



LOWER HUTT
**COMMUNITY
CLIMATE CHANGE
RESPONSE**

EASTERN HUI

UNITING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

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NAENAE BOWLING CLUB

HUTT CITY
TE AWA KAIRANGI

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About this document

// Eastern Climate Hui (Naenae) – Design Log

This document outlines the insights, action and energy of the **Eastern 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 to the two dedicated community members who came along.

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
Managemen
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Green
Economy



Urban Design



Climate
Resilience



What the Eastern community got up to!

The turnout to this hui was intimate, with two climate-passionate residents in attendance. Both were active in climate change initiatives in their community.

We began with a karakia. These two participants were the first members of the public to see our new video which tells the story of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai, its development over the years and the impact of climate change.

- This was followed by a discussion around how the Eastern residents saw climate change impacting their community.
- We concluded by asking what the unanswered questions they had and how the community wanted to stay in touch.



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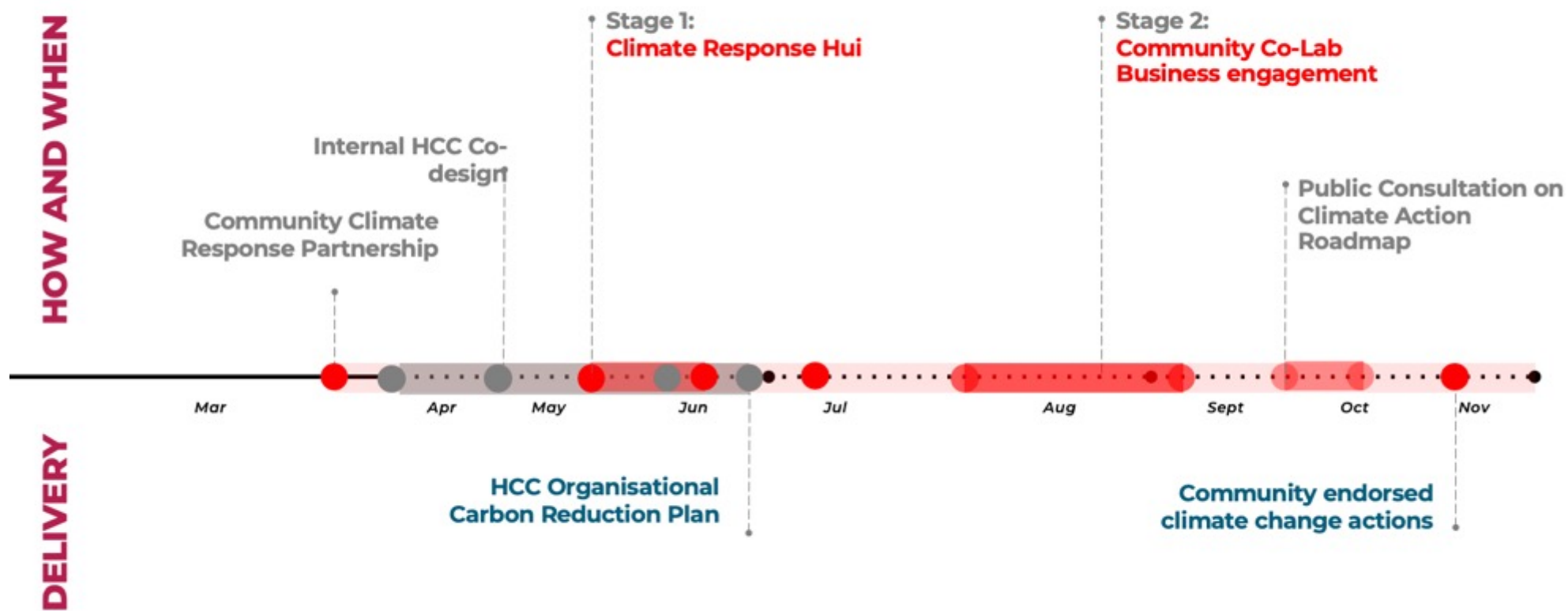
In Naenae we shared with the Eastern community members a little about our programme and the challenge we face in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt around climate change.

We then showed them the Hutt City Council Climate Change Response video. These were their responses:



Starting with context

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

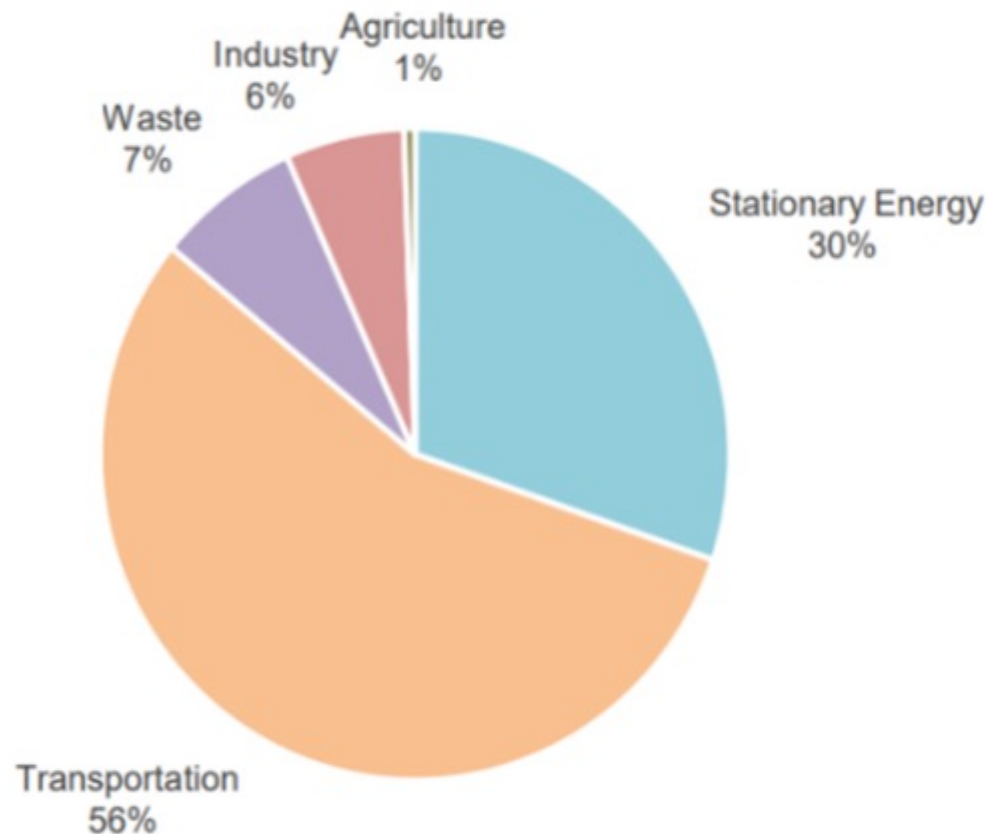
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Starting with context

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



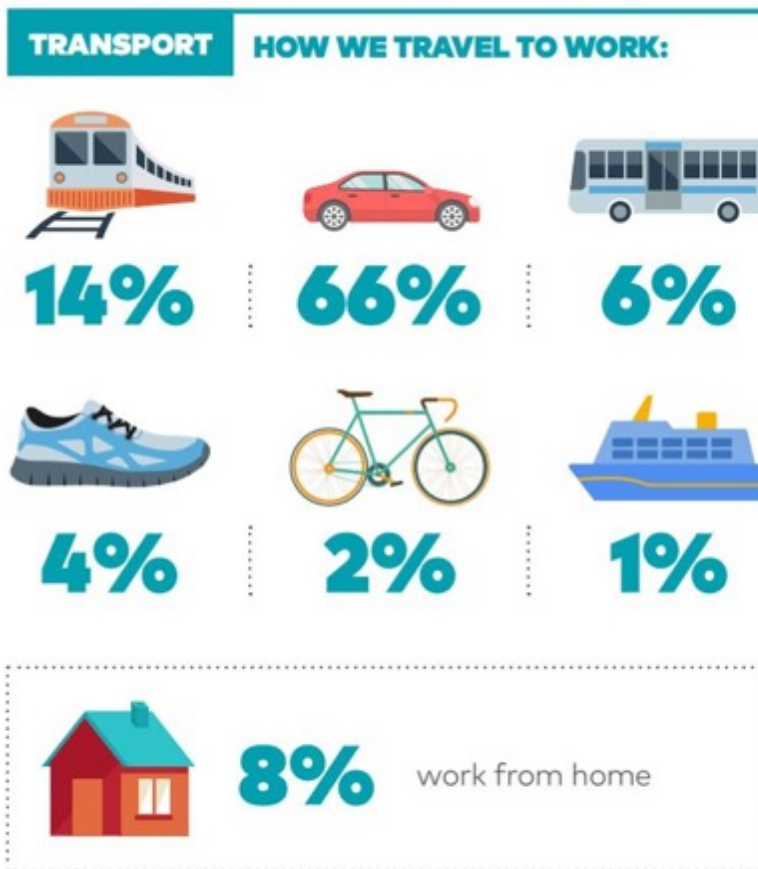
Flooding

- 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).



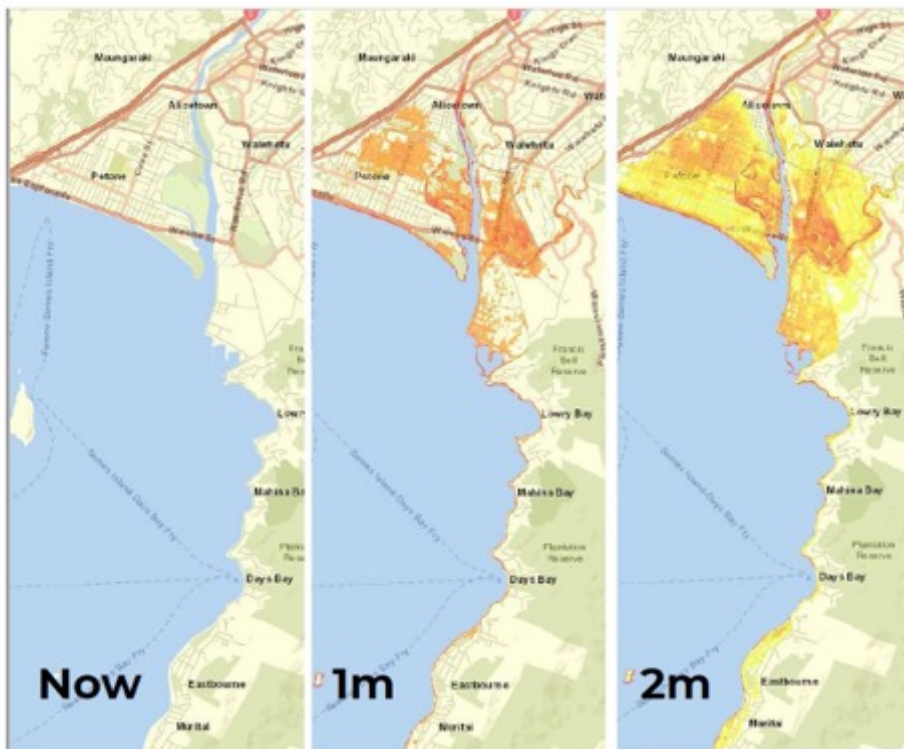
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Transport





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.

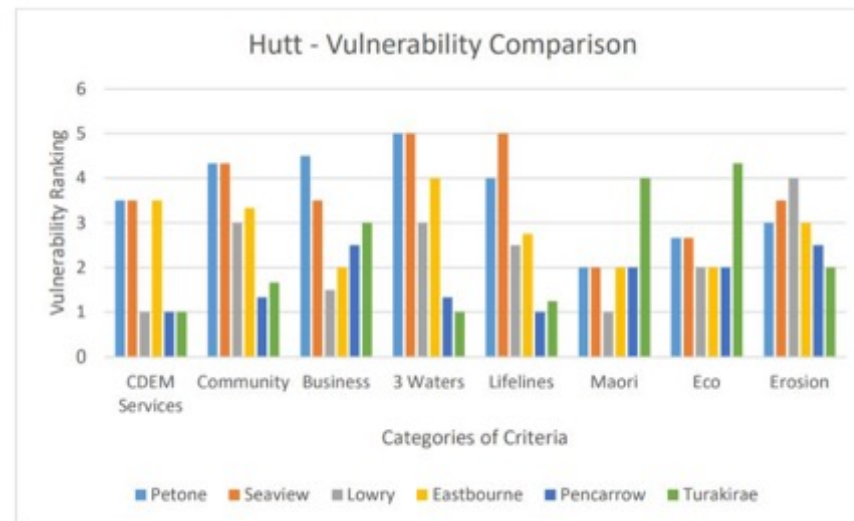


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Lower Hutt's Coastal Vulnerability

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)



The following responses were captured after the Community Climate Change Response video.



"That was awesome.

We would think differently about this if we thought about it from the Māori worldview. You need to turn the conversation upside down on this.

This is reminding us of the beauty of Hutt City. It is the most positive thing I've seen in along time.

I'm feeling shocked at CO2 doubling since 1990 and devastation of the Pacific."



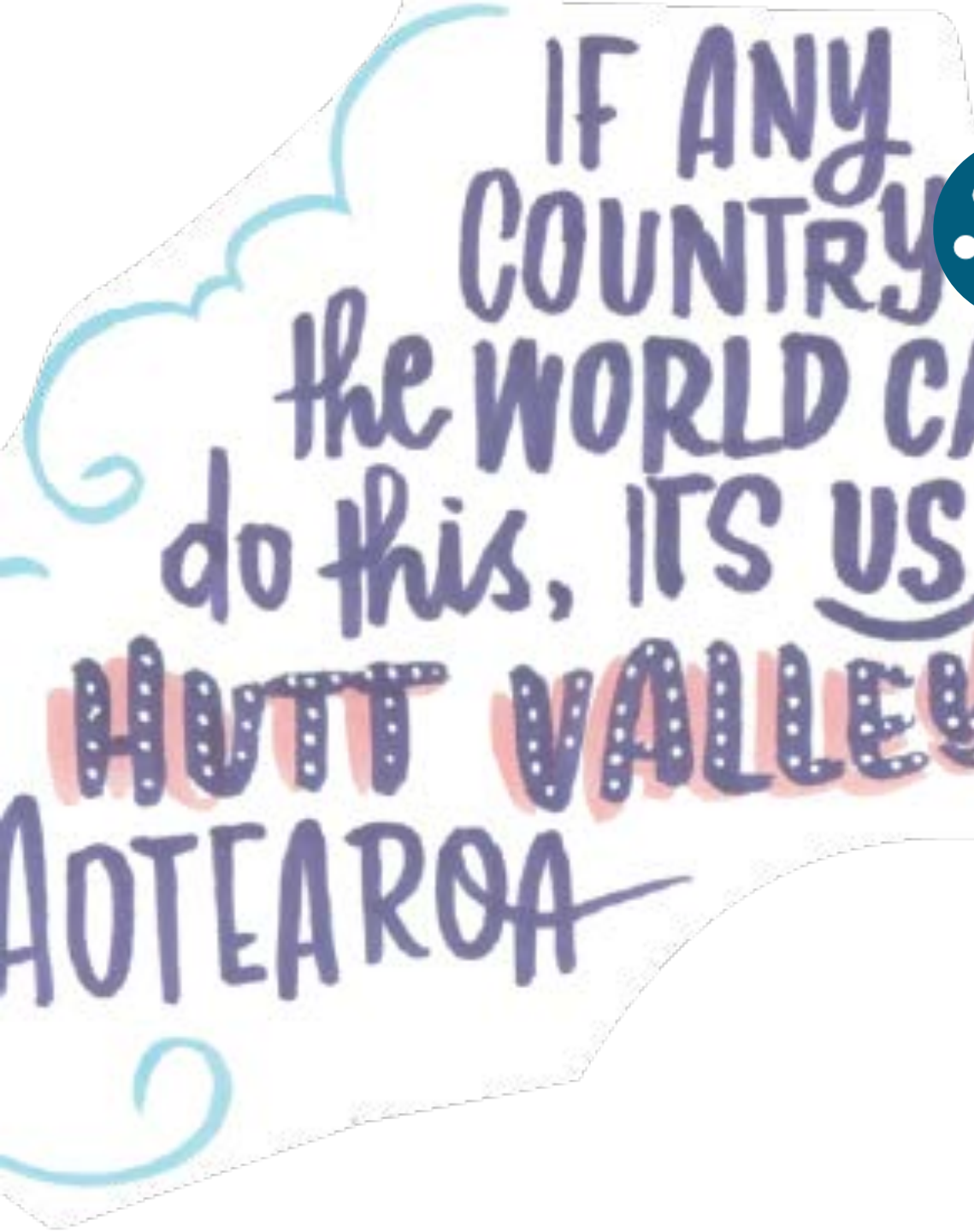
"Nice video.

But what are we actually going to do?

We've known about this the whole of my adult life.

Local councils have a poor track record of taking tangata whenua on board."





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 these focus questions:

- What do you see happening now?
- What would you like to do?



What do you see happening now?

Community Resilience

Active youth initiatives that were visible in the community, such as the School Strike 4 Climate.
Community-led initiatives such as recurring Epuni stream clean-ups.



What would you like to do?

Cycling infrastructure

When asked 'what would you like to do,' both focused on the significance of cycling infrastructure and the localisation of amenities as a means of reducing emissions

Transport

"Another issue in Naenae is that there are lots of things you need a car for- to do your shopping for instance - couldn't get fresh fruit and veggies in Naenae..."

Urban design

"The council could design cities better. New World moved because they could make more money elsewhere because of earthquake strengthening costs."



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 needs to change?

INDIVIDUAL PERSPECTIVE



Infrastructure Transport

Sustainable connections between homes and school needed



Infrastructure Transport

We need a separate slow vehicle route that keeps kids safe.



Principles Te ao Māori

Linking the interconnectedness of climate change with everything

INDIVIDUAL PERSPECTIVE



Active Transport

Alternatives such as walking and cycling- We need to get rid of disincentives



Local Urban Design

Localise accessibility to fresh food and amenities



Principles Te ao Māori

There is a whakapapa link with the Eponi stream - the awa is us.



Government Leadership

Climate change needs to be driven by leaders



Summary of hui themes – Eastern *(Naenae)*

Create community engagement

Make climate action accessible

Localise lifestyles

Build up local communities

Public Transport and Infrastructure

Active transport

Cycleway infrastructure

Cycle safety

Education and attitude

Underpin climate change initiatives
with te ao Māori principles

Educate communities



What else?

How does the community want to stay in touch?

At the end of the hui, we discussed what our unanswered questions were and how we might engage better with the Eastern community group moving forward.



What are your unanswered questions?

- Why isn't the council being more proactive in providing recycling - big events for instance?
- If English was not my first language I would not understand what was going on. How do we make this work more accessible?
- How are we getting to the group that doesn't have a voice? People who attend these things are the interested and aware
- How committed is the council to finding transport alternatives? Because if they build the road from Wainuiomata to here our family will leave because it shows the council is irredeemably committed to roads and cars.



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