

Waimakariri District Council

Agenda - Community Outcomes Hearing

Wednesday 27 September 2023

9.00am

Council Chambers
215 High Street
Rangiora

Hearing Panel Members:

Councillor Joan Ward

Councillor Jason Goldsworthy

Councillor Philip Redmond

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**THE HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUBMISSIONS
WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH
STREET, RANGIORA ON WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 9AM**

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1. APPOINT A HEARING PANEL CHAIRPERSON

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest (if any) to be reported for minuting.

4. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

No submitters wished to speak to their submission at the hearing.

4.1. Copy of all Submissions

All submissions received are included as attachments (ii) to (v) to the staff report below.

5. STAFF REPORT

5.1. Community Outcomes Submissions - Hearings Panel Report and Recommendations – T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst)

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Outcomes Hearing Panel:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230913142800.
- (b) **Receives and considers** all submissions on the Community Outcomes review.
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- (d) **Notes** staff are not recommending any changes to the Community outcomes other than adding some notes to the outcomes that clarify further understanding.

Attachments to the report are as follows:

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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

FILE NO and TRIM NO: LTC-03-20 / 230913142800

REPORT TO: Community Outcomes Hearings Panel

DATE OF MEETING: 27 September 2023

AUTHOR(S): Témi Allinson, Senior Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Outcomes Submissions – Hearings Panel Report and Recommendations

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)


General Manager


Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report presents for consideration written submissions received from the special consultative procedure (SCP) for the review of Council's Community Outcomes., which opened on Wednesday 9 August and closed Friday 8 September 2023
- 1.2. In total, 11 submissions were received, with no submitters wishing to present their views to the Hearing Panel in person.
- 1.3. Included in this report are the submissions received along with staff analysis and recommendations to the Panel. Attached is a copy of the draft outcomes that was provided to the public for consultation.

Attachments:

- i. Draft Community Outcomes (TRIM: 230620091150)
- ii. Public Consultation Submissions 1 – 8 [Bang the Table] (TRIM: 230913142761)
- iii. Public Consultation Submission – Waimakariri Youth Council (TRIM: 230908140346)
- iv. Public Consultation Submission – Te Whatu Ora (TRIM: 230908140345)
- v. Public Consultation Submission – Federated Farmers of New Zealand (TRIM: 23091114092)

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3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Local Government Act (2002) (the Act) requires local authorities to always have a long-term plan. The purpose of the long-term plan is amongst other things, to describe the community outcomes of the local authority's district or region.
- 3.2. Community outcomes are outcomes that a local authority aims to achieve in order to promote the well-being of its district or region, both in the present and for the future. They are important because they provide the opportunity for communities to articulate their aspirations and therefore provide a guide for groups and organisations serving the community.
- 3.3. Community outcomes inform and guide the plans of local authorities and other organisations who work in the community; helping to make sure that these groups know what is important to the communities they are serving. Having clearly articulated and understandable community outcomes enables Council's departments to better align their planning and service levels with community aspirations, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.
- 3.4. No single organisation has responsibility for achieving community outcomes. Council bears responsibility for describing the community outcomes for the district in its long-term plan. However, it does not bear sole responsibility for achieving these outcomes as a wide range of organisations and groups have a part to play in improving the well-being of local communities.
- 3.5. As part of the work being done towards preparing for the 2024-34 long-term plan, officers have undertaken a review of the existing community outcomes set out in Council's 2021-31 long-term plan. Council at its meeting on 4 July 2023 authorized officers to undertake a public consultation process on the outcomes and approved the nomination of Councillors Ward, Redmond and Goldsworthy to a Hearings Panel Committee.
- 3.6. The consultation ran from 9 August to 8 September. This report has been prepared to support the committee in its deliberations on the findings from the public consultation exercise.

4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- 4.1. Although a considerable amount of interest was received during the consultation process, only a small number of 11 submissions were received in total. The engagement statistics are broken down as follows:
 - 4.1.1. 4013 visitors to the consultation page.
 - 4.1.2. 138 clicked on Community Outcomes.
 - 4.1.3. 40 of those read the consultation.
 - 4.1.4. 11 of those made submissions; eight through the website and three via emailed submissions.
- 4.2. Of the submissions received, there was little direct opposition to the draft outcomes and their sub-indicators. From the eight submitters that responded to the online questionnaire, only one submitter disagreed with the Economic Community Outcomes and accompanying sub-indicators; and did not agree with including Community Outcomes into Council's Long-term Plan (Respondent 8, Public Consultation Submissions 1 – 8 [Bang the Table] [TRIM: 230913142761]) no other outcomes or sub-indicators were disagreed with.
- 4.3. However, a few suggestions were made to either alter some phrasing or to introduce additional sub-indicators. These are discussed in greater detail below.

4.4. Analysis of Submission Points Received

General Comments	
<p>Comments from Bang the Table Submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasis should be on outcomes that Council can directly control and are responsible for. Does Council have the capacity to deliver other services like encourage meaningful relationships. How are these metrics measured? <p>Te Mana Ora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recommends that Council's responsibility and obligation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and towards cultural safety are considered and explicitly incorporated across all the Community Outcomes. - recommends that spiritual wellbeing is also considered and reflected within the Community Outcomes, as an important component of Māori wellbeing. - suggests that it would be helpful to understand in more detail how the Community Outcomes will be applied or considered within the Long-Term Plan and planning processes, particularly as some of the Community Outcomes are quite broad, and therefore harder to measure and monitor progress on. Currently the Community Outcomes provide positive aspirations and objectives to strive for, but it is less clear how these will be practically implemented and monitored, and how they will influence decision making and planning choices. 	<p>Council officer comments:</p> <p>We agree that the Community outcome statements are broad. They were intentionally designed that way. The purpose of local government is to promote community well-being, now and into the future. Well-being provides a holistic view of people's ability to prosper beyond traditional economic tools for measuring success, to evaluating things such as contentment and happiness. Our community outcome statements are deliberately broad. They describe the aspirations (or 'what good looks like') for our district. This includes things that are beyond the direct control of this Council. However, the role we play in providing services to our communities can positively influence their achievement.</p> <p>Council is working on its 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, identifying key strategic projects and what values / benefits they will deliver to its communities. The Community Outcomes serve as a backdrop against which these projects are identified and delivered upon. They will help to inform the identification and prioritisation of projects to be delivered by Council. They will also influence how we advocate and engage with other external agencies whose work help to complement the delivery of the outcomes.</p> <p>Work is also underway to review Council's non-financial key performance indicators (KPIs) with a view to refining what they measure and their means of verification. It is timely that the Community Outcomes are reviewed now, as they will form the basis for measuring progress with these KPIs.</p>

Social Outcome and Sub-indicators

A place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...

- a) *Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.*
- b) *Council commits to minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities.*
- c) *Housing is available to match the changing needs and aspirations of our community.*
- d) *Our community groups are sustainable and able to get the support they need to succeed.*
- e) *Our community has access to the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and to exercise choice about how to live their lives.*
- f) *People are able to enjoy meaningful relationships with others in their families, whanau, communities, iwi and workplaces.*
- g) *Our community has reliable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing.*

Comments from Bang the Table Submissions

- Need to forge links with ECEs, kura, training institutes to collaborate on common social goals.
- Ensure that social housing will not all be clumped together.
- Ensure that community wellbeing includes mental health support.
- Emphasis should be on outcomes that Council can directly control and are responsible for. Does Council have the capacity to deliver other services like encourage meaningful relationships. How are these metrics measured?

Waimakariri Youth Council

- It is important that the district is multi-generational with the ways in which communities are designed. More needs to be done to figure out the best way to develop the community using medium to high-density housing, so that young adults aged 20-30 have activities to do, whilst living in the district.
- Make places in Waimakariri livelier and more accessible, such as High Street in Rangiora. One consideration could be to close High Street to vehicle traffic.
- Recommends changing “Council **commits** to minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities,” to “Council **strives** to minimize....”

- Recommends changing “Our community has reliable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing,” to, “Our community has **equitable** and reliable access...”

Te Mana Ora

- Recommends that several of the Social Community Outcomes be expanded or made more specific. This will help make the meaning of the social outcomes more tangible and clarify the Council’s role in relation to each outcome. Additionally, this would clarify how progress towards this social outcome will be measured and monitored.
- Suggests that the community outcome about housing is updated to ‘**Suitable, healthy** housing is available to **meet** the needs and aspirations of our community’. This change will reflect different aspects of housing needs, for example, it is important to have diverse housing options that are affordable, accessible, and healthy.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers

- There is no specific outcome to state the Council’s commitment to support mental health. When making all decisions, Council should be considering the impact of that decision on communities’ mental health, and through a well-being lens.
- Introduce a new social sub-indicator: *Mental health and well-being of urban and rural communities is considered by Council in all areas of decision-making.*

Council officer comments

- We have no objections to the suggested edits. We think the Community Outcomes would be the better for them and would better reflect local community aspirations.
- We welcome the comments around mental health and agree that this is an area of significant importance to our community. We also acknowledge that while there is not one specific well-being focused sub-indicator; we believe that five of the seven sub-indicators (a,b,d,f and g) work together to help improve different dimensions of mental well-being and that considerations of community well-being already permeate Council decision making (for example Council report templates).

Cultural Outcome and Sub-indicators

...where our people are enabled to thrive and give creative expression to their identity and heritage...

- a) Public spaces express our cultural identities and help to foster an inclusive society.
- b) The distinctive character of our takiwā, arts and heritage are preserved and enhanced.
- c) Members of our community are able to engage in arts, culture and heritage events and activities as participants, consumers, creators or providers.
- d) Waimakariri's diversity is freely expressed, respected and valued.
- e) There is an environment that supports creativity and innovation for all.
- f) Local arts, culture and heritage are able to make a growing contribution to the community and economy.

Comments from Bang the Table Submissions

- Work with local hapu to unpack what they believe are major goals for our community's next steps/development culturally.
- How to get children outside of the house and onto the streets to play. We never see children playing like we use to do. Parks are ok, I would like to see children biking skating running playing out in the safety of their community.
- I would hope these have been created in consultation with iwi from the beginning. Not just now asking opinion.
- Stronger commitment to parks and recreational facilities.
- Does the council really have the capacity and capability to deliver other services, are rate payer really willing to pay for them, how are the measured, how are costs allocated?

Waimakariri Youth Council

- Modify "Members of our community...." To begin with "**All** members of our community..."
- Modify "The distinctive character of our takiwā, arts and heritage are preserved and enhanced." "...heritage are preserved, enhanced **and celebrated.**"

Te Mana Ora

- Te Mana Ora recommends the explicit inclusion of Māori and Pasifika culture within the Cultural Community Outcomes. This is

important because 8.6% of the population in the Waimakariri District are Māori and 1.4% are Pacific peoples.

- Te Mana Ora recommends the following addition to the Cultural Community Outcomes: 'Māori and Pasifika language, culture and identities are celebrated and empowered.'
- Council commits to the aspirations of Mana whenua.' Mana whenua are the indigenous people (Māori) who have historic and territorial rights over the land, and can include iwi, hapū, and whānau. Making a specific reference to Mana whenua reflects the Council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and shows respect to Mana whenua.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers

- The identity and heritage of the farming community in the Waimakariri District is in part due to intergenerational farming. This culture and identity form a strong cornerstone for the Waimakariri community.
- It is important that the Council acknowledge and celebrate different cultures which exist in the community and balance their competing needs.
- Introduce a new cultural sub-indicator: Cultural - Council celebrates the diversity of cultures, which exist not only on the basis of race or ethnicity but also as industries, groups or networks.

Council officer comments

- We have no objections to the suggested edits from the Waimakariri Youth Council. We think they help improve the Cultural sub-indicators.
- We agree with Te Mana Ora that Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua have a long and enduring role in the district. We also agree that it is appropriate to have a sub-indicator(s) that reflects this. We however believe that developing an appropriate sub-indicator should be left to Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū to take a lead on and it should be left to them decide if they want the sub-indicator(s) to also capture Pasifika.
- We agree that celebrating the diversity of our communities across all dimensions is important. We believe the sub-indicators as drafted reflect this, and it is unclear if the recommended edits from NCFE offer any additional benefits above these.
- A recurring theme from the feedback received on both social and cultural sub-indicators is the need to make public spaces accessible and able to be enjoyed by diverse segments of the community. We believe these suggestions align with Council position. However, the full range of how these will be delivered and measured will evolve as the projects that will deliver on the Community Outcomes are designed and funded.

Environmental Outcome and Sub-indicators

...that values and restores our environment...

- a) People participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
- b) Land use is sustainable; biodiversity is protected and restored.
- c) Our district is resilient and able to quickly respond to and recover from natural disasters and the effects of climate change.
- d) Our district transitions towards a reduced carbon and waste district.
- e) The natural and built environment in which people live is clean, healthy and safe.
- f) Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

Comments from Bang the Table Submissions

- The capacity/capability/tools for our community members to live/operate more sustainably is increased - e.g. workshops, collaborative projects, resource use deduction projects
- More fruit trees that whanau can access.
- I would like to see more commitment from Council to mitigate the impacts of climate change. I feel like we are behind other districts in this space.
- Perhaps putting a slightly higher emphasis on public transport/reducing car dependence would be beneficial as well as improving cycling.
- Support more education of environmental issues in schools and or wider community.
- Stronger links to what council can directly control i.e., its own emissions.

Waimakariri Youth Council

- We need to get rid of the 'do it later' mindset. Adults should listen to young people as they have a good understanding of climate change and the need for urgency of action.
- National Emergency Management Agency and the support of the local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to build community resilience. ...we can't react to events like we did 20 years ago. As a district, we need to be rapidly adapting to the

conditions around us.

- “Our district transitions towards a reduced carbon and waste district,” the Rangiora High School recycling bins came up. These were taken away by the council due to poor use. The group wondered if there could be more done to educate the community about recycling in situations such as this.
- Schools need to be directly involved to help with the education process of waste management, sustainability, and health of the environment. One suggestion was a collaborative approach where Council provides schools with real-time information, which schools can use for projects and curriculum teaching.

Te Mana Ora

- Te Mana Ora recommends that the following addition to the Environmental Community Outcomes: ‘*The built environment is designed to support the health and wellbeing of our communities*’.
- Te Mana Ora recommends that the Waimakariri District Council consider the Healthy Streets Indicators within the Long-Term Plan and planning processes. The Healthy Streets Indicators is a framework and assessment tool for supporting a healthy and safe built environment. The built environment has a strong influence on the health and wellbeing of communities as it can influence people’s everyday experiences and behaviours, such using active transport.
- Te Mana Ora suggests that the outcome ‘our district transitions towards a **reduced** carbon and waste district’ is changed to ‘our district transitions towards a **low** carbon and waste district.’ Improving resource sustainability is important for the health and prosperity of society. Therefore, there are potential benefits of setting a more ambitious community outcome.
- Therefore, Te Mana Ora recommends the following addition: ‘*Council enables Mana whenua aspirations and kaitiakitanga in the protection and sustainability of the environment*.’

North Canterbury Federated Farmers

- Federated Farmers understands that many in local government want to do more to fight climate change and its effects. The mandate for district/city councils is, however, limited and therefore the Council focus should be on:
 - reducing the Council emissions footprint by moving to clean energy for Council buildings and using electric vehicles for their fleet;
 - influencing carbon dioxide emissions more generally through planning and funding transport infrastructure and services; and
 - ensuring that local areas and communities adapt to the impact of climate change.

- Beyond these roles Federated Farmers is not convinced that councils can or should seek to do more.
- It is important that farmers are supported at a district level by the Council recognising that landowners play a principal role as stewards and financiers of the region's natural and physical resources.
- Introduce a new environmental sub-indicator: Environmental - *The farming community is supported by the Council to meet their environmental outcomes.*

Council officer comments

- We note a recurring theme around the need for capacity building with youth and the wider community on sustainability and climate friendly actions as one of the key actions required to deliver on the sub-indicators. This information is helpful and will be shared with the relevant Council departments to help inform their project planning.
- The district is a rural province with a strong agricultural economy that is grappling with its own evolving response to climate change and the need for sustainability. Council has no intention of adding on to their ongoing work in this space. But Council is equally cognizant of the challenges posed by climate change and the need for continued proactive action.
- We believe our draft sub-indicators have taken a measured approach and reflect this fine balancing act. Much work has been done to ensure they are calibrated to be future focussed and deliver a clear direction of travel for Council and its communities' response to climate change and environmental concerns; whilst making sure to put no additional burdens above existing Government legislation on the farming sector. We do not see that introducing a new sub-indicator as proposed by North Canterbury Federated Farmers will provide any additional benefits over the existing ones.
- We agree with Te Mana Ora that mana whenua have long played a role as kaitiaki of the environment, and we are not opposed to having a sub-indicator that reflects this. We however believe that developing an appropriate sub-indicator should be left to Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū to take a lead on.

Economic

...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.

- a) Our district is prosperous and reflects the value of both paid and unpaid work.
- b) Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable.

- c) Our district readily adapts to innovation and emerging technologies that support its transition to a circular economy. (modified and expanded)
- d) There are sufficient and appropriate locations where businesses can set up in our District.
- e) There are sufficient skills and education opportunities available to support the economy. (new)
- f) There is access to meaningful, rewarding, and safe employment within the district.

Comments from Bang the Table Submissions

- Mindfulness of the diverse economic groups within the district, with strategies and support systems to enhance the resilience of these groups, along with support of equitable access to opportunities for tamariki and youth.
- Rethink this in the auspicious of community sustainability, circular economies that links people and whanau to land supporting community wellbeing. For instance, paid or unpaid is irrelevant, it about value creation, feeling valued, being respected.

Waimakariri Youth Council

- “There are sufficient skills and education opportunities available to support the economy.” This is key for youth in the district, as it is important to have local opportunities for education and skills-based training. The Waimakariri District should support youth to grow, without needing to travel to learn the skills required to enter the workforce. The district should provide steppingstones to stable employment and opportunities to learn.

Te Mana Ora

- Te Mana Ora commends the Waimakariri District Council for highlighting the need to value both paid and unpaid work. Unpaid work, including volunteering, caregiving and domestic work, provide significant and critical contributions to communities in numerous areas, including in family life, sports clubs and recreation, arts and culture, and in conservation, and can often be overlooked by policy makers and decision makers.
- Additionally, Te Mana Ora commends the Waimakariri District Council for the Economic Community Outcome: ‘Our district readily adapts to innovation and emerging technologies that support its transition to a circular economy.’ A circular economy is critical for our communities to reduce our emissions and protect against the worst impacts of climate change.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers

- Agriculture is the fourth largest earner for the Waimakariri economy (bringing in \$159m which equates to 9.4% of the district's GDP). The importance of the agricultural sector therefore must be reflected in the Council's economic community outcomes.
- Introduce a new economic sub-indicator: Economic - *Council supports and enables the industries which make significant contributions to the district's economy, such as the agricultural industry.*

Council officer comments

- Feedback received on this outcome and its accompanying sub-indicators were broadly positive. A number of submitters reinforced the validity of some of the sub-indicators and commended Council's approach.
- North Canterbury Federated Farmers have suggested an additional sub-indicator that directly references the contributions made by the agricultural sector to the district's economy. While we do not dispute the fact agriculture is a significant earner for the local economy (fourth largest), we do not think making an indicator to specifically reference the sector is necessary or offers any additional value to improving the indicators.

Implications for Community Wellbeing

There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report.

- 4.5. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. COMMUNITY VIEWS

5.1. Mana whenua

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report. No submissions were received from any hapū entities on this consultation. Officers continue to work out how best to secure hapū feedback on this and other consultations.

5.2. Groups and Organisations

There are groups and/or organisations that are likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. They have been given an opportunity to be heard as part of the public consultation process.

5.3. Wider Community

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Council has undertaken public consultation to afford interested parties the opportunity to have their say and be heard.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

5.4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. Where any financial obligations of Council are referenced, these are already specifically provided for in the Annual Plan / Long Term Plan funding or fees and charges manual. This information is publicly available and has been previously consulted through these processes.

5.5. Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts

The recommendations in this report have sustainability and/or climate change impacts. Some of the statements reference specific sustainability and/or climate change aspirations as part of the community outcomes.

6.3 Risk Management

There are no risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6.3 Health and Safety

There are no health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6. CONTEXT

6.1. Consistency with Policy

This matter is a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

“The impact or consequences of the decision or proposal will have a substantial impact on more than 5% of the resident population of the District based on estimates by Statistics New Zealand at 30 June each year.”

6.2. Authorising Legislation

The Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

It is considered that social / cultural/ economic / environmental well-beings are of relevance to this matter.

6.3. **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to all the actions arising from the recommendations in this report.

6.4. **Authorising Delegations**

Council at its 4 July 2023 meeting delegated responsibility to the Hearings Panel to hear and consider submissions to the Community Outcomes consultation.

Draft Community Outcomes - 2024

<p>Social</p> <p>A place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation. • Council commits to minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities. • Housing is available to match the changing needs and aspirations of our community. • Our community groups are sustainable and able to get the support they need to succeed. • Our community has access to the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and to exercise choice about how to live their lives. • People are able to enjoy meaningful relationships with others in their families, whanau, communities, iwi and workplaces. • Our community has reliable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing. 	<p>Cultural</p> <p>...where our people are enabled to thrive and give creative expression to their identity and heritage...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public spaces express our cultural identities and help to foster an inclusive society. • The distinctive character of our takiwā, arts and heritage are preserved and enhanced. • Members of our community are able to engage in arts, culture and heritage events and activities as participants, consumers, creators or providers. • Waimakariri's diversity is freely expressed, respected and valued. • There is an environment that supports creativity and innovation for all. • Local arts, culture and heritage are able to make a growing contribution to the community and economy. (new)
<p>Environmental</p> <p>...that values and restores our environment...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment. • Land use is sustainable; biodiversity is protected and restored. • Our district is resilient and able to quickly respond to and recover from natural disasters and the effects of climate change. • Our district transitions towards a reduced carbon and waste district. • The natural and built environment in which people live is clean, healthy and safe. • Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces. 	<p>Economic</p> <p>...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our district is prosperous and reflects the value of both paid and unpaid work. • Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable. • Our district readily adapts to innovation and emerging technologies that support its transition to a circular economy. (modified and expanded) • There are sufficient and appropriate locations where businesses can set up in our District. • There are sufficient skills and education opportunities available to support the economy. (new) • There is access to meaningful, rewarding, and safe employment within the district.

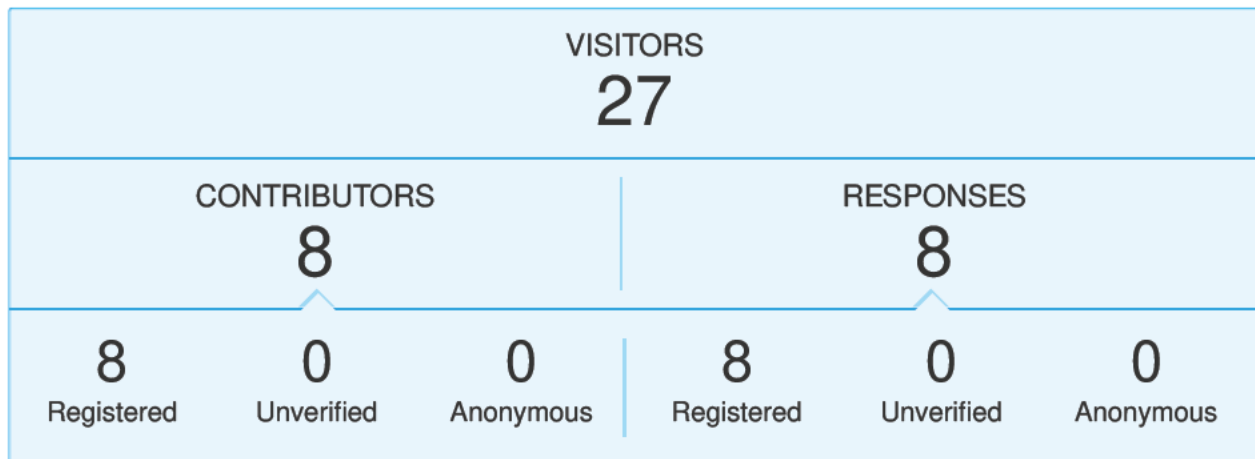
Survey Responses

09 August 2023 - 08 September 2023

Have your say on Community Outcomes

Let's Talk Waimakariri

Project: Community Outcomes





Respondent No: 1

Login: Jason72

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Aug 14, 2023 11:42:46 am

Last Seen: Aug 13, 2023 23:29:18 pm

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

Links with ECEs, kura, training institutes to collaborate on common social goals

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

Work with local hapu to unpack what they believe are major goals for our community's next steps/development culturally

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

(it would be great to include the image on the same page as the question) The capacity/capability/tools for our community members to live/operate more sustainably is increased - e.g. workshops, collaborative projects, resource use deduction projects

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

Mindfulness of the diverse economic groups within the district, with strategies and support systems to enhance the resilience of these groups, along with support of equitable access to opportunities for tamariki and youth.

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Jason [REDACTED]

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:

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Respondent No: 2

Login: Christina24

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Aug 15, 2023 09:00:50 am

Last Seen: Aug 14, 2023 20:48:15 pm

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

The idea that social housing will not all be clumped together.

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

To ensure that the social housing is not stigmatised by clumping them in groups that isolates and distinguishes them from society. Social housing should be weaved into the migration of housing and not silo

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

More community events that include whanau e.g. whanau day events

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

How to get children outside of the house and onto the streets to play. We never see children playing like we use to do. Parks are ok, I would like to see children biking skating running playing out in the safety of their community

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

More rongoa gardens and sport events in parks that include community and whanau. Interesting events that cost whanau nothing. We have too many paid events and not enough events with a bit more imagination.

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

More fruit trees that whanau can access. When we were kids living in Auckland there were many fejoa trees grown out in the suburbs that when you were outside playing and you get hungry you can pick and eat fejoas.

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

Not to have too many businesses cluttered in one area but spread out and merged.

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

Nil

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Christina [REDACTED]

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:

[REDACTED]



Respondent No: 3

Login: Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Aug 16, 2023 20:18:44 pm

Last Seen: Aug 16, 2023 08:13:17 am

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

Nothing else

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

No

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

No

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

I would hope these have been created in consultation with iwi from the beginning. Not just now asking opinion.

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

I would like to see more commitment from Council to mitigate the impacts of climate change. I feel like we are behind other districts in this space.

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

No

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

No

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:

[REDACTED]

**Respondent No:** 4**Login:** Waiora Links**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Aug 22, 2023 11:49:37 am**Last Seen:** Aug 21, 2023 23:48:01 pm**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Waiora Links Community Trust

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. **Phone number:**

no answered



Respondent No: 5

Login: Jackson

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Aug 27, 2023 17:57:32 pm

Last Seen: Aug 27, 2023 05:20:20 am

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

perhaps putting a slightly higher emphasis on public transport/reducing car dependence would be beneficial as well as improving cycling

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Jackson [REDACTED]

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:





Respondent No: 6

Login: J [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Sep 05, 2023 09:49:00 am

Last Seen: Sep 04, 2023 21:32:42 pm

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

I think these outcomes are good and cover a broad range of social issues. I would assume that services to community well-being would include mental health support?

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

not answered

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

It would be good to see the council support more education of environmental issues in schools and or wider community.

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?

Yes

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?

Yes

Q14. Name:

Julie [REDACTED]

Q15. Email:

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:



**Respondent No:** 7**Login:** Courtney21**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Sep 05, 2023 11:48:55 am**Last Seen:** Sep 04, 2023 23:42:12 pm**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

Q1. **Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes?**

Yes

Q2. **What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?**

not answered

Q3. **Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q4. **Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes?**

Yes

Q5. **What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?**

not answered

Q6. **Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q7. **Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes?**

Yes

Q8. **What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q9. **Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q10. **Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes?**

Yes

Q11. **Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q12. **What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?**

not answered

Q13. **Do you agree with the inclusion of the Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?**

Yes

Q14. **Name:**

Courtney

Q15. **Email:**

[REDACTED]

Q16. Phone number:





Respondent No: 8

Login: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Sep 07, 2023 10:39:16 am

Last Seen: Sep 06, 2023 21:46:52 pm

IP Address: [REDACTED]

Q1. Do you agree with the Social Community Outcomes? Yes

Q2. What would you like to see in the Social Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

More emphasis on outcomes that Council can directly control and are responsible for i.e. essential infrastructure. Considering well documented societal challenges, does the council really have the capacity and capability to deliver other services...say beyond its core responsibilities?

Q3. Are there any changes you would make to the Social Community Outcomes?

I question how Council could impact, and for example, risk of social harm, encourage meaningful relationships. How are these metrics measured? Is this what people think when they pay their rates?

Q4. Do you agree with the Cultural Community Outcomes? Yes

Q5. What would you like to see in the Cultural Community Outcomes that hasn't been included?

Stronger commitment to parks and recreational facilities...I think the Council does a good job already...but remember these facilities are expensive, they need looking after.

Q6. Are there any changes you would make to the Cultural Community Outcomes?

Considering Council effort, again does the council really have the capacity and capability to deliver other services, are rate payer really willing to pay for them, how are the measured, how are costs allocated?

Q7. Do you agree with the Environmental Community Outcomes? Yes

Q8. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Environmental Community Outcomes?

Stronger links to what council can directly control i.e., its own emissions.

Q9. Are there any changes you would make to the Environmental Community Outcomes?

not answered

Q10. Do you agree with the Economic Community Outcomes? No

Q11. Are there any changes you would make to the Economic Community Outcomes?

Rethink this in the auspicious of community sustainability, circular economies that links people and whanau to land supporting community wellbeing. For instance, paid or unpaid is irrelevant, it about value creation, feeling valued, being respected.

Q12. What would you like to see that hasn't been included in the Economic Community Outcomes?

not answered

**Q13. Do you agree with the inclusion of the
Community Outcomes in the Long Term Plan?**

No

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Mark [REDACTED]

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RE: Let's Talk - Community Outcomes

Kia ora,

The Waimakariri Youth Council met on Tuesday 29th August, at the Council Chambers in Rangiora, and held a Policy Briefing and Workshop on Community Outcomes. The consensus was that overall it was a good document with good values. For the discussion, Youth Councillors were split up into four groups to look at the four aspects, with WDC Councillors and Community Board members supporting these discussions. All groups were asked to choose the three outcomes they thought were most important.

Cultural Outcomes:

The first outcome that was seen as important was; "Members of our community are able to engage in arts, culture and heritage events and activities as participants, consumers, creators or providers." The group discussing this, also believed that the beginning of this outcome could be improved, by having it begin with "*All members* of our community..." The purpose of this change is to feel more inclusive of everyone. The second outcome prioritised was, "The distinctive character of our takiwā, arts and heritage are preserved and enhanced." The group believed that the ending could be adapted to state "...heritage are preserved, enhanced *and celebrated*." The third outcome identified as important was, "Waimakariri's diversity is freely expressed, respected, valued and celebrated every day."

Social Group:

The group discussed the importance of the outcome, "Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation." They believed it was important that the Waimakariri District is Multi-Generational with the ways in which communities are designed. The group also believed that there needed to be studies done to figure out the best way to develop the community using medium to high-density housing, so that young adults aged 20-30 had activities to do, whilst living in the district.

The group also discussed the role of high-density and medium-density housing, and the way in which it can be used with mixed-purpose to effectively have a mixed building environment, with shops on the bottom and apartments on the top. The group discussed the ability to make places in Waimakariri more lively and accessible, such as High Street in Rangiora. One option that was discussed was closing off High Street.

The second outcome seen as important by the group was, “Housing is available to match the changing needs and aspirations of our community.” The group felt this built upon the first priority, and again refers to the idea discussed above around medium to high-density housing. The last outcome chosen was, “Our community has reliable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing.” These two priorities were chosen and informed heavily by the discussions the group had about the first priority.

Another group also pointed out that two changes could be made to the wording of some outcomes in the social section. Altering, “Council *commits* to minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities,” to “Council *strives* to minimise the risk of social harm to its communities.” The group felt this was a more actionable statement, instead of a passive tick-the-box statement. This group also suggested changing, “Our community has reliable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing,” to, “Our community has *equitable and reliable* access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing.”

Economic Group:

The members who took part in the Economic Outcomes discussion decided that the first outcome of importance was, “Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable.” This outcome is important for Youth, as with prices increasing significantly for most services it is important that there are affordable opportunities which are also resilient and sustainable from a business standpoint.

The second outcome that was important for this group was; “There are sufficient skills and education opportunities available to support the economy.” This is key for youth in the district, as it is important to have local opportunities for education and skills-based training. The Waimakariri District should support youth to grow, without needing to travel to learn the skills required to enter the workforce. The District should provide stepping stones to stable employment and opportunities to learn. By having these opportunities locally, the lives of young people are directly impacted as they are provided with a place for good social connections within the local community.

Lastly, the outcome that was referred to as being important, was; “There is access to meaningful, rewarding, and safe employment within the district.” This point helps back up the importance of training and education opportunities indicated above. If the Waimakariri District doesn’t offer meaningful, rewarding and safe employment opportunities, it will likely not lead to stable employment or people staying in the District to live.

Environmental Group:

This group had some good discussions about the environmental outcomes for the community. One of the main discussions was around the mindsets, stigma and stereotypes present around environmental issues in New Zealand. The group directly stated that “[We need to] get rid of the ‘do it later’ mindset”. Another thing that was talked about was that adults should listen to young people as they have a good understanding of climate change and the need for urgency of action.

Another thing that was discussed was the National Emergency Management Agency and the support of the local Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to build community resilience. One point made was that we can't react to events like we did 20 years ago. As a district, we need to be rapidly adapting to the conditions around us.

In regard to the outcome, “Our district transitions towards a reduced carbon and waste district,” the Rangiora High School recycling bins came up. These were taken away by the council due to poor use. The group wondered if there could be more done to educate the community about recycling in situations such as this. In regard to the outcome of, “People participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment,” it was identified that schools need to be directly involved to help with the education process of waste management, sustainability, and health of the environment. One suggestion was a collaborative approach where Council provides schools with real-time information, which schools can use for projects and curriculum teaching.

Another group looked at the outcome, “Land use is sustainable; biodiversity is protected and restored,” and raised the question of whether this included landfills.

We wish you the best of luck with the rest of the consultation process Temi, and hope to see the District grow as a part of your amazing work around Community Outcomes.

Nga Mihi Nui,

Waimakariri Youth Council

8 September 2023

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Tēnā koutou,

Submission on Community Outcomes

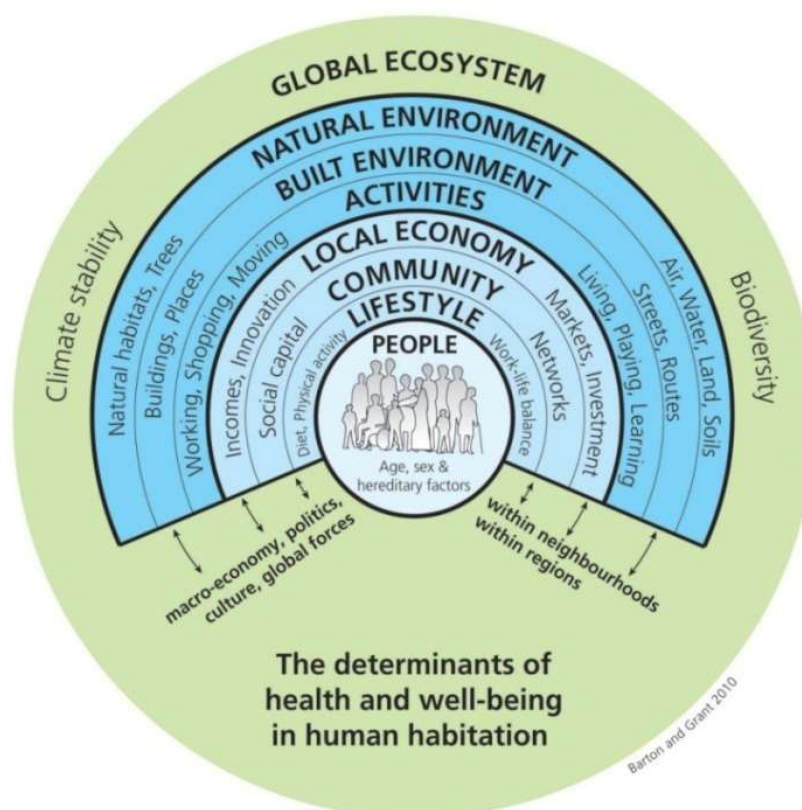
1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waimakariri District Council's Community Outcomes. This submission has been compiled by Te Mana Ora (Community and Public Health) on behalf of the National Public Health Service and Te Whatu Ora Waitaha. Te Mana Ora recognises its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities of Aotearoa New Zealand under the Pae Ora Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956.
2. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to Te Mana Ora.

General Comments

3. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Waimakariri District Council's Community Outcomes.
4. Health creation and wellbeing (overall quality of life) are influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. These influences can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and are impacted by

environmental, social and behavioural factors. They are often referred to as the 'social determinants of health'.¹

5. The diagram² below shows how the various influences on health are complex and interlinked. Initiatives to improve health outcomes and overall quality of life must involve organisations and groups beyond the health sector, such as local government if they are to have a reasonable impact.³ As highlighted within the Waimakariri District Council's Community Outcomes, local government has a critical role to play in supporting the health and wellbeing of communities.



¹ Public Health Advisory Committee. 2004. *The Health of People and Communities. A Way Forward: Public Policy and the Economic Determinants of Health*. Public Health Advisory Committee: Wellington.

² Barton, H and Grant, M. (2006) *A health map for the local human habitat*. *The Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health* 126 (6), pp 252-253. <http://www.bne.uwe.ac.uk/who/healthmap/default.asp>

³ McGinnis JM, Williams-Russo P, Knickman JR. 2002. *The case for more active policy attention to health promotion*. *Health Affairs*, 21(2): 78 - 93.

Specific Comments

6. Te Mana Ora supports the development of the Community Outcomes to help guide the Waimakariri District Council's Long Term Plan. Te Mana Ora recognises the importance of including community outcomes within the Long Term Plan to ensure that social, environmental, economic, and cultural wellbeing are considered in decision making.
7. Te Mana Ora recommends that Council's responsibility and obligation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and towards cultural safety are considered and explicitly incorporated across all the Community Outcomes.
8. Te Mana Ora also recommends that spiritual wellbeing is also considered and reflected within the Community Outcomes, as an important component of Māori wellbeing.⁴
9. Additionally, Te Mana Ora suggests that it would be helpful to understand in more detail how the Community Outcomes will be applied or considered within the Long Term Plan and planning processes, particularly as some of the Community Outcomes are quite broad, and therefore harder to measure and monitor progress on. Currently the Community Outcomes provide positive aspirations and objectives to strive for, but it is less clear how these will be practically implemented and monitored, and how they will influence decision making and planning choices.

Social: A place where everyone can have a sense of belonging

10. Te Mana Ora supports the Social Community Outcomes overall and has a few recommendations discussed below.

⁴ Manatū Hauora (2023). Māori health models – Te Whare Tapa Whā. Accessed from: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/populations/maori-health/maori-health-models/maori-health-models-te-whare-tapa-wha>

11. Te Mana Ora recommends that several of the Social Community Outcomes be expanded or made more specific. This will help make the meaning of the social outcomes more tangible and clarify the Council's role in relation to each outcome. Additionally, this would clarify how progress towards this social outcome will be measured and monitored.
12. For example, for the community social outcome: *'Our community groups are sustainable and able to get the support they need to succeed'*, it would be helpful to understand what is meant by *'sustainable'* and *'support'* - an example could clarify this. If this particular outcome is primarily related to providing funding to community groups, Te Mana Ora recommends that this outcome is made more specific to clarify that.
13. Te Mana Ora suggests that the outcome *'People are able to enjoy meaningful relationships with others in their families, whānau, communities, iwi, and workplaces,'* is made more specific or clarified. While Te Mana Ora recognises that this is a very important social outcome, and that local government has a key role in enabling social connectedness, it would be helpful to understand the ways that Council will measure and actively support this outcome.
14. Te Mana Ora also suggests that the community outcome about housing is updated to *'Suitable, healthy housing is available to meet the needs and aspirations of our community'*. This change will reflect different aspects of housing needs, for example, it is important to have diverse housing options that are affordable, accessible, and healthy.

Cultural: Where our people are enabled to thrive and give creative expression to their identity and help foster an inclusive society

15. Te Mana Ora supports the Cultural Community Outcomes overall and has some recommendations discussed below.

16. Te Mana Ora recommends the explicit inclusion of Māori and Pasifika culture within the Cultural Community Outcomes. This is important because 8.6% of the population in the Waimakariri District are Māori and 1.4% are Pacific peoples.⁵
17. The visibility and the acknowledgement of Māori cultural history and mātauranga (Māori ways of knowing) is important for the health and wellbeing of Māori, and reflect critical obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.⁶
18. Language and culture are critical determinants of health. For Māori and Pasifika in particular, language, identity and wellbeing are connected; and te reo Māori is a taonga (treasure) that carries knowledge, values and beliefs.⁷
19. Therefore, Te Mana Ora recommends the following addition to the Cultural Community Outcomes: *'Māori and Pasifika language, culture and identities are celebrated and empowered.'*
20. Additionally, Te Mana Ora recommends the following addition to the Cultural Community Outcomes: *'Council commits to the aspirations of Manawhenua.'* Manawhenua are the indigenous people (Māori) who have historic and territorial rights over the land, and can include iwi, hapū, and whānau. Making a specific reference to Manawhenua reflects the Council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and shows respect to Manawhenua.

Environmental: That values and restores our environment

21. Te Mana Ora supports the Environmental Community Outcomes overall and has a number of recommendations discussed below.

⁵ Stats NZ (2023). 2018 Census place summaries: Waimakariri District. Accessed from: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries/waimakariri-district#ethnicity-culture-and-identity>

⁶ Reweti, A., Ware, F., & Moriarty, H. (2023). A tangata whenua (people of the land) approach to conceptualising māori health and wellbeing. *Global Health Promotion*, 30(2), 11-18. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17579759221130948>

⁷ Reweti, A., Ware, F., & Moriarty, H. (2023). A tangata whenua (people of the land) approach to conceptualising māori health and wellbeing. *Global Health Promotion*, 30(2), 11-18. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17579759221130948>

22. Te Mana Ora recommends that the following addition to the Environmental Community Outcomes: *'The built environment is designed to support the health and wellbeing of our communities'*.

23. Te Mana Ora recommends that the Waimakariri District Council consider the Healthy Streets Indicators⁸ (see below) within the Long Term Plan and planning processes. The Healthy Streets Indicators is a framework and assessment tool for supporting a healthy and safe built environment. The built environment has a strong influence on the health and wellbeing of communities as it can influence people's everyday experiences and behaviours, such as using active transport.



24. Te Mana Ora suggests that the outcome *'our district transitions towards a reduced carbon and waste district'* is changed to *'our district transitions towards a low carbon and waste district.'* Improving resource sustainability is important for the health and

⁸ Healthy Streets. 2022. Introduction: What is Healthy Streets? Accessed from: <https://www.healthystreets.com/what-is-healthy-streets>

prosperity of society. Therefore, there are potential benefits of setting a more ambitious community outcome.

25. Te Mana Ora also recommends that Council recognise Manawhenua leadership and key contributions they can make to achieving the Council's Environmental Community Outcomes. Manawhenua are kaitiaki (guardians) of the whenua (land), and mātauranga Māori can provide critical knowledge to support good decision making in protecting and restoring the environment. Therefore, Te Mana Ora recommends the following addition: '*Council enables Manawhenua aspirations and kaitiakitanga in the protection and sustainability of the environment.*' Engaging with Manawhenua on environmental issues will ensure a consistent approach to environmental management and, as mentioned above, referring to Manawhenua in the Community Outcomes demonstrates the Council's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Economic: Supported by a resilient and innovative economy

26. Te Mana Ora supports the Economic Community Outcomes.

27. Te Mana Ora commends the Waimakariri District Council for highlighting the need to value both paid and unpaid work. Unpaid work, including volunteering, caregiving and domestic work, provide significant and critical contributions to communities in numerous areas, including in family life, sports clubs and recreation, arts and culture, and in conservation, and can often be overlooked by policy makers and decision makers^{9,10}. Additionally, volunteering and unpaid work contribute to cultural wellbeing through the development of cultural knowledge and identities.

⁹ Volunteering New Zealand. (2022). *State of Volunteering in Aotearoa New Zealand 2022*. Wellington: Volunteering New Zealand.

¹⁰ Berentson-Shaw, J. (2019). *Where there is a will : Encouraging policymakers to value unpaid labour*. *Policy Quarterly* (Victoria University of Wellington. Institute for Governance and Policy Studies), 15(1), 46-53. <https://doi.org/10.26686/pq.v15i1.5296>

28. Additionally, Te Mana Ora commends the Waimakariri District Council for the Economic Community Outcome: *'Our district readily adapts to innovation and emerging technologies that support its transition to a circular economy.'* A circular economy is critical for our communities to reduce our emissions and protect against the worst impacts of climate change.¹¹

Conclusion

29. Te Mana Ora does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

30. If others make a similar submission, the submitter will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

31. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Community Outcomes.

Ngā mihi,



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¹¹ *Circular economy and bioeconomy*. (2022). Ministry for the Environment: <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/aotearoa-new-zealands-first-emissions-reduction-plan/circular-economy-and-bioeconomy#:~:text=By%202050%2C%20Aotearoa%20New%20Zealand,use%2C%20such%20as%20resource%20recovery>



Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Feedback to Waimakariri District Council on: Community Outcomes

8 September 2023



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FEEDBACK ON: COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

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Introduction

- 1 North Canterbury Federated Farmers ('NCF') thanks Waimakariri District Council ('the Council') for the opportunity to give feedback on its Community Outcomes which inform the Council's Long-Term Plan.
- 2 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a voluntary, primary sector organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers and their communities.
- 3 Federated Farmers aims to add value to its members' farming businesses by ensuring that New Zealand provides an economic and social environment within which:
 - Our members may operate their businesses in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
 - Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
 - Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.
- 4 The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well recognised. Its direct and indirect contribution to New Zealand's economy is about 15%. Land-based primary sector exports comprise over 70% of New Zealand's total exports. Any legislation or regulation which affects farm businesses has the potential to also impact, positively or negatively, on district, regional and national economies and social structure.
- 5 When setting community outcomes, it is vital to consider the array of needs within the community in terms of promoting the four well-being's in the Local Government Act 2002. We agree with the Council's approach to define outcomes under the well-being headings but wish to make some specific points.
- 6 This submission was developed in consultation with the members and policy staff of Federated Farmers. It is important that this submission is not viewed as a single submission, but as a collective one, that represents the opinions and views of our members.

Summary of new outcomes proposed

- 7 Under each well-being indicator, NCF proposes the addition of a new outcome. These are summarised below, and discussed in detail throughout the submission:
 - **Social** - Mental health and well-being of urban and rural communities is considered by Council in all areas of decision-making.
 - **Cultural** - Council celebrates the diversity of cultures, which exist not only on the basis of race or ethnicity but also as industries, groups or networks.
 - **Environmental** - The farming community is supported by the Council to meet their environmental outcomes.
 - **Economic** - Council supports and enables the industries which make significant contributions to the district's economy, such as the agricultural industry.

Specific feedback on outcome areas

Social - A place where everyone can have a sense of belonging

- 8 Farming can be physically and mentally challenging, and farmers are under increasing compliance and regulatory stress. The frequency and severity of recent adverse events, staff shortages, lower commodity prices and high costs, and rising interest rates have added pressure on farmers. Poor rural health and well-being can impact on the ability of farmers to carry out their work on farm, care for the animals, and their capacity to contribute to rural communities.
- 9 We would like to see investment in rural health and well-being through increased targeted and fit-for-purpose resources.
- 10 There is no specific outcome to state the Council's commitment to support mental health. When making all decisions, Council should be considering the impact of that decision on communities' mental health, and through a well-being lens. This consideration should form part of the significance and engagement assessment (s 76AA, Local Government Act 2002).
- 11 We therefore suggest including the following outcome: *Mental health and well-being of urban and rural communities is considered by Council in all areas of decision-making.*

Cultural - Where our people are enabled to thrive and give creative expression to their identity and heritage

- 12 The identity and heritage of the farming community in the Waimakariri District is in part due to intergenerational farming. Succession planning allows farms to be passed down generations. This culture and identity form a strong cornerstone for the Waimakariri community.
- 13 It is important that the Council acknowledge and celebrate different cultures which exist in the community and balance their competing needs. We suggest the following outcome is included: *Council celebrates the diversity of cultures, which exist not only on the basis of race or ethnicity but also as industries, groups or networks.*

Environmental - That values and restores our environment

- 14 Federated Farmers understands that many in local government want to do more to fight climate change and its effects. The mandate for district/city councils is, however, limited and therefore the Council focus should be on:
 - reducing the Council emissions footprint by moving to clean energy for Council buildings and using electric vehicles for their fleet;
 - influencing carbon dioxide emissions more generally through planning and funding transport infrastructure and services; and
 - ensuring that local areas and communities adapt to the impact of climate change.
- 15 Beyond these roles Federated Farmers is not convinced that councils can or should seek to do more.
- 16 Farmers, as landowners, have a vested interest in their local environment as they are stewards of the land. Many families in the Waimakariri District have a long intergenerational history associated with their properties, and therefore an interest in improving environmental

outcomes for their children and grandchildren. It is therefore important that the Council consider the economic cost of imposing restrictive regulations on farmers.

- 17 In recent years, central government has placed a significant onus on councils, with a raft of national regulations recently released or due for imminent release. Each of these, whether relating to freshwater, biodiversity, urban development, climate change or highly productive soils, will require significant regulatory and resourcing responses from the Council as it gives effect to its responsibilities and obligations. We believe it is important that farmers are supported at a district level by the Council recognising that landowners play a principal role as stewards and financiers of the region's natural and physical resources.
- 18 NCCFF request an additional outcome is included to state the Council's commitment to supporting the farming community considering the continual introduction of new regulations: *The farming community is supported by the Council to meet their environmental outcomes.*

Economic - Supported by a resilient and innovative economy

- 19 Agriculture is the fourth largest earner for the Waimakariri economy (bringing in \$159m which equates to 9.4% of the district's GDP)¹. The importance of the agricultural sector therefore must be reflected in the Council's economic community outcomes.
- 20 NCCFF request a new outcome is included which states the Council's support for its key industries: *Council supports and enables the industries which make significant contributions to the district's economy, such as the agricultural industry.*

Conclusion

NCCFF thanks Waimakariri District Council for the opportunity to provide feedback and looks forward to engaging with the Council in the development of its Long-Term Plan. We are available to work with the Council in the LTP development and drafting stages.



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