

Summary and Overview

Project Overview

The Waikato Plan seeks to support the integrated future development of the region across the four well-beings. The Plan aims to provide a forum for coordinating and guiding integrated decision making on complex regional scale issues that cross statutory boundaries. This overview shows the current stage of all actions in the Waikato Plan.

1.0 People actions

Key: ■ On track ■ On track with emerging issues ■ Significant risk of delivery failure

Phases & Tasks	Lead agency	Status	Comments
Successful Communities Project • Key action 1 - Regional development strategy • Key action 2 - Service and technical infrastructure • Key action 3 - Matching Central Government Services to community needs	WPLG	■	WPLG Stage 1 project – grouped as the Successful Communities Project. Currently in scoping phase. A business case will be created for this joined up project. Deprivation report has been developed as part of this project. Advanced by priority actions: • Alignment of infrastructure and services supports this project. • South Waikato Economic Action Plan
Community Plans	Councils	■	Grouped as the Successful Communities Project. WP role to develop a framework and support councils.
Housing needs assessment	WPLG	■	Future Proof working on NPS-UDC
Innovative building practices	WPLG	■	Not scheduled
Top priorities for regional facilities	WPLG	■	Emerging challenges on priorities
Waikato Medical School	DHB	■	Change of government and other bids from Auckland and Otago Uni's.
Maori health	DHB	■	Virtual health refresh – WPLG facilitating connection with communities.
Rural health	DHB	■	Virtual health refresh – WPLG facilitating connection with communities.
Enable a healthy Waikato	DHB	■	Virtual health refresh – WPLG facilitating connection with communities.
Access to education – virtual and transport	TBC	■	Not scheduled. Need to discuss with education institutes to ascertain gap.

2.0 Connections actions

Phases & Tasks	Lead agency	Status	Comments
Key action 4 – Advocate on behalf of regional transport priorities	WPLG	■	Will be advanced by priority action: Advocacy to encourage completion of the current and agreed projects.
Key action 5 – Integrate Waikato and Auckland transport networks	WRC and NZTA	■	Current work on Hamilton to Auckland rail business case. WPLG opportunity to advocate.
Key action 6 – Encourage development of a nationally significant cycling and walking experience.	WRC	■	Underway. Waikato Regional Cycle Network working on this.
Key action 7 – Establish a freight and logistics action group		■	Scheduled for years 4-5. Likely to be a role for REDA.
Transport funding	RTC	■	Looking an alternative funding mechanisms. WPLG opportunity to advocate.
Improving regional digital connections	WRC	■	WMB is undertaking a regional digital stocktake.
Encourage electric and driverless vehicle uptake	WPLG	■	Will be advanced by priority action: Autonomous vehicles and other transport innovations.
Collaboration with Future Proof	WPLG	■	Structures now in place at Chief Executive and Technical level.
Central Government Partnerships and Collaboration	WPLG	■	Advanced by priority actions: • New funding models for growth and infrastructure • Waikato/BOP Policy Office

3.0 Iwi/Maori actions

Phases & Tasks	Lead agency	Status	Comments
Key action 8 – Work collaboratively to develop and encourage enduring partnerships that enable iwi/Maori aspirations to be achieved	WDC, Iwi, WPLG	■	Opportunities to work together on facilitation level and discrete actions – ie Maori tourism. Current looking for opportunities to advance this action.
Implement Aligned Planning – that relate to iwi/Maori outcomes		■	Waiting for the wider aligned planning project to complete.
Iwi collaboration on high priorities	WPLG	■	Four iwi representatives for the WPLG have been confirmed. Advanced by priority actions: • Maori cultural awareness • Crown/Maori relations
Improve environmental partnerships	WPLG	■	Not scheduled. Requires discussion with iwi.
Address water quality and allocation - iwi	WPLG	■	Not scheduled. Requires discussion with iwi.
Matawaka Maori inclusion investigation	WPLG	■	Not scheduled. Requires discussion with iwi.
Papakainga housing	WPLG	■	Not scheduled. Requires discussion with iwi.
Development of iwi land	Iwi	■	Scheduled for years 3-4. Requires discussion with iwi.
Develop a digital connection strategy for marae and papakainga housing	WPLG	■	Scheduled for year 4. Requires discussion with iwi.
Support iwi to develop, conserve and restore marae	WPLG	■	Not scheduled. Requires discussion with iwi.

4.0 Environmental actions

Phases & Tasks	Lead agency	Status	Comments
Key action 9 – Develop the Waikato as a Waters Centre of Excellence	WRC, WaiOra	■	WRC has completed the Waikato Freshwater Strategy.
Establish a regional or sub-regional approach to resource recovery centres	TBC	■	Not scheduled. WRC is exploring developing an action plan for this.
Sustainable agriculture	WPLG	■	Not scheduled.
Develop a regional strategic framework for biodiversity assets	WRC	■	Range of work underway.
Addressing the impacts of climate change	WRC	■	Development of a WRC Climate change roadmap and production of a climate change guideline.

5.0 Economic actions

Phases & Tasks	Lead agency	Status	Comments
Key action 10 – Assist in implementing the Waikato Economic Development Strategy	WMB	■	Support founding the Regional Economic Development Agency.
Implement the Waikato Plan Aligned Planning Project	Councils	■	In progress – WLASS leading.
Develop a Regional Investment Prospectus	WMB	■	Funding for this is approved for WMB.
Growing regional visitor numbers	RTO's	■	Tourism Opportunities Plan being progressed by WMB and Hamilton Waikato Tourism.