



LOWER HUTT

**COMMUNITY
CLIMATE CHANGE
RESPONSE**

NORTHERN HUI

UNITING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

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KORAUNUI STOKES VALLEY COMMUNITY HUB

HUTT CITY
TE AWA KAIRANGI

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About this document

// Northern Climate Hui (Stokes Valley) – Design Log

This document outlines the insights, action and energy of the **Northern Community Climate Change Response Hui**. It is not intended to be a comprehensive report but a visual capture of the work done during the workshop. We reserve the right to make corrections.

We are extremely grateful for all those who came to our evening hui and gave us so much of their time. While we were a small group the quality and richness of the discussions brought across some deep insights.

Lower Hutt Community Climate Change Response

**Aug
Update**

The climate crisis requires government and all individuals, businesses and communities across the country to take prompt action to do our part to limit global warming. This is a big task and will take huge effort from the whole of our community to make it happen. The community engagement hui have provided extensive insight through May and June 2021. Thank you for your continued support and leadership in the face of climate change. **Keep the momentum going!**

Video link:

www.climate-action.co.nz/video



Share the video



Spread the word



Get involved

Community insights and priority areas *(to date)*

Lower Hutt Community Insights

During April – June 21 over 300 community representatives across 18 climate hui engaged in the process. In July we will be ramping up engagement with mana whenua and the Lower Hutt Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting the business engagement.

This document captures the community's input and voice 'in their words' and identifies the priority areas of interest for this group. The information in this document informs part of the community insights synthesis which can be found at: www.climate-action.co.nz/insights



Te ao Māori Principles



Community Education



Connected Community



Behaviour & Mindsets



Leadership



Keep it Up!



Transport Emissions



Electric Vehicles



Public Transport



Alternative Transport



Active Transport



Transport Infrastructure



Natural Environment



Renewable Energy



Energy Efficiency



Water Efficiency



Waste Management



Green Economy



Urban Design



Climate Resilience



What the Stokes Valley community got up to!

We opened the meeting with a karakia and a showing of our video, followed by an outline of the process of our growing community action to help Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt to zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

- We talked about Lower Hutt's carbon footprint which is heavily skewed to transport and stationary energy and the impacts of climate change already manifesting in flooding and sea-level rise.
- We were lucky to have Josh van Lier from Greater Wellington Regional Council give us a regional perspective on climate change actions and developments.
- We asked the group three questions : What actions were the community already undertaking to address climate change, what they would like to do but can't currently and where change needed to happen.
- We concluded by discussing how we might engage the community to keep the momentum on climate action.



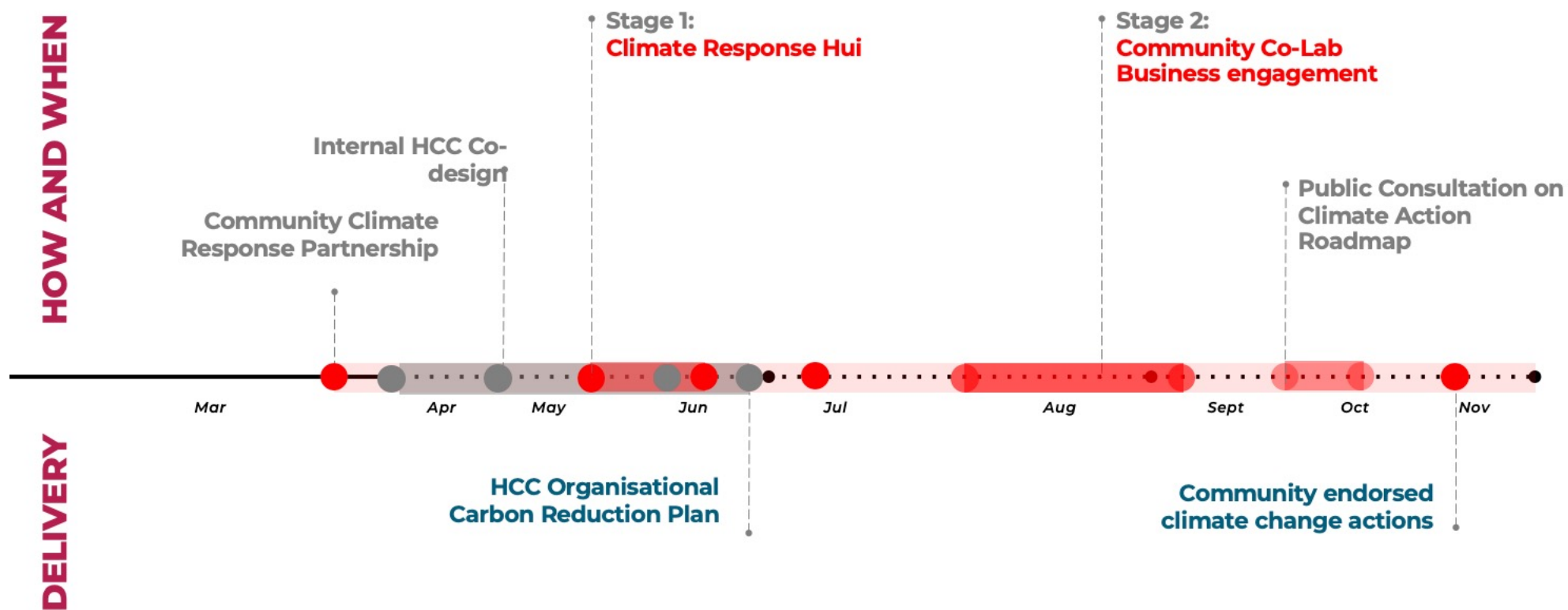
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We shared with the community a little about our programme and the challenge we face in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt around climate change.



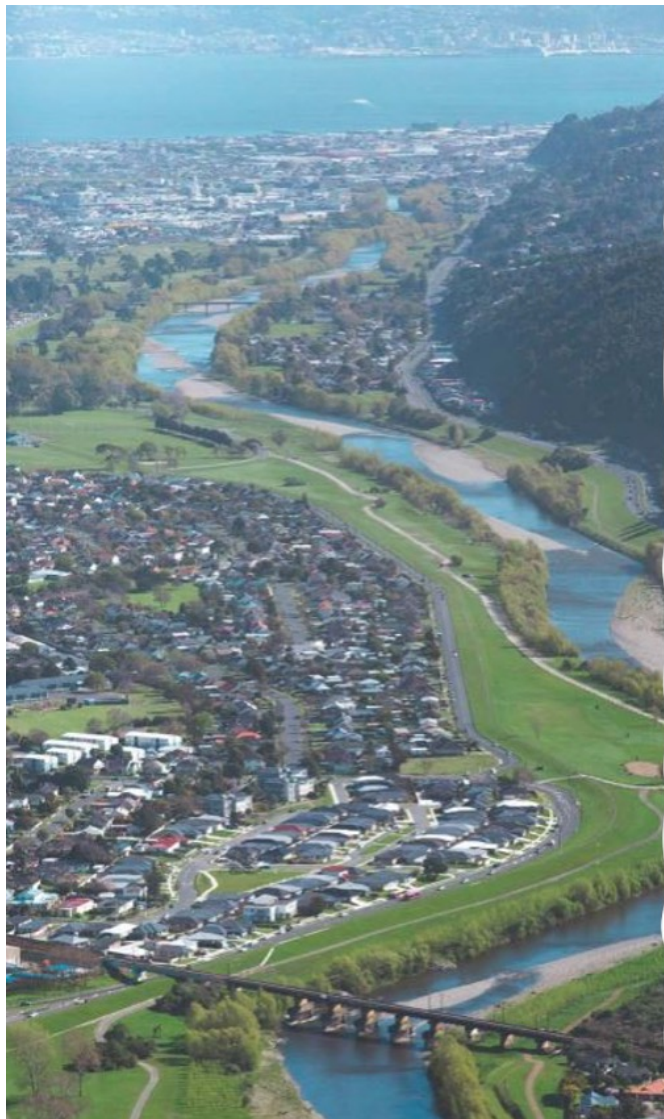
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Community engagement 2021





Starting with context



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- The impact of climate change **will be far reaching** – affecting public health, biodiversity, property, infrastructure, communities and the economy.
 - Aotearoa has committed to **net zero carbon emissions by 2050**. Achieving this target requires all individuals, businesses, communities and government taking prompt action to do our part to limit global warming.
 - “Science is clear: if we fail to meet these goals, the disruption to economies, societies and people caused by COVID-19 will pale in comparison to what the climate crisis holds in store.” UN Secretary-General António

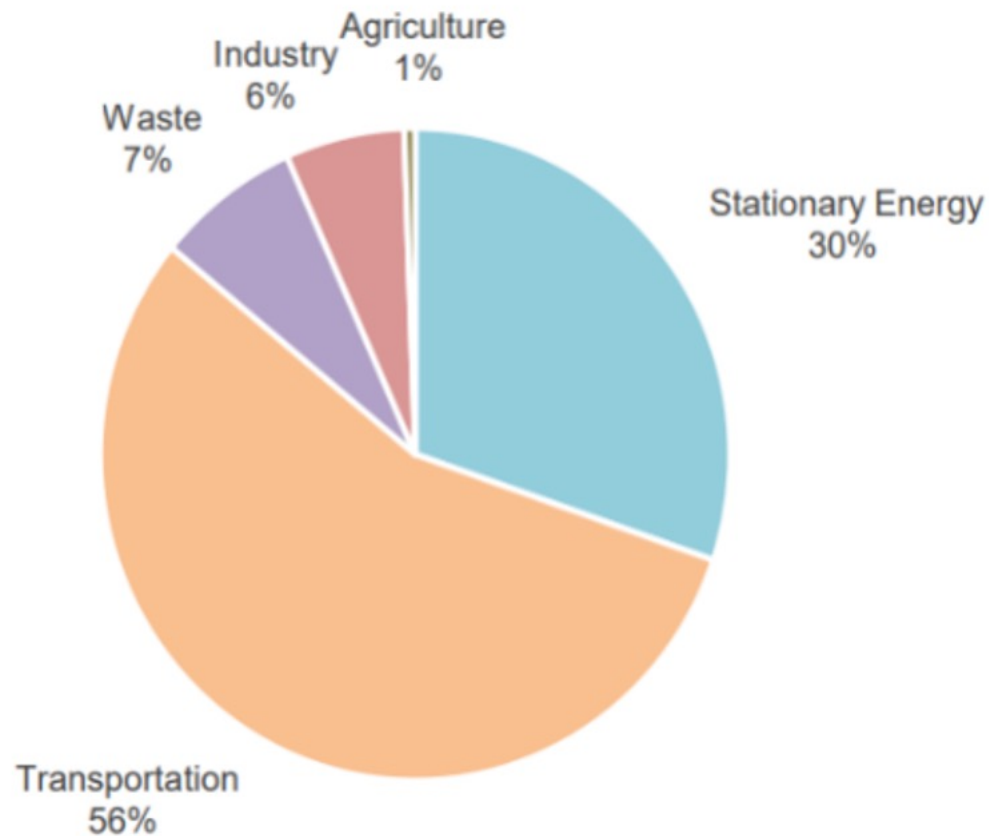
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Starting with context

Lower Hutt's GHG Emissions

To achieve **net zero emissions by 2050**, Lower Hutt needs to reduce net emissions by an average of **16,589 tCO₂e per year** – which is around **3.4%** of current emissions.





Lower Hutt's changing climate



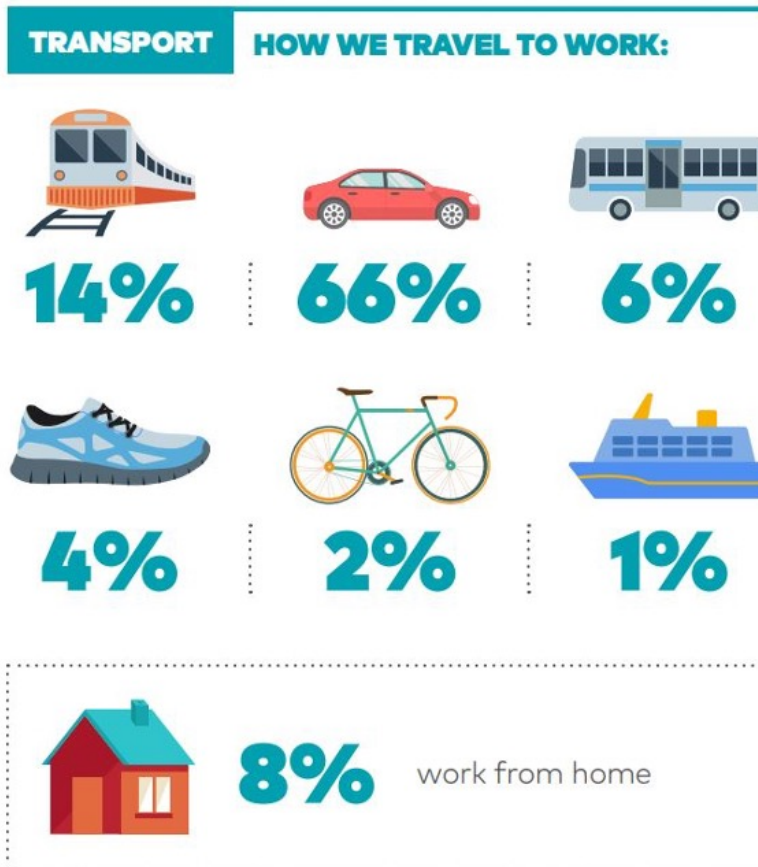
Flooding

- Lower Hutt city is located on the most densely populated flood plain in New Zealand.
- More intense storms (large waves and tides), heavier rainfall and flooding from sea-level rise.
- Flood protection – e.g. RiverLink (safeguard up to 3,000 homes, five schools and 600 businesses).



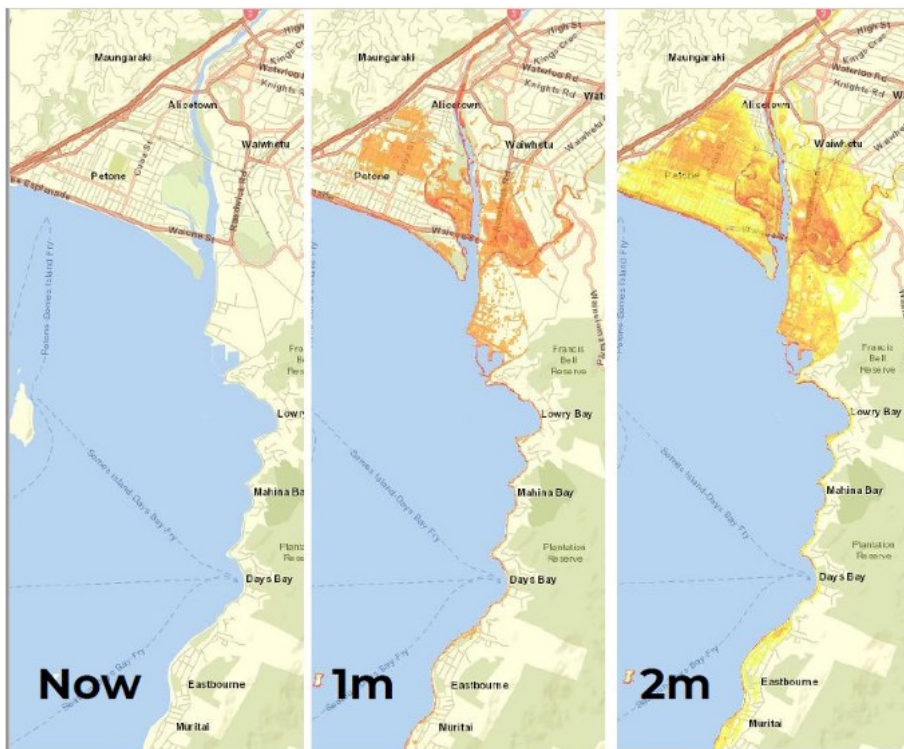
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Transport





Starting with context



Sea-level rise

- NIWA predicts between 40cm-1m sea-level rise by 2100.
- Two-thirds of New Zealanders live within 5 km of the coast.
- Nearly 178,000 people are potentially exposed to a one metre sea-level rise.
- Including Lower Hutt's low-lying coastal communities.

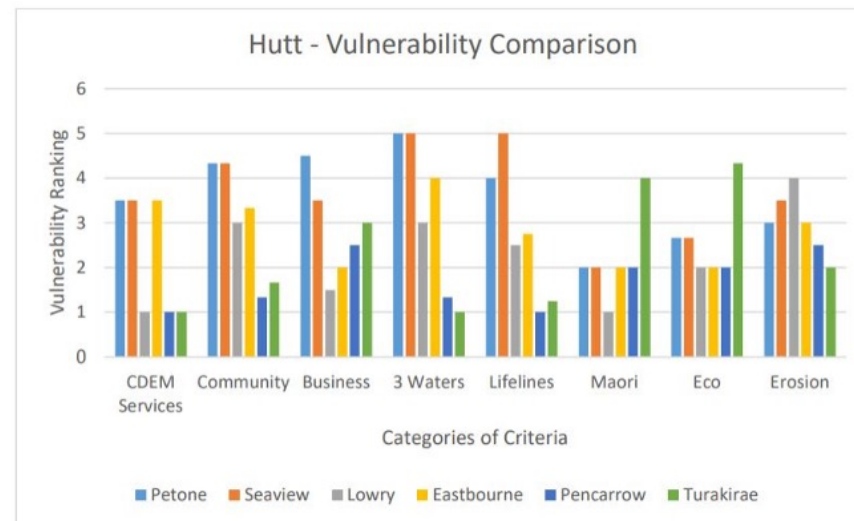


Starting with context

Lower Hutt's Coastal Vulnerability

1. **Seaview** is the most vulnerable coastal area.
2. Followed closely by **Petone**.
3. **Eastbourne** is the third most vulnerable coastal area.

(Mitchell Daysh report)



*“What
difference
can I
make?”*



*“Every
little bit
counts”*

Key Focus Areas

NORTHERN COMMUNITY



What community actions are already underway?



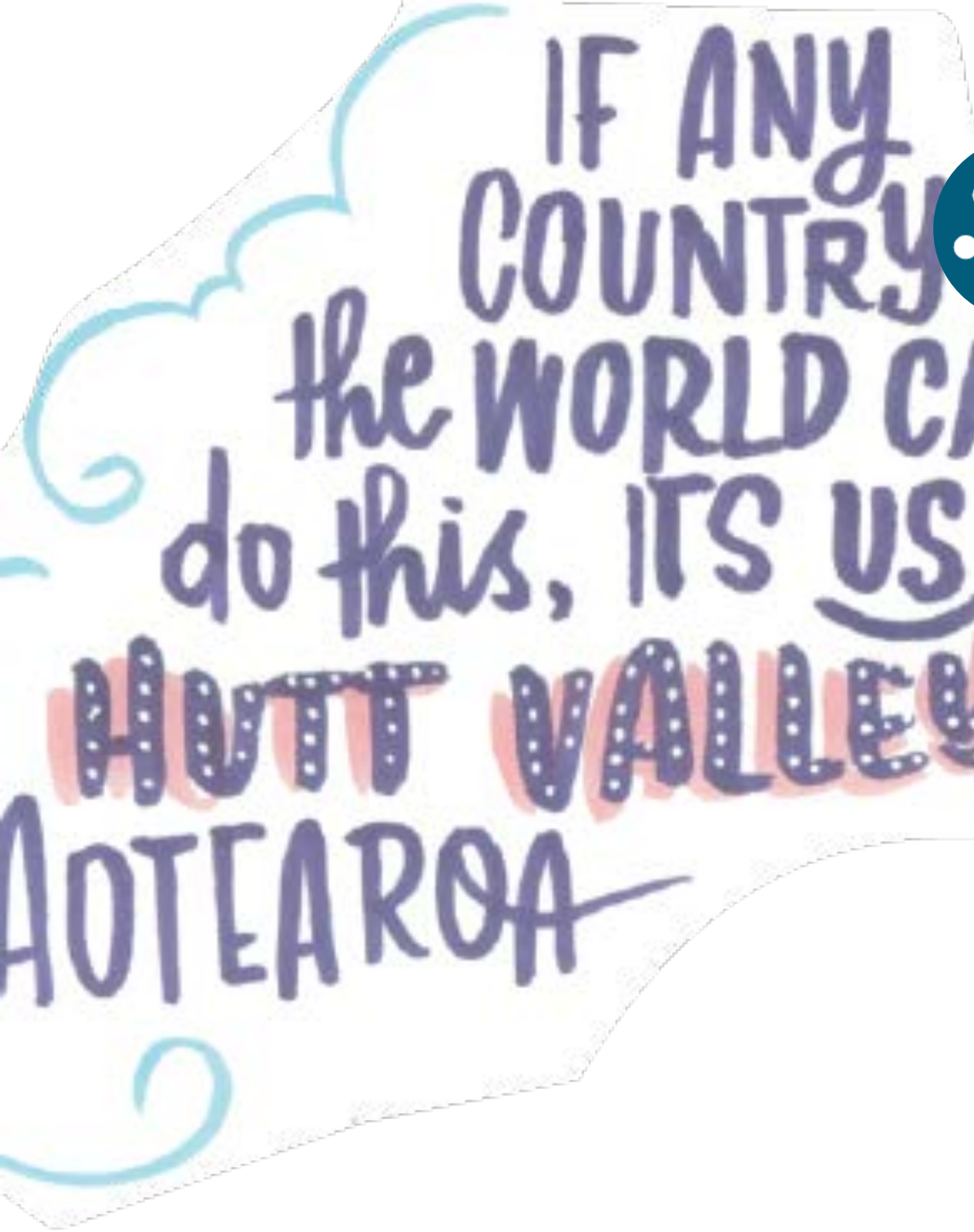
What would you like to do as a community or individual?
What needs to change?



Where will we have the biggest impact? What are the overarching hui themes?



What else? How does the community want to stay in touch?



Action spectrum

We asked participants “What are you currently doing to contribute to net zero-carbon emissions for Hutt City by 2050?” What do you want to do and what needs to change for you to be able to do that?

Individual reflections enabled participants to capture their views and then share through table discussion.

Participants explored three focus questions:

- What are you doing now?
- What would you like to do?
- What needs to change?



What are we doing now?



Transport

- More EVs
- Biking most places
- Cycle ways
- Bus and train to work
- Building more cycleways
- Active pathways
- Electric car and carpool
- Don't go on overseas holidays

Natural Environment

- Flood protection
- Volunteering at Horoeke reserve (planting trees, biodiversity)

Waste

- Recycling
- Reuse what plastic we have e.g. bread bags
- Fixing broken tools, equipment etc
- Op shopping and repairing clothing

Food

- Composting
- Grow veggies
- Veggie gardening
- Eat mostly vegan
- Making our meals at home

Green Economy

- Bin Inn reducing packaging



What would you like to do?



Urban Design

Redesign to accommodate for streams and rivers

Green Economy

Accelerate switch to working from home where possible

Make business part of the solution

Transport

Buses have more priority on our roads

Make electric cars more affordable

Walk and cycle more

Friends feel safe to bike with me

Remove parked cars from suburban streets

Community Resilience

Community action

Help at an urban farm

Join volunteer groups: rubbish, replanting

Understand more about what our community thinks

Waste

Get to zero waste

Food waste is directed and composted



What needs to change?



Transport

Reduce cost of electric vehicles
Driving on fossil fuel cars ends
City-wide bike lanes (separated & intensive)

Urban Design

How we approach housing intensification
Land and resources for local urban agriculture

Treaty Partnership

Education of te ao Māori

Natural Environment

Keep all forests intact

Waste

All organic waste composted to soil

Community Resilience

Incentivise communities to engage more in basic changes to the environment
We need to understand ourselves as a community
Promote 'every little bit counts'
Should be targeted, concerned approach to next generation in schools
Stronger incentives to community to change approach
Revolution

Education

Apathy- what difference can I make?
Greater knowledge of personal impact
Our attitudes really need to change
Consciousness
Encourage, educate others to eat less animal products



Where will we have the greatest impact?

We asked participants to choose their top 3 activities that would have the most impact on climate change for each of the three areas:

- What are you doing now?
- What would you like to do?
- What needs to change?



What are we doing now?



What do we want to do?



What needs to change?



Active Transport

Increasing active transport links has a direct impact on carbon and community desire - it transforms communities



Incentivise Behaviour Change

Limiting recreational travel- go overseas less frequently and stay longer



Reuse, Recycle, Reduce Waste

Through 'reuse, refuse and reduce' - this will reduce the production of methane

PRIORITY AREAS



Public Transport

We need reliable and accessible transport in order to encourage a modal shift



Connected Community

Establishing community eco-hubs is a society-level approach that builds cohesion and problem-solving into the community



Green Economy

We need product stewardship - If it costs businesses to put too much packaging they will stop doing it

PRIORITY AREAS



15 minute cities Urban Design

Building 15-minute cities through cycleway infrastructure creates alternative ways of getting around, supporting healthier lifestyles



Connected Community

We need to hear the youth voice so we can support generational responsibility. This builds a future culture where we reuse/consume less



Principles Te ao Māori

We need to uphold te Tiriti and kaitiakitanga, supporting Māori to be able to practice on their own terms

PRIORITY AREAS



Summary of hui themes – Northern (Stokes Valley)

Te ao Māori

Embedding climate change action in Māori principles
Sovereignty
Honouring te Tiriti o Waitangi

Public Transport

Increase cycle infrastructure
Active transport
Encourage modal shift

Education and engagement

Educating communities
Networking
Educating youth

Business & Industry

Product stewardship

Connected Communities

Localising community
15 minute city living
Eco-Hubs
Community composting and gardens





What else?

How does the community want to stay in touch?

At the end of the hui, we discussed how we might engage better with the Northern community moving forward.



What else?

Embedding the process in te ao Māori

- Introduce ourselves with pepeha at hui- we need to know who people are!

Establishing leadership and transparency with the Stokes Valley community

- Introduce why lead group are here and who they are representing
- Council leadership as to what is really needed.
 - People in positions of responsibility need to lead this
 - We need leaders speaking up to combat apathy and NIMBYs

Reframing Climate Change

- Follow the COVID response as the example:
 - Fear and urgency drove the response
 - Simple messaging so you don't get lost in the details
 - COVID had the message 'Being kind' - people thought 'why not'. This engaged the heart
- Amorphous problem that is hard to pin down. Challenge and make it real
- Lack of understanding of long term impacts of our behaviour

Understanding the needs of the community

- Spread ownership of the 'banner' into the community
- Bring a group together to educate and then they go back into the community
- Take a coordinated approach
- Go to where the community is- hold tours, deliver talks, give time
- Think across the diverse nature of the community
- Community hubs are great places to build upon

Ideas about how to educate the Stokes Valley community on climate change

- Spend two months travelling around
- Have the HCC Climate Change video played in every school in the Hutt
- Storytelling- say what is being done by businesses
- Use school students as ambassadors going into churches and sports centres
- Go to Enviro schools
- There are 3 schools here - set up an interactive here that schools could come to and bring a parent
- Use community venues here



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