

# DECISION ON DRAFT WHAREKAWA COAST 2120 COMMUNITY PLAN



## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED AND CHANGES TO THE DRAFT PLAN

### A. FEEDBACK FROM THE DROP IN SESSION - 7 OCTOBER 2023:

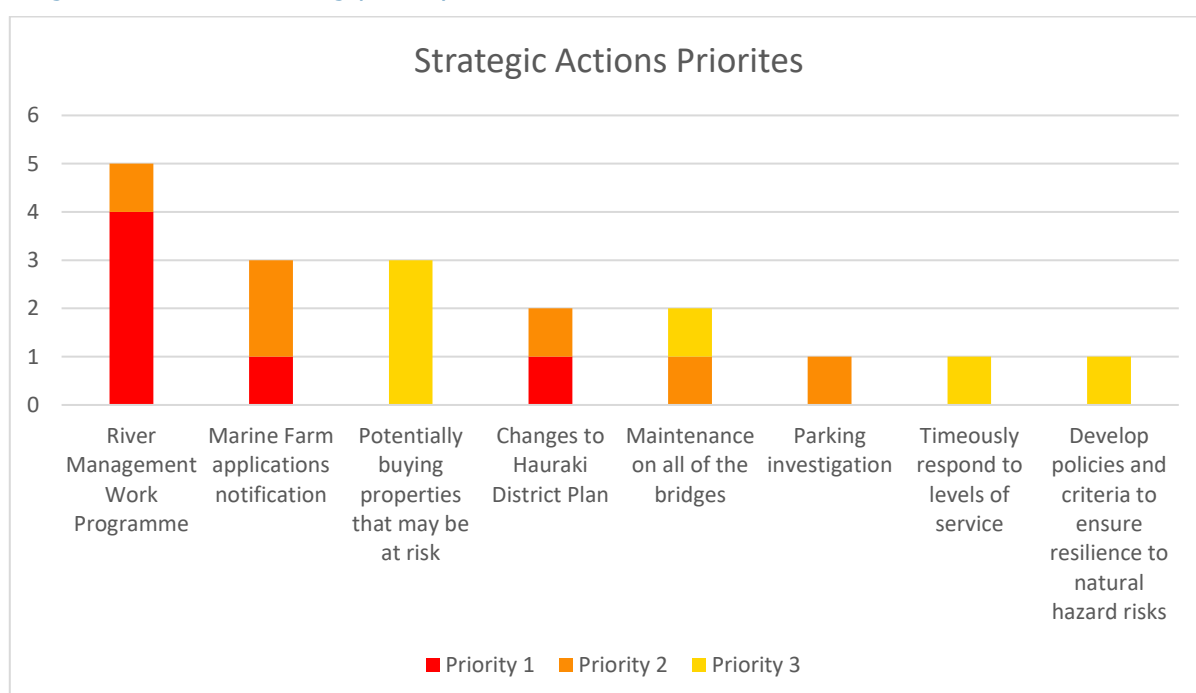
#### Questions raised

1. Have the ongoing costs for day to day work and maintenance been considered in the actions?
2. Why is HDC doing river management works when it should be WRC?
3. Whose responsibility is it to keep an eye on the day to day overall effect of works? The grass which was holding together the shore on the coastal side of the Hauraki Rail Trail, was sprayed and this has made the erosion worse. Community member is being referred between Hauraki Rail Trail and HDC. They were informed that it would not be sprayed again, but it was sprayed again.

#### Comments received

1. It was noted that the Western Firth Catchment Group have gained funding to do works straight away to repair damage from cyclone Gabriel. Will work together towards riparian planting and restoration of the Kaiaua domain as per the community plan.
2. There was a comment that the community was approached regarding a targeted rate some years ago and they were not interested in that then. The community is ready to look at and consider this now.
3. There was a comment that a definition for 'planned resettlement' was included in the Community Panel's Recommendations Report and the suggestion is for the councils to start planning for this now so that they are ready when the time comes for the community to move.
4. Comment on council drains versus private drains.

#### Strategic Actions: Indicating priority



## B. WRITTEN FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT PLAN:

Questions	M Thompson	G Rawiri	Effect on plan
Have we got it right?	The 2120 plan was shared with the community and Marae komiti. I think the recommendations speak to what is needed, to get it right.	Yes.	No changes to plan.
<b>Joint Working Party (JWP) Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted.			
<b>Reason:</b> Support for the plan is noted.			
Is there anything missing?		<p>Cumulative effects of Aquaculture on our coastline. How will increased activity effect the coastal erosion impacts on our coastline?</p> <p>Would like Community input into Aquaculture submissions prior to applications being granted.</p> <p><b>Also included as a general comment:</b></p> <p>Please include Community in Aquaculture applications. It is our homes and coastline that will be effected by the cumulative impact of man-made structures in the Firth of Thames. Auckland Council 676 hectares - WRC 1453 Hectares + 100 Hectares.</p>	No changes to plan.
<b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is not accepted.			
<p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>The Waikato Regional Coastal Plan contains policy and methods to manage the allocation and use of coastal resources - this includes aquaculture. Under the operative Waikato Regional Coastal Plan, aquaculture is a prohibited activity if it does not comply with the standards and terms for an activity in the rules.</p> <p>The proposed Waikato Regional Council Coastal Plan (which is currently out for consultation) is more enabling of aquaculture, however, for discretionary activities the effects of the activity will need to be assessed as part of the resource consent process. For example, under the proposed plan, spat catching and retention is a restricted discretionary activity and consideration can be given to the management of any</p>			

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<p>adverse effects including cumulative effects on natural character, landscape, significant surf breaks and historic values; and other commercial aquaculture activities are proposed to be discretionary activities, where all relevant matters can be addressed.</p> <p>WRC acknowledge the concerns of the community in relation to marine farming. The RMA sets out when a consent application must be publicly notified or limited notified. Therefore, WRC cannot guarantee that a community will be notified of a consent application. Under the RMA, public notification must occur when environmental effects of a proposed activity are assessed as more than minor. Public notification is made through a number of avenues including WRC website notifications and newspaper adverts. Limited notification must occur when adverse effects on a person are assessed as minor (to the affected person). A letter would be sent to the affected person notifying that person of the application.</p>			
Have we prioritised the right actions?		<p>Yes.</p> <p>Would like to have seen progress toward the mitigation stage of the Community Panel recommendations.</p>	No changes to plan.
<p><b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>In relation to the mitigation of river flooding risk, WRC is working to implement the river management plan, prepared by the community panel. This is subject to resources and costings currently being sought under the Long-term Plan.</p> <p>WRC and HDC are working through the implementation of different actions in the short, medium and long term, as identified in the draft community plan.</p>			
What do you think about the long term coastal adaptation pathways?	All potential activities should be socialized and communicated well to ensure community and group feedback is captured.	Good & Realistic. The sooner we start, the better.	No changes to plan.
<p><b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>Partner councils will ensure communication takes place at appropriate times. The partner councils commit to engage on specific projects with interested parties as outlined in the Action Plans and to seek and respond to community feedback on actions as they progress and resourcing is confirmed.</p>			

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Actions will need to be funded - what are your thoughts on this?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any industry that may be introduced into our region should pay a levy to assist with local infrastructure. E.g. Property Developer should pay an infrastructure levy.</li> <li>2. Aquaculture – as part of their economic plan should pay a levy to assist with Coastal remediation plans.</li> <li>3. Highlight the Wharekawa 2120 project wherever and however you can, in whatever media stream will raise our profile of the work done to date. Aim of this – if 2120 project can provide a pathway for other communities like ours, the Govt. may wish to assist with funding as a feel good story. Use 2120 as a pilot</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any and all NEW developments on our coast contribute to a mitigation plan. Targeted rates are an option but would need to be consulted with the community Government assistance</li> </ol>	New action to be included in plan.
<b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted in part (point 1 accepted in part, point 2 not accepted and point 3 accepted in full).			
<b>Reason:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development contributions can be charged for capital expenditure for reserves, network infrastructure and community infrastructure, but only if a portion or all of the project is due to growth and meeting demand for growth. Development contributions cannot be charged for an already completed community plan, however if there are actions that come out of it, that can be attributed to growth demand, then development contributions can be charged for this. Eligibility to charge development contributions would need to be on a case by case basis.  Staff recommend including an action into the community plan as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What will we do:</b> Consider charging development contributions for growth associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible.</li> <li>• <b>How we will do it:</b> Including charges in the Development Contributions Policy.</li> <li>• <b>When we will do it:</b> As part of the Development Contributions Policy review.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Aquaculture levy: Under the operative and proposed Regional Coastal Plan there are no provisions for coastal occupation charges. This limits WRC's ability to charge a levy for aquaculture activities.</li> </ol>			

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3.	HDC will continue to work with the media to cover the project. Partner councils are having conversations with central government agencies to determine the likelihood of assistance to meet future costs of the most complex elements of asset management around adaptation, managed retreat and relocation.		
General feedback		Number of freedom campers - more than the Council informed community residing on the foreshore. This long weekend 32 in Kaiaua camping area.	New action to be included in plan
<b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted.			
<p><b>Reason:</b> This comment is probably based on an earlier concept plan which allowed either 4 or 6 hard stand parking spots for motorhomes next to the toilet block. People assumed that meant that only 4 or 6 people could park there at a time, but this is not the case. There are no restrictions on numbers at the freedom camping area in Kaiaua. It's basically as many as can reasonably fit within the space.</p> <p>Staff recommend including an action into the community plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What will we do:</b> To manage freedom camping capacity issues by educating and informing freedom campers where they are allowed to camp.</li> <li>• <b>How we will do it:</b> The HDC appointed freedom camping ambassador will address capacity issues during the summer months.</li> <li>• <b>When we will do it:</b> Freedom camping ambassador during the summer months (peak visitor season: mid-December to end-April).</li> <li>• <b>How we know when we've succeeded:</b> The community consider that freedom camping is well managed.</li> </ul>			
General feedback		Confirmation - is a trench that carries water in times of high flow, located on the grass verge between the road and resident boundary, Council responsibility or residents. Which Council HDC / WRC.	No changes to plan.
<b>JWP Recommendation:</b> THAT the submission is accepted.			
<p><b>Reason:</b> Drainage relating to transportation would depend on whether it is in a rural or urban area, whether the road is causing an adverse effect which is mitigated by having the drain there and, whether the drain was constructed to drain the road pavement. These drains called Surface Water Channels are typically right adjacent to the carriageway and aims to keep the water level lower than the bottom of the structural pavement layers.</p>			

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<p>Typically the adverse effect of a road would be the increased run-off caused by the impermeable road surface. This is usually mitigated with concrete kerb and channel, or a swale drain next to the street in the absence of a kerb and channel. Quite often water can pond in these berm areas in a swale drain, but that would not be a level of service problem as it only ponds in the road reserve and provides retention/treatment for the overall drainage system. What sometimes happen is that driveways are built across these swale drains without provision for drainage and this causes the system to block up. This would be something that the applicable landowner would have to fix.</p> <p>It is suggested that the HDC Transportation Manager contact the submitter directly to find out where the trench is so that the issue can be addressed (if required). Further that the community be advised that people can file a Customer Service Request through our on-line process to allow for site specific assessment and response.</p>			

## C. CHANGES TO THE DRAFT PLAN

The following changes in response to feedback have been included in the final plan.

### 1. Recreation and Community Facilities action:

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative Cost	How we know when we've succeeded
<p>Hauraki District Council to investigate planting in Whakatiwai Reserve and on the reserve opposite Pukekereru Lane.</p> <p>To prevent freedom camping in restricted areas by planting &amp; work together with the community to plant reserves and control weeds.</p> <p>Using planting to direct where people can and cannot park, to plan for and provide appropriate facilities.</p> <p><u>To manage freedom camping capacity issues by educating and informing freedom campers where they are allowed to camp.</u></p>	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HDC to prepare planting plans for reserves, need to still allow access for day parking.</li> <li>This will require inclusion in reserves budgets in LTP.</li> <li><u>The HDC appointed freedom camping ambassador will address capacity issues during the summer months.</u></li> </ul>	<p>1-5 years</p> <p><u>Freedom camping ambassador during the summer months (peak visitor season: mid-December to end-April).</u></p>	\$	The community consider that the reserves on the Wharekawa Coast <u>and freedom camping</u> are well managed.

### 2. Future Growth & Infrastructure action (Appendix 3):

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative Cost	Coast-wide
<u>Consider charging development contributions for growth associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible.</u>	Hauraki District Council	<u>Including charges in the Development Contributions Policy.</u>	<u>As part of the Development Contributions Policy review.</u>	\$	✓
Report on development contributions collected and applied to improve infrastructure arising from new development in the area.		<p>Firstly define the area, as some development contributions are collected as a district wide catchment e.g. roading.</p> <p>Then provide information through a separate report, since development contributions were introduced on 1 July 2020.</p> <p>Then provide a report at the end of each financial year.</p> <p><u>Note that after 1 July 2024 development contributions for waters will not be collected by Council.</u></p>	<p>First report covering the 2020/21-2022/23 financial years can be produced within the next six months.</p> <p>Then at the end of each financial year, ongoing.</p>		