	Feedback
<b>Vision</b> The vision statement is a declaration of the council group's long-term aspiration for water	<b>Te mauri o te wai – the life supporting capacity of water – is protected and enhanced.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this the right vision for Auckland?</li> </ul>	We agree with this strategy's vision and direction to restore, protect and enhance our terrestrial (including aquifers), marine and geothermal waterways
<b>To protect and enhance Te Mauri o Te Wai, we will need to apply a Māori world view throughout our approach to water</b>			
<b>Values</b> The things about water that are important to us, to help us connect our decisions back to their impacts on what we value (written to be consistent with national guidelines.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ecology</b> <i>Healthy water systems nourish the natural environment, which, in turn, nourishes us</i></li> <li><b>Water use</b> <i>We can meet our everyday water needs, safely, reliably and efficiently</i></li> <li><b>Recreation and amenity</b> <i>We enjoy being in, on and near the water.</i></li> <li><b>Culture</b> <i>Water contributes to our identity and beliefs, as individuals and as part of communities.</i></li> <li><b>Resilience</b> <i>Our water systems are resilient to changing conditions, and we are</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do these five values cover the aspects of water that are important to you?</li> </ul>	We agree with these values and believe they cover the importance that water holds in our lives
<b>The things we need to work on:</b> The workshops identified a large number of challenges for water in Auckland. We have summarised and grouped them in to two main areas: <i>issues</i> we need to work on and <i>processes</i> we need to work on.			

<p><b>Issues we need to work on</b></p> <p>These are the aspects of water in the physical environment summarised into four categories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cleaning up waterways</b> <i>Addressing issues like sediment, overflows, litter, <b>infrastructure</b> and <del>other</del> pollution</i></li> <li>• <b>Meeting future water needs</b> <i>Our future water sources and managing our demand</i></li> <li>• <b>Growth in the right places</b> <i>Managing growth to minimise impacts on water and to improve it where it is already degraded.</i></li> <li>• <b>Adapting to a changing water future</b> <i>Getting prepared for climate extremes such as floods, slips, <b>coastal erosion</b>, and drought</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Do these broad categories capture the issues that concern you?</b></p>	<p>Relating to ‘Meeting future water needs’: Being off-the-grid, adequate water storage from roof collection here and in the wider Auckland region is a concern. There are questions around how to safely store water and to what capacity. We should be looking at ways to incentivize water storage</p> <p>Relating to ‘Cleaning up waterways’ &amp; ‘Growth in the right places’: We also need to look at improvements to off-the-grid grey water systems.</p> <p>Relating to ‘Cleaning up waterways’: We need to focus on ensuring healthy natural water systems are not blocked by man-made infrastructure ie, culverts, fords, dams and weirs are designed and maintained to ensure fish friendly passage</p>
<p><b>Processes we need to work on</b></p> <p>These are aspects of the way we are managing water summarised into four categories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Applying a Māori world view</b> <i>Underpinning a holistic approach to water and te mauri o te wai.</i></li> <li>• <b>Creating our water future together</b> <i>Improving water will need effort from everyone, not just the Council organisations</i></li> <li>• <b>Setting priorities for investment</b> <i>Delivering the outcomes at an affordable pace and good value for customers.</i></li> <li>• <b>Achieving net benefits for catchments</b> <i>Taking a whole-of-watershed perspective in decision-making.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do these broad categories capture the processes you are concerned with?</b></li> </ul>	<p>We feel that ‘<b>applying a Māori world view</b>’ should be top of the list.</p> <p>Being off-the-grid our community has a natural tendency towards personal resilience and conservation of water. We believe education for personal resilience and conservation should be encouraged to the wider Auckland region, not just in times of drought but all of the time.</p> <p>Additional bulletpoint required related to not starting from scratch but implementing and strengthening existing strategies such as Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari</p>

<p><b>Principles</b></p> <p>These suggested principles are to help guide decisions and behaviours as we work on the issues and processes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise that water is a taonga</li> <li>• Work with natural ecosystems</li> <li>• Deliver catchment scale thinking and action</li> <li>• Focus on achieving right-sized solutions with multiple benefits</li> <li>• Work together to plan and deliver better water outcomes</li> <li>• Look to the future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do you agree with these principles?</b></li> </ul>	<p>We would like to see added to these principles: sustainable solutions that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p>
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