

Significance and Engagement Policy Submissions Catalogue



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Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

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Respondent No: 1
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 02, 2023 06:32:01 am
Last Seen: Nov 02, 2023 06:32:01 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

In person using words. Or via email so I can continually do due diligence about information.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Public feedback should hold a weighting that is more than the council officers . Council officers seem to have been able to veto the public and that needs to stop and was good seeing it starting with road management.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Listening to the public when making decisions. Council officers shouldn't override the public's decision. Also the council runs Rotorua not the government so have a back bone and engage with Todd if the council doesn't like things and say "no" if the public don't want things.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Jared

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Listen to the public. Was happy the infrastructure meeting this seemed to happen. I was impressed councillors listened to the public as it doesn't seem to have been like that in the past.



Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 02, 2023 10:02:15 am

Last Seen: Nov 02, 2023 10:02:15 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

By RDRR being invited to make submissions on behalf of their members and to speak at public hearings offered by Council

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Anything that affects ratepayers

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

End the public-excluded workshops/ forums Comply fully with the Ombudsman's directions

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Reynold Macpherson

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Please respect RDRR



Respondent No: 3
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 02, 2023 10:52:08 am
Last Seen: Nov 02, 2023 10:52:08 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Generally, online submissions are easier. Many don't have time for oral submissions or for waiting around watching others do theirs.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Community issues. Spatial Planning. Representation (particularly efficacy of Community Boards).

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Important to consider the who about what is being brought forward. People have no filter in Facebook comments, but will be more considered in an email. Many enthusiasts can abuse their sometimes privileged access to Councillors and staff, when other, often more representative, groups are required to go through process. From observations, there isn't much consistency, but that is probably expected. Hopefully this policy can address that.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Mitch Collins

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

For example in my community, there has been poor engagement and consultation from the applicant on a proposed reserve purpose change. This process has been initiated with Council, who are taking it forward, but the general community at large remains uninformed apart from a 1 pager mailed out by Council (seemingly on the applicant's behalf). For consultation, surely there should be some burden on the applicant to openly provide this detail and receive that feedback. There has been no communication on any platform.



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 03, 2023 10:06:05 am

Last Seen: Nov 03, 2023 10:06:05 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Could there be a hui where people who are in the leadership roles in Rotorua all come together to share their thoughts? Not a networking kaupapa kind of like a hui a iwi.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

The Arts and why certain people get to make the decisions, some are not on the frontline and to far removed from whats actually needed.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Need to actually engage, engagement needs to be often and people much like myself who has asked serveral times to have a seat at the table actually need a seat at the table not just emails sent over.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Kellez Mcmanus

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Kao



Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 06, 2023 11:33:41 am

Last Seen: Nov 06, 2023 11:33:41 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

ā -īmera, email

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Ngā kaupapa ā rohe - Local issues and concerns

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Public Sector Act 2020 Sub part 3 Section 14 2bii) Section 73 (3)(d)

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Michelle Stephanie Jacobs

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

karekau



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 06, 2023 14:48:11 pm

Last Seen: Nov 06, 2023 14:48:11 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana? Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

A tinana mā te reo Māori ki te kaunihera i te hātepe tikanga (Prefer to present views in person and in te reo at a hearing)

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro? Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Ōhinemutu me te Mahere hukihuki o Ōhinemutu (Want to talk about Ōhinemutu and the strategy draft)

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau? What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Kaore anō mō inaianei engari ka whakaarohia au ka whakapā atu ki a koutou. (Nothing for now but if I think of anything I will let you know)

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Mokonuiārangi Kingi

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa? Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Kaore inaianei



Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 09, 2023 18:45:15 pm

Last Seen: Nov 09, 2023 18:45:15 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

In person

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Housing Zoning Public amenities Transport

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Cool that it is being re locked at and would like to see more public displays of topics/issues that are up for discussion. Also I've actually never read this policy before

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Te Rua Wallace

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

not answered



Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 10, 2023 06:59:17 am

Last Seen: Nov 10, 2023 06:59:17 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

not answered

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

not answered

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

not answered

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Terry goodfellow

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

not answered



Respondent No: 9
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 10, 2023 17:55:34 pm
Last Seen: Nov 10, 2023 17:55:34 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

written only

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

I've found that if I want to do anything I'm a bit stuck because nearly my entire property is within 25m of the water edge. In my case I want to put up a kitset carport beside my house. However, employing a consultant and the council fees will cost far more than the carport which in any case could be easily removed. It makes simple stuff unaffordable.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

We're effectively held to ransom by council planners who only want to work with professional consultants. Make the tiniest mistake and the whole application is put in the bin and you have to start again (full repeat of full fees). In actual fact the government passed law that a building such as a car port can be erected without any building consent if it meets various guidelines (is relatively small in area and standard kitset design). So, I don't need a building consent, but I do need to pay a consultant thousands and a lot to the council too. On private land that I own? I think this policy is outrageous and is simply an example of pigs at the trough. In my work you would never be asked to do another project again.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Chris Mitchell

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

I've had many positive experiences with RLC since moving here. unfortunately it is only the bad stuff we need to report.



Respondent No: 10

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 12, 2023 13:08:44 pm

Last Seen: Nov 12, 2023 13:08:44 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Yes

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Pensioner Housing or the lack of keeping it up to date.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Council is not housing anyone on the waiting list, even though there are at least 20 vacant units in Rotorua. You have money put aside according to your LTP, but you are NOT spending this years (ie 2023 -2024) allocation until after June '24. WHY? Just because you are looking at leasing the units to CHP, doesn't mean that vacant units shouldn't be filled. Surely a prospective CHP would want units to be up to date and tenanted.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Kath Henderson

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

No



Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 13, 2023 13:28:47 pm

Last Seen: Nov 13, 2023 13:28:47 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

I have many concerns as a person with a disability, and believe my community deserves to be represented by a multi disability advisory group that has its concerns reported to elected members through the committee process.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Disability access, both at design stage and for legacy infrastructure no longer fit for purpose. Consultation should go well beyond the minimum required by thr LGA

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

It should formally recognise a series of advisory groups, such as disability, youth and elderly, all within Treaty of Waitangi obligations. Also how to recognise issues that may not be deemed significant by staff but may be by others.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Roger Loveless

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

I believe there should be more consultation through the LTP / AP process to reduce so many smaller single issue consultations.



Respondent No: 12

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 14, 2023 19:05:46 pm

Last Seen: Nov 14, 2023 19:05:46 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Via email/ Facebook direct communication

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Big spending issues, longterm impact decisions.things directly related to living In This town

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Good to have a say in what affects us directly,

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Remko schipper

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Put ENGLISH first as that's OUR common language. Stop being PC



Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 16, 2023 19:03:39 pm

Last Seen: Nov 16, 2023 19:03:39 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

All important changes like,Rates increases,have to get approved by the public not by the council.Public voice is important.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Rates, Public transport,Crime fighting,Housing for lower income working families, Council spendings.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Council members are important member's of the public.Also the public is paying the wages . Expectations are to make the most out of the money spent by Us.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Fred Kreutmayer

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Not at this stage



Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 16, 2023 21:59:17 pm

Last Seen: Nov 16, 2023 21:59:17 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana? Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

That English be the only language used in the decision making process. Using two languages only confuse what it's wording meant in Māori.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro? Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Fully accessible to all information and no closed door discussions excluding public as there have been a lot of behind doors decisions made.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau? What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Why is Māori the first thing you read? This surely should be English yet you have to try and work out where the English starts. I can't read Māori nor understand meetings where Māori is spoken for a long time and when the English version is spoken it takes only half the time. You need to be far more open to the rate payers. We have been lumbered with a sewer processing charge of over \$700.00 where I have copies of minutes from meetings held with the councils engineers in charge of Lake Roatiti sewer system charge to be \$250 to \$400 per year, not \$2800.00? Again no consultation with the ratepayers, and no reply to request as to why.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Neil Walker

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa? Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Is anything real going to change to the Reverse discrimination to the majority on New Zealand's population?



Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 20, 2023 21:15:33 pm

Last Seen: Nov 20, 2023 21:15:33 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Right here Right now!

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Animal registration is costly, we all can afford if their was a direct debit set up in place!

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Listen to the people's needs!

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Bernetta Grey

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

I feel safer surrounded with animals I love my animals since I was little they protected me from a dark place! I reside @ Ford block it is a very unsafe area, we need to have animals from thievery & drug addictions nearby!



Respondent No: 16

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 21, 2023 15:31:37 pm

Last Seen: Nov 21, 2023 15:31:37 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

In anyway possible as they seem to largely ignore the public opinion and do what they want anyway

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Everything as the council do not listen to the people and should put more things for the public to vote on

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Letting the public vote for things instead of allowing them to be ignored ored especially with big spending issues

Q4. Tō IngoaName

J adams

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

not answered



Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 21, 2023 19:49:29 pm

Last Seen: Nov 21, 2023 19:49:29 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana? Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

In English

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro? Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Treat all of us as equals not be divisive as you are doing in this survey by putting a minor language ahead of a mainstream language.

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau? What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

There is no policy mentioned here so how can we have a say? You need to consider your position at the next election.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Steve

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa? Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

I do not like the Maori language being put up in front of New Zealand's main language nor do I like to be belittled by the content of this survey that asks me to give my opinion on a topic but has no topic to consider.



Respondent No: 18

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 22, 2023 09:13:24 am

Last Seen: Nov 22, 2023 09:13:24 am

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

Sitting at a meeting

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Getting more involved with illegal racing

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

Redefine it

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Mark Flanagan

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

Cut down on top council staff



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 22, 2023 22:42:51 pm

Last Seen: Nov 22, 2023 22:42:51 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

This forum works for me.

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Bringing down the rates especially for our elderly. So any ventures or projects that are not part of maintaining or restoring Rotorua shouldn't happen until we bring down our debt..paying our rates is getting too hard for our older generation and I'm seeing hardship every where...people are losing their whanau homesteads...#parking in the CBD for workers...#crime and a safe environment for workers walking to their cars...#begging on corners needs to end...

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

not answered

Q4. Tō IngoaName

ROSE PARSONS

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

not answered



Respondent No: 20

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 24, 2023 12:12:43 pm

Last Seen: Nov 24, 2023 12:12:43 pm

Q1. Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process?

In writing

Q2. Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Engaging with tangata whenua, specifically Ngati Whakaue

Q3. He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

I support the engagement policy with mana whenua. I support this council making moves to honour the Fenton Agreement. I support the council ensuring that Ngati Whakaue has a unique voice in decision making.

Q4. Tō IngoaName

Natalie Richards

Q8. 1-He kōrero anō wāu e pā ana ki tēnei kaupapa?Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?

not answered



Te Kaupapa Here Whiriwhiringa Motuhake Hukihuki
Draft Significance & Engagement Policy

TUKU I ŌU WHAKAARO HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to hear your thoughts on how we ensure your voice is heard when making important decisions. We have a Significance and Engagement Policy that guides when and how we involve the community in decision-making. Every few years we look at this policy to make sure it still works for our community. We are looking at this now and we want to know your thoughts on how you have your say with Council.



You can read the policy by scanning the QR code or pick up a hard copy at Rotorua Lakes Council customer centre or The Rotorua Library at Te Aka Mauri.

Ingoa | Name (Required) Kevin Minter
Īmēra/Wāea | Email address or Phone number (Required).....
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Kōrerotia mai, he aha tāu e hiahia nei ki te whakaatu atu i o whakaaro ki te Kaunihera i ā ia e whiriwhiri whakatau ana?

Please tell us how you would like to present your views to the Council in their decision-making process.

Through public engagement conversations, Citizens' Assemblies like Kōi Tū, the University of Auckland's Centre for Informed Futures, and online tools like Consider.it
PTO over for additional space if required

Kōrerohia mai, he aha ngā kaupapa matua kei mua i te aroaro o te Kaunihera e hiahia ana koe ki te whakaputa i o whakaaro?

Please tell us which are the key issues that you would most like to have your say on for Council decisions?

Library, arts, parks, environment, and as a new migrant, migrant + immigration
PTO over for additional space if required

He pēhea tēnei kaupapa here ki a koe, me te mea hoki, he take anō hei whakaaroaro mā mātau?

What do you think about this policy and is there anything else we need to consider?

More transparency and more ability to work with experts to learn together and make informed opinions
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Significance and Engagement Policy

Forward

Council is to be congratulated for giving stakeholders the opportunity to comment on a proposed revision to their Significance and Engagement Policy, the policy.

Both the proposed and existing policy make reference to the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum and decision-orientation approach as the foundation for Councils engagement. However there is no indication as to whether Council is a member of the association or whether staff are active within it. Active membership is one way of demonstrating a commitment to the principles embodied by that association.

Legal Requirements

Clearly it is important to ensure that the requirements required by the Local Government Act are met, but meeting these requirements does not necessarily ensure that the views of all sections of the community are sought and acted upon. Whilst it is good to see that the partnership with Māori under Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) including support for the aspirations of the people of Te Arawa as Mana Whenua, and Taura Here mentioned, which I understand is a legal requirement, it would also seem appropriate to recognize other communities of interest by appropriate mention in the policy. Although not recognized specifically in the LGA, the disability sector is nationally recognized as a specific group by way of New Zealand being a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Of particular relevance to Council is Article 9, Accessibility, which is attached as an Appendix.

Best Practice Requirements

Over recent years many submitters to council through both the LTP/AP and special consultative processes have been concerned at the apparent



lack of response to issues raised. This caused some anger amongst stakeholders and led to the introduction of a submissions policy. With good two way consultative processes, the reasons for not acting upon submitters concerns would be more transparent and accepted. As a demonstration of commitment to better engagement, it would seem appropriate to withdraw this policy. To some extent this lack of apparent response has been perpetuated by staff who, with the best intentions, have relied on central government subsidies which have provided significant funding for some capital works. Although significance in financial terms may have appeared low, to some communities other factors make issues significant. An example is the Cyway programme which has resulted in the construction of several kilometers of wide shared paths, but which leave barriers for persons with disabilities who need good access for complete routes. Had targeted consultation with the disability community been undertaken, perhaps some changes could have been negotiated, for example by linking the shared paths along the south side of Te Ngae Road to the path terminating opposite the Department of Conservation entry at 99 Sala Street.

Effective engagement is far more important than merely consulting in accordance with the minimum requirements of the LGA. To this end, communities of interest should be identified and given an avenue for bringing matters to Council's attention, with an expectation they will be treated seriously. Administering and convening such groups needs to be the responsibility of Council and should cover groups such as the elderly, disabled, youth and ethnically diverse people, in addition to Te Arawa as Mana Whenua, and Taura Here.

With respect to the disabled community, a first step to improving engagement with Council needs development of a suitable policy, which needs to be supported by a commitment to action and mention in the Significance and Engagement policy. In Tauranga, who have a far more effective disability advisory group, engagement has led to the recent development of an Accessible Tauranga Action and Investment Plan. In that it is clearly acknowledged that priorities are needed and that actions need to be completed over a suitable time span. Details are on their web site:- <https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/council/council-documents/strategies->



[and-plans/action-investment-plans-aips/accessible-tauranga-action-investment-plan](#)

One measure of the effectiveness of any consultation would be the number of responses from stakeholders. Where the context is deemed highly significant, it would seem that without significant feedback, the consultation process needs to be deemed insufficient. In this respect I would suggest the recent special consultative process relating to the Future Development Strategy falls into this category. When compared with the 2100 pieces of feedback for the Annual Plan submissions, the reported 108 submissions for this strategy would indicate a lack of meaningful engagement, perhaps because submitters had exhausted their commitment to be involved with the Annual Plan consultative process.

Conclusions

In its current form, the proposed Significance and Engagement policy appears to focus more on meeting the requirements of the LGA and would benefit from a wider scope covering best practices in accordance with the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum and decision-orientation approach. It would be good to see advisory groups recognised in the policy. For example a reformed disability advisory group could be one of a series of such groups that bring a much wider perspective to Council for consideration on an ongoing basis. Significance of decisions must go beyond the financial impact and these groups should be formally recognised with concerns considered at an appropriate committee of elected members.

Ngā mihi



Roger Loveless

Disabled Access Consultant



Appendix:

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

Article 9 Accessibility

1. To enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, States Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and communications technologies and systems, and to other facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and in rural areas. These measures, which shall include the identification and elimination of obstacles and barriers to accessibility, shall apply to, inter alia:

(a) Buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor and outdoor facilities, including schools, housing, medical facilities and workplaces;

(b) Information, communications and other services, including electronic services and emergency services.

2. States Parties shall also take appropriate measures:

(a) To develop, promulgate and monitor the implementation of minimum standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services open or provided to the public;

(b) To ensure that private entities that offer facilities and services which are open or provided to the public take into account all aspects of accessibility for persons with disabilities;

(c) To provide training for stakeholders on accessibility issues facing persons with disabilities;

(d) To provide in buildings and other facilities open to the public signage in Braille and in easy to read and understand forms;



(e) To provide forms of live assistance and intermediaries, including guides, readers and professional sign language interpreters, to facilitate accessibility to buildings and other facilities open to the public;

(f) To promote other appropriate forms of assistance and support to persons with disabilities to ensure their access to information;

(g) To promote access for persons with disabilities to new information and communications technologies and systems, including the Internet;

(h) To promote the design, development, production and distribution of accessible information and communications technologies and systems at an early stage, so that these technologies and systems become accessible at minimum cost.



Submitter 23 - Te Tatau o Te Arawa

INTRODUCTION

1. Te Tatau o Te Arawa (Te Tatau) is an independent Charitable Trust working to achieve the **Sustainable Well-being of People, Culture and Place** within te rohe o Te Arawa.
2. We serve and represent Te Arawa whānui who mandated the establishment of the Trust in 2015 and determined that the Trust board be made up of elected members representing multiple Te Arawa sectors – rangatahi (youth), koeke (elders), Te Arawa land trusts and incorporations, hapū, iwi, and pan-Te Arawa entities.
3. Importantly Te Tatau was also mandated as the Te Arawa Partner to Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) to create and foster a high trust environment in order to achieve enhanced socio-economic and cultural prosperity for Te Arawa, for Māori and for the wider community in the Rotorua district.
4. We wish to speak to our Submission.

GENERAL POSITION

5. Te Tatau appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Draft Significance & Engagement Policy.
6. We recognise the intent of the policy is to engage more effectively with groups and communities, increasing the Council's reach across the District to help inform the decision-making process.
7. This submission is made in alignment with the Te Arawa 2050 Vision, *Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora, Te Arawa E*.
8. Rotorua is central to the Te Arawa tribal rohe and it is important that any future development contributes to enhanced wellbeing outcomes for tangata whenua, whānau in need, and our community at large.
9. It should be noted that our comments are also made in consideration of

Our tribal mandate as the Te Arawa Partner to Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) to create and foster a high trust environment in order to achieve enhanced socio-economic and cultural prosperity for Te Arawa, for Māori and for the wider community in the Rotorua district.
10. Te Tatau generally supports the proposed Significance & Engagement Policy within the context of the kōrero below.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

11. While we appreciate the opportunity to submit on Council's Significance & Engagement Policy, our appreciation is limited noting that Council did not enable participation by Te Tatau o Te Arawa in any workshops or discussions on priorities included in Council's consultation document and the draft policy.
12. The exclusion of Te Tatau from these processes is in conflict with the Te Arawa Partnership Agreement signed in 2015.

13. Moreover, had we been included in these processes we would have worked with Council to, at a minimum provide a Te Arawa perspective and input into the identification of methods for assessing significance to Māori, Mana Whenua and Taura Here.
14. Importantly, we would have also helped Council identify potential and likely impacts to Te Arawa and engagement processes.
15. Our exclusion from inputting into the development of the Significance & Engagement Policy combined with the lack of identification of implications for Te Arawa in the consultation document itself is concerning.
16. As good partners to Council, we will continue however to work with Council to resolve the issue of partnership, and support Council to reconcile any issues raised by Te Arawa whānui (and the wider community) in this consultation process.