

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2024
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Venue: 35 Coles Crescent
Papakura
Auckland

Papakura Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Papakura Local Board feedback on Setting our Direction for improving freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland

5 March 2024

Relevance to the Papakura Local Board Plan 2023

Theme: Our environment

Objective: More people enjoy the environment in and around our harbour and streams.

Initiative: Activities to improve water quality in Manukau Harbour and our awa (streams).

A. Long term visions

Proposed vision for freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section Six

1. What do you think about the direction we are proposing in the region-wide vision statement?

Strongly support / support / oppose / strongly oppose / Mostly do not support / don't know

Strongly support

Proposed vision for our Freshwater Management Units

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section Eight

2. What do you think about our proposed vision statement for the Kaipara FMU?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Section Nine*

3. What do you think about our proposed vision statement for the Hauraki FMU?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Section Ten*

4. What do you think about our proposed vision statement for the Manukau FMU?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

B. Values and environmental outcomes

Values proposed for the Auckland region

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Section 11*

5. Do you think we should add 'resilience' as a value in the Auckland Unitary Plan?

Yes / no / other / don't know

Yes

6. Do you think we should add 'amenity' as a value in the Auckland Unitary Plan?

Yes / no / other / don't know

Yes

Proposed environmental outcomes

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 12

7. Do you have any feedback on the proposed environmental outcomes?

The board is supportive of the proposed environmental outcomes.

C. Waterbodies where special management is required

Outstanding waterbodies

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 13

8. What do you think about our approach to identify outstanding waterbodies, with criteria for Māori cultural values, ecological, landscape and recreational values?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

Primary contact sites

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 13

9. Tell us what you think about our approach to use the Safeswim sites as our primary contact sites, and introduce stricter standards to manage contamination in these catchments?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

D. Achieving the vision and environmental outcomes for freshwater

Establishing our baseline

[Setting Our Direction](#) Part Three

10. What do you think about the summaries of the baseline health of our rivers/streams and lakes?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

11. How satisfied are you with the health of Tamaki Makaurau's river, streams and lakes?

Very satisfied / fairly satisfied / fairly dissatisfied / very dissatisfied / don't know

Fairly dissatisfied – this is an area for more water quality improvements.

We must ensure the runoff of sediment from land development is prevented from entering waterways.

Additional attributes to support ecosystem health outcomes

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Section 14.4*

12. Do you think we should include and manage copper and zinc as attributes for urban streams in this plan change?

Yes / no / other / don't know

Yes

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Section 15.3*

13. Do you think we should include and manage temperature as an attribute in this plan change?

Yes / no / other / don't know

Yes

Setting targets for improvement

[Setting Our Direction](#) *Part 3 and Section 17*

14. What do you think about our proposal to at least maintain the state of waterbodies where they are already good and set ambitious targets to improve the health of waterbodies where they are poor?

Strongly support / support / oppose / strongly oppose / Mostly do not support / don't know

Strongly support

Setting targets in the Pukekohe Specified Vegetable Growing Area

[Setting Our Direction](#) Sections 13.5, 14.2, 17 and 18.1

15. How should we strike the balance between maintaining food security and improving water quality in the (now quashed) Pukekohe Specified Vegetable Growing Area?

The board supports sustainable farming practices, water conservation, reuse and alternative growing methods that retain the integrity of premium growing soils. Education and collaboration are key. Robust monitoring is integral to a successful strategy for addressing water quality concerns.

Managing our activity

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 18

16. Tell us what you think about the draft management options being considered?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

17. Are there other management options outside of those listed that you think we should consider?

The board supports submitters' feedback:

- Sustainable future planning: the importance of sustainable practices, climate change mitigation, and protecting our waterways for future generations

- Better planning or management: improved plans and management of waterways, emphasising a need for specialised solutions rather than a blanket approach, although the practicalities of accommodating this approach may be problematic
- Communication, education and engagement: increased community involvement and communication from council.

E. Habitat protection and improvement

Fish Passage

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 18

18. What do you think of our proposal to prioritise catchments across the region for fish passage remediation?

Agree / disagree / other / don't know

Agree

Wetlands, rivers and streams

[Setting Our Direction](#) Section 18

19. Do you think we should retain our existing regional standards for wetlands and streams where they are higher than national requirements?

Yes / no / other / don't know

Yes

F. Water Quantity

[Setting Our Direction](#) Part Five

20. How do you suggest the council fairly reduces water allocations to existing consent holders where that is considered necessary?

The board supports the feedback provided by submitters:

- Efficiency management: a comprehensive and adaptive approach to water management, incorporating measures such as metering, restrictions, quota-based allocation, adjustment based on usage levels, and incentives.

- Address water scarcity: Encourage a responsible and transparent water resource management, emphasising collaboration, prioritisation based on output and population quotas, and the need for continuous monitoring to address concerns about water scarcity.
- Sustainable future planning: the importance of sustainable practices, climate change mitigation, and protecting our waterways for future generations.

21. How do you think we should prioritise allocation where or when water is scarce?

The board believes the priorities should be as follows where or when water is scarce:

- Communication, education and engagement
- Efficiency management
- Prioritise human consumption
- Prioritise farming / food production
- Sustainable future planning.

G. Other

Do you have any other feedback on improving freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland?

Aquifers should be given equal importance in the management of freshwater.

**Urgent Decision of the Papakura Local Board –
Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2024-34**

This decision has been made under delegated authority as per resolution PPK/2022/206 by: Brent Catchpole (Chairperson) and Jan Robinson (Deputy Chairperson) on 25 March 2024.

The use of the Urgent Decisions delegation was authorised by the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Manoj Ragupathy, Local Area Manager. The authorisers are satisfied that the decision is required urgently and it is not practicable in the circumstances to call an extraordinary or emergency meeting of the local board.

The following information was provided to the decision-makers to inform their decision:

Attachment 1: Memorandum from staff dated 11 March 2024 – Consultation on the new draft Government Policy Statement on land Transport 2024

Attachment 2: Hyperlink to the [draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-34](#)

Subject: Draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport 2024-34

The Papakura Local Board:

- a) provide / whakarite the following feedback on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-34 discussion document:
- i) The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024-34 relates to the Papakura Local Board Plan 2023 “Our Places” theme – *“A well connected area where it’s easy to move around. Our roads are less congested, public transport is convenient and reliable, walkways and cycleways are linked together and safe.”*

Roads of National Significance

- ii) The Papakura Local Board support the strategic priority for Roads of National significance, in particular, Mill Road.
- iii) The board is pleased to see Mill Road being reinstated as a four-lane highway.
- iv) The board believes a separated pedestrian / cycle pathway should also be included as part of the project to provide a safe alternative for different modes of travel. Currently residents are walking on the road shoulder.
- v) The board believes it is critical that the entire Mill Road corridor be formally designated as soon as practicable to protect the corridor, particularly, the section through Papakura to:
- limit development in the preferred corridor
 - keep the project affordable, ie: not having to buy new houses built in the corridor
 - provide certainty to residents, the wider public and community.

Public Transport

- vi) The board supports the proposed investment in Auckland metro rail networks. It is crucial that the Auckland rail network is trusted, reliable and efficient.
- vii) The board does not support the government's intention to increase the public transport fare-box recovery and third-party revenue from local government. Any increase in fares will be counter productive to growing public transport patronage.
- viii) The board does not support the reduction in funding for public transport infrastructure and services as reliable and accessible public transport is crucial in easing congestion, mitigating the effects of climate change and providing more transport options for all.

Increased Maintenance and Resilience

- ix) The board supports the increase in funding for road maintenance, including a ringfenced budget for repairing potholes on local road networks.
- x) The board supports increasing the resilience of the roading network to limit the impact on the network when there are severe weather events and natural disasters.
- xi) The board supports tolling as a method to support construction and maintenance of all new roads, including Roads of National Significance provided there is a free alternative route available.

Safety

- xii) The board supports a mechanism that allows for a consistent approach to the setting of speed limits.
- xiii) The board supports the increased focus on enforcement for drink-driving, drug-driving, disqualified drivers and other illegal behaviours.
- xiv) The board does not support the omission of safety initiatives and mitigations for pedestrians and cyclists as active and multi-modal options should be safe, accessible and encouraged. The Papakura Local Board is a strong advocate for separated cycleways and shared pathways.

Major Public Transport Projects

- xv) The board supports the completion of the major public transport projects, including the:
 - Completion of the City Rail Link
 - Completion of the Eastern Busway
 - Northwest Rapid Transit corridor
 - Airport to Botany Busway

- xvi) The board supports the funding of KiwiRail to deliver network repairs and upgrades to complete the Auckland Rail Network Rebuild. It is crucial the rail network is reliable and operating to optimum levels.

National Land Transport Fund

- xvii) The Papakura Local Board believes a consistent approach is required to road user charges across all vehicle types as differently powered vehicles become more prevalent. An increase in Fuel Excise Duty only focuses on one type energy source that powers vehicles.

Omissions from the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport


- xviii) The Papakura Local Board does not support the omission of joint transport planning including the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) as there needs to be greater communication and planning between central and local government, not less.



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