

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2016-2019

TĀ TĀTOU RAUTAKI WHAKAMUA

VISION FOR THE REGION

THE WAIKATO CARES LOCALLY, COMPETES GLOBALLY

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S MISSION

Working together to build a Waikato region that has a healthy environment, a strong economy and vibrant communities

PRIORITIES

Support communities to take action on agreed outcomes

Forge and strengthen partnerships to achieve positive outcomes for the region

Positively influence future land use choices to ensure long term sustainability

Manage freshwater more effectively to maximise regional benefit

Increase communities' understanding of risks and resilience to change

Enhance the value of the region's coasts and marine area

Shape the development of the region so it supports our quality of life

EVERYTHING WE DO

COMMUNITY AND SERVICES

RESOURCE USE

FLOOD AND PROTECTION CONTROL WORKS

SCIENCE AND STRATEGY

EMERGENCY AND HAZARD MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- Land use is sustainable.
- It is safe to swim and take kai from all fresh water.
- The Waikato has become predator free, in line with the New Zealand 2050 target, without compromising indigenous biodiversity.
- The full range of ecosystem types, including land, water and coastal and marine ecosystems, is in a healthy and functional state.
- All soil quality indicators are trending positive.

STRONG ECONOMY

- By 2034, household median incomes are above the New Zealand average (Waikato Means Business).
- By 2034, value added per capita will grow by 2.8 per cent per annum so that the Waikato region is in the upper third of regions in New Zealand for economic performance (Waikato Means Business).
- Economic growth ensures natural capital and ecosystem services are maintained.
- The Waikato region is moving towards a low carbon economy.
- We are achieving the best use of the region's fresh water.
- New investment is attracted to the region through improved reputation and partnerships.
- The Waikato economy benefits from having Auckland as our neighbour.

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

- Our diverse communities feel like a valued part of the Waikato and take pride in the region.
- Communities are empowered and supported to take action on agreed outcomes.
- Communities are less vulnerable and more resilient to natural hazards, the effects of climate change and changes to society and the economy.
- People and communities are well connected to each other, to services (including health and other essential services), and to opportunities including recreation, education and jobs.
- There is increased benefit from the use and protection of our amenity and recreational features and values.
- Significant reduction in boating fatalities and road related fatalities and serious injuries.
- We support all parts of the Waikato to be as successful as they can be.
- Co-governance with iwi is meaningful and effective.

WHAT DO WE WANT THE REGION'S FUTURE TO LOOK LIKE?

Waikato Regional Council's work aims to achieve a number of long term outcomes over the upcoming decades that contribute to a sustainable future for our region.

These outcomes are connected to one another, so success in one area cannot be at the expense of another. As a result, Waikato Regional Council seeks to make decisions that provide multiple benefits for the community now and in the future.



HE TAIAO MAURIORA

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

HE ŌHANGA PAKARI

STRONG ECONOMY

HE HAPORI HIHIRI

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

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Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato