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Waikato Plan Submission

To whom it may concern

This is a submission by the Future Proof Implementation Committee (“FPIC”), the governance group responsible for implementation of the Future Proof Growth Strategy. The FPIC includes representatives from the Future Proof sub-regional councils of the Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, Waipa and Waikato Districts as well as Tāngata Whenua. The Committee is also formally advised by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

The Future Proof Strategy is a 50-year growth management vision and implementation plan which was adopted by the Strategy partners on 30 June 2009. Future Proof is currently in a Strategy Update phase with a draft Strategy due to be publicly consulted on in June this year.

The FPIC would like to commend the Waikato Plan Joint Committee and the Waikato Plan Project Team on the Draft Waikato Plan. It is a very comprehensive and well thought through document.

We would like to suggest some minor changes to the paragraph on Population Growth and Future Proof in section 1.1 on page 26 as follows:

Population growth and Future Proof: Future Proof is a growth strategy for the Hamilton, Waipa, and Waikato sub-region and has been developed jointly by the above councils, as well as the Waikato Regional Council, Tāngata Whenua and the NZ Transport Agency (www.futureproof.org.nz). The Waikato Plan refers to and incorporates the work of Future Proof; it does not duplicate it. Future Proof address issues like housing and jobs, cross boundary influences, matters of importance to tāngata whenua, the types of infrastructure and services provided, how to fund the costs of growth and the impact upon the natural environment. ~~their impact upon the natural environment and the future operational (rating and private use) costs for residents.~~ It aims to encourage a more compact urban form and to grow and retain separate and distinct towns and a along with a strong city.

Future Proof would like to confirm that it we are happy to be a key partner in the following actions:

- Action 1.1.1 Collaborate on a Regional Development Strategy.
- Action 1.1.2 Identify the regional priorities for service and technical infrastructure.

- Action 1.4.1 Housing needs assessment. In relation to this action Future Proof is currently undertaking a housing and business development capacity assessment as part of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity requirements. We note that action 1.4.1 is broader than the work we are undertaking, however it would be very useful to have this information to feed into the capacity assessments. We note the timing for the action is 2017-2022 but if any early work could be available by 2018 this could then feed into the Future Proof analysis.
- Action 2.1.1 Advocate on behalf of regional transport priorities.
- Action 2.3.1 Collaboration with Future Proof. Note that Future Proof strongly supports this action on establishing a formal engagement process between the two projects.
- Action 3.2.1 Papakāinga Housing – Future Proof is happy to be a joint lead on this project with the Waikato Plan Leadership Group. We also have a reciprocal action in the Draft Future Proof Strategy update.
- Action 5.2.1 Assist the Implementation of the Waikato Economic Development Strategy – Waikato Means Business.

We also support the statement in section 1.3 on page 34 that the Waikato Plan will support Future Proof and enable it to plan attractive and convenient urban living environments, well serviced by public transport.

Future Proof supports the principles of implementation outlined on page 89, in particular principle 7 relating to allowing for flexibility across all groups so that there are opportunities to join with the Waikato Plan arrangements at some point in the future.

We also note that the Future Proof Strategy is identified in the implementation toolkit and we strongly support this.

It is important that the Waikato Plan and Future Proof continue to work in a collaborative manner and to cooperate on implementation actions.

If you have any questions on this submission or require further information from Future Proof please do not hesitate to contact me.



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