



SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Agenda

Tuesday 3 April 2018, 9:30 – 11:30pm

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and Actions from the previous 13 February 2018 meeting (Paper A)	Chair
3. TCC Environment Strategy update	Celia Walker
4. Housing Demand Report – where to from here Housing for Greenfields February Workshop follow up	Chair
5. BOPRC Land Transport Plan submission – update on submissions made (Paper B) BOPRC Long Term Plan submission – update on submissions made (Paper C) TCC Long Term Plan – consultation open until 16 th April http://www.greatertauranga.org.nz/	Chair/Glen Crowther
6. Tauranga Urban Strategy update (TBC)	Ana Hancock
7. Chair's update	Chair
8. General Business	All
9. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair

1. Membership Criteria

The Environment and Sustainability Sector Forum is intended to be a voice for the non-government and not for profit sector. Other organisations and government agencies are welcome to attend as participating observers.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Sustainability (E&S) Sector Forum ('the forum') is to draw on existing experience and to positively contribute to the on-going evolution and success of the SmartGrowth Strategy ('the Strategy')

The forum will provide a view that reflects the interests of E&S groups across the wider western Bay of Plenty.

The forum will enable E&S groups/organisations and the sector industry direct participation in the strategy implementation and monitoring in order to provide vital sector input, in collaboration with the strategy partners and lead agencies into the wide range of challenges faced in the sub-region, including specific input into:

- Sustaining and improving the environment.
- Building the Community
- Urban form and design
- Housing affordability
- The contribution of the E&S sector to economic growth and wellbeing of the people.

3. Role

The Forum will have on-going input into the Strategy development and implementation including the following specific aspects:

- Providing input and feedback in respect of partner projects relating to strategy actions where such input is sought by the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) particularly with regard to sustainable development/management considerations
- Monitoring of relevant strategy actions.
- The development of statutory and non-statutory policies by the SmartGrowth Partners that either arise from the strategy or have the potential to impact on the strategy.
- SmartGrowth representations to regional and national forums and central government.



- Using the grassroots knowledge of the forum to alert SmartGrowth to emerging environmental matters and sustainability developments that may impact on SmartGrowth policy and direction.

4. Membership

The forum membership is representative of the wider community within the western Bay of Plenty and currently has representation from the following organisations:

- Papamoa Progressive Association
- Master Painters BOP
- Sustainability Options
- Sustainable Business Network
- Envirohub
- Waiariki BOP Polytechnic
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
- Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Fruit Growers Association
- New Zealand Planning Institute
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- Te Puke Environment Forum
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- The Sustainability Society



5. Other SmartGrowth Forums and the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) – Linkages and Reporting

In order to provide transparency, a member (an alternate can be appointed) of the other SmartGrowth Forums and the SSG (as selected by those groups) will be invited to attend and participate in the E&S Sector Forum meetings. The E&S Sector Forum may also appoint a member to attend and contribute to the wider Strategic Partner Forum. Meeting minutes and reports from each of the SmartGrowth Partner Forums will be made available to the other forums, to SSG and to SLG.

6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) – Linkages and Reporting

The forum members are able to present to the SLG at any of the formal meetings with agreement of SLG Chair and at any agreed workshops, held between SLG and the forum. Annually SLG hosts a workshop with the forum (or combined with other forums) to discuss a range of matters and issues. The minutes of the forum meetings are provided to SLG as part of the regular reporting process and any particular issues are drawn out and highlighted in the bi-monthly report presented to SLG by the Independent Chair, Implementation Manager and Strategic Advisor.

7. Information Provision and Feedback

Relevant draft reports, ideas, submissions, and proposed initiatives are provided to the Forum for discussion and input prior to matters going to SLG for decision-making. These may be part of a meeting agenda item, or if between meetings, circulated by email to the Forum Chair, for feedback. This feedback will be presented to SLG.

8. Meetings Attendance and Presentations

The Independent Chair, Implementation Manager, Strategic Adviser and Well-Beings Implementation Officer may attend meetings from time to time, provide written reports, advice and seek input on various matters. SLG members may also be invited to attend the Forum from time to time.

Frequency - The Forum will meet bi-monthly, prior to the SLG meeting to provide information and feedback on specific issues directly relating to Strategy implementation.

Servicing - The Forum will be serviced by SmartGrowth through the Implementation Manager, for matters including venues, agenda circulation, minute-taking and report materials.

Chair - A chair will be appointed by the Forum

Environment and Sustainability Forum (E&S Forum) – Membership

Current Members	Representation
Jo Wills (Chair)	Sustainability Options
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Ian McLean	Toi Omohai
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
Cole Burmester	Triathlon Tauranga
Hans Pendergrast	Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
David Hursthouse/Callum Barnett	The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology



Mel Arnold	Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Janie Stevenson	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 13 February 2018, 1.30-3.30pm
School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Jo Wills (Chair/Sustainability Options), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Doug Barnes (Carbon Reduction Group), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institue of Technology), Rob Siveter (Carbon Reduction Group)		
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (SmartGrowth Coordinator/Minutes)		
Other			
Partner Staff	Michael Tucker (TCC), Damon Mathfield (TCC), Ana Hancock (TCC) Apology: Celia Walker (TCC), Anne Blakeway (TCC)		
Apologies (forum members)	Gray Southern (Carbon Reduction Group), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation), Glen Crowther (Lateness)		
Previous minutes and matters arising		The minutes of the 21 November meeting were accepted as a true and correct record with no matters arising	
		Previous Actions:	
		March	Add TOR discussion to the next agenda – Postponed until later date at the request of the chair
		July	All forum members to review indicator list before the next meeting – Action ongoing, really important members review
		September	James to send rail report links through to Jo for circulation – Keep for next meeting
		September	Bernie to check with Ken Tremaine and Bill Wasley what influence/role does SmartGrowth have around structure planning going forward – Awaiting response
		September	James to provide examples of changes made to past structure plans – Keep for next meeting
		November	Key concern paragraphs to be send to Jo by Friday 24 November – Complete
November	Jo to ask Damon Mathfield about the work taking place around the empty/available land for development within the city boundary – The project is underway but is a fair way off completion		
Housing Demand and Need in	UPDATE	Jo gave an overview of the Housing Demand and Need Report. This provides an evidence base to go forward with. Bernie has created a one page summary of the report - view the one pager here . The yearly SmartGrowth Development Trends one pager has also been	

Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Report		<p>released – view here. This is a very useful piece of work modelling demand and need and has pulled together the work around ageing renters.</p> <p>Tomorrow, 14 February - Housing for Greenfields Workshop. Michael gave an overview and noted the purpose is to bring together key players in greenfield development particularly around Te Tumu and Tauriko West. TCC have heard criticism around what has been delivered in the past so they are looking to have the in depth discussion should be delivered. Politicians are looking for a mandate around how to do it better.</p>
	ACTION	<p>Email the two one pagers to the forum. Megan to circulate to the forum. Meeting post note: actioned 14 February Future agenda item – Housing Demand Report, where to from here. Plus follow up from Housing for Greenfields Workshop.</p>
Tauranga Urban Strategy	UPDATE	<p>Michael Tucker, Damon Mathfield and Ana Hancock presented to the forum – PowerPoint available on below link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/o4bcv2mvtrmxsdn/Presentation%20to%20stakeholders%20on%20the%20draft%20Tauranga%20Urban%20Strategy%20%28A8445491%29.ppt?dl=0</p> <p>Have your say – Help guide the future development of the city. The draft Tauranga Urban Strategy has been endorsed by Tauranga City Council for the purposes of public consultation.</p> <p>Tauranga City Council would like to find out what the community think about some of the key proposals in the Urban Strategy. There are five questions and responding will take around three minutes. This survey is open 1 Feb – 31 March. Results will be posted on the link below following the closure date. http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/strategic-planning/strategic-focus/tauranga-urban-strategy</p> <p>If you have any other feedback or questions about the Urban Strategy, please email urban@tauranga.govt.nz</p> <p>Questions and discussion followed around how the environment strategy will be incorporated. This is still a work in progress. Main cross over is around urban form in future and what that looks like. It was noted background information of Environment Strategy is now public. This can be viewed here.</p> <p>Discussion around how best to respond to the growth whilst maintaining the aspects of the ‘small Tauranga’ we love. More specifics around densities, heights etc to be confirmed at the point of plan change.</p> <p>Meadow Views and Sunvale were noted as previous examples of Council as a partner in development initiatives. If it can be done successfully for a traditional subdivision with a significant profit why not for an intensification project. Michael and the team noted these examples. It was noted that funds for responding to growth and investing in existing urban area have been included in the current LTP.</p>

		Discussion around transport and rail. It was noted rail could come up as part of future development strategy.
	ACTION	Please provide feedback via the Urban Strategy Survey and email address.
Long Term Plan consultation discussions		<p>Discussion around the E&S forum submitting to LTP's. The forum will not be making a formal submission but members of the group are welcome to. Jo will coordinate a draft submission for anyone/group wanting to put their name to it. Glen Crowther noted upcoming green drinks – 5pm Wednesday 7 March – email Glen to confirm your attendance.</p> <p>Post E&S meeting: TCC LTP Dates confirmed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Document available and consultation on LTP – 16 March to 16 April 2018 • Hearings 10 May to 15 May 2018 • Adoption of final LTP 28 June 2018 • LTP printed and distributed 29 June to 6 July 2018
	ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo to talk to Jodie around understanding the WBOPDC LTP consultation process. - Megan email details of green drinks to forum Post note: actioned 14 February - Jo to come up with an approach together with Glen for responding to each of the council plans.
Transport Update Glen	DISCUSSION	<p>Glen Crowther provided an update to the forum and noted the five transport plans coming up for consultation.</p> <p>Transport plans for consultation in the sub-region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BOP Regional Land Transport Plan – 6 year plan for the whole region – consultation open until 23 March 2. BOP Long Term Plan – consultation open until 19th March (4pm) 3. Tauranga City Long Term Plan – 10 year plan, including Cycle Action Plan – consultation 16 March to 16 April 4. Western BOP District Long Term Plan – 10 year plan, including transport plans for roads and cycleways – consultation from 16th March until 16 April 5. Tauranga Transport Plan – 30 year plan (no consultation) <p>It was asked if SmartGrowth could speak to the minister around Regional Passenger Rail.</p>
	ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo to speak with Bill Wasley around SmartGrowth speaking to the minister around Regional Passenger Rail. - Glen to provide an overview of the above plans to Jo for sharing with the forum (looking at transport as well as other pertinent aspects).

General Business	DISCUSSION	<p>'Health Check' update: still on hold at this stage whilst the SmartGrowth operating environment as a whole is reviewed. The E&S Forum chair election was put on hold whilst the 'Health Check' took place. Jo noted if anyone wishes to challenge the position, she welcomes this.</p> <p>The Climate Action Speakers Forum is coming up on 23 March at the Tauranga Yacht Club. View details here. The purpose of the forum is to collate a cascade of actions.</p>
	ACTION	
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		

Meeting closed 3.44pm. Next meeting Tuesday 3 April 2018 1.30-3.30pm, School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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Bay of Plenty Regional Council Draft Regional Land Transport Plan submission

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I wish to speak to my submission

Do the vision and objectives in the plan reflect what we want transport to be in our region?

No. Our goal for transport in and between the region's centres is that it's easy, safe and fun for people to get around by foot, bike and public transport, and where owning a car is an option, not a necessity. There is a disproportionate investment towards BAU (roads and car dependency) with only 4% of total funding going towards public transport and 2% going to active transport. This has implications on:

- community health
- increasing emissions
- urban development

Central government has indicated to all councils and NZTA the following priorities for the soon to be released Government Policy Statement on transport:

- safety
- liveable cities
- better environmental outcomes
- best possible value for money

The following recommendations are made to bring the RLTP more in line with the GPS and the goals of many in the community.

- A greater emphasis on the priorities indicated as likely to be included in the Government Policy Statement on transport.
- “Land use and transport integration” needs a higher weighting than 10% to align with GPS, and much more emphasis is needed on liveable cities and towns (in the case of Tauranga City, this needs to link to the Tauranga Urban Strategy; for Rotorua, to the Rotorua Spatial Plan; and in Whakatane, to the Integrated Urban Growth Strategy).
- “Environmental sustainability” needs a higher weighting than 10% to align with the GPS, and more funding should go on projects likely to reduce transport emissions in the region. For example, current public transport plans will not reduce emissions (according to council’s own projected figures) and the result is likely to be a continued significant rise in BOP’s transport emissions during the next decade.
- “Affordability” may need a higher ranking than 5% to align with the GPS. Public transport and active transport are often the most cost-effective investments, as evidenced by higher benefit:cost ratios for the PT Blueprint and cycleway investments than for many roading projects, so this aligns with other suggested changes.
- A greater investment in safe cycling infrastructure is needed in all BOP main centres to enable a genuine choice of safe, affordable and accessible low emissions transport modes.
- Regional Council needs to invest significantly more in public transport services in the Western BOP and NZTA and Tauranga City Council will need to invest more into related infrastructure. Councils need to ensure more frequent and reliable bus services throughout Tauranga, and from Omokoroa and Katikati. Much greater investment (closer to the per capita contribution from rates in NZ’s three main

centres) is needed to get uptake to the projected levels for Programme 8 of the Tauranga Transport Plan.

- Funding for public transport needs to be increased, along with significant investment in demand management initiatives, rideshare schemes, business commuting schemes, and so forth.
- An increased investment in the bus network is needed to provide fast, reliable, safe services for schoolchildren to get to and from school, including trialling a no charge service for school-age children to travel by Baybus to and from local schools. Additionally, primary and intermediate schools need to be serviced by an appropriately sized, comprehensive network of school buses.

Are there any transport issues or opportunities that haven't been identified or addressed in the plan?

We would support the following to be included:

- more electric buses to be brought into the new Tauranga bus network and elsewhere in the BOP as soon as possible.
- public electric vehicle charging stations in areas where the market does not deliver (currently the rural areas of region are being over looked and this may have a detrimental impact on the uptake of EV's by residents)
- explicitly support the proposed passenger rail services between Auckland-Hamilton to Tauranga and Rotorua, with the view that these begin as soon as possible. Also, to improve those intercity services to high-speed trains as soon as possible, and to investigate the business case for rapid passenger rail from Whakatane to Tauranga, partly to ease growth pressures in the Western BOP.
- support electrification of the Kawerau-Port railway line.
- work closely with government, Kiwirail, Port of Tauranga, FLAG, the forestry and horticultural sectors, and other parties to produce a regional plan to increase

percentages of freight transported through the region and inter-regionally by rail and coastal shipping.

- partner with community groups and other organizations to develop an integrated multi-modal low-carbon transport plan.

Is there anything in the plan you think is great and would like to support?

We support:

- the high ranking of safety, which aligns with the GPS. Investing in safe active transport systems is one of the most cost-effective ways of improving safety.
- the prioritisation of improved safety on State Highway 2 and other roads and cycling routes with a poor safety record.
- the measures in the plan to improve public transport services in the region.
- the proposed investments in safe cycleways in this plan by Tauranga City Council and other councils.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan submission

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Topic Two: Public Transport

SUPPORT a targeted rates funded service across the BOP as per option 2 as well as

SUPPORT additional funding for public transport beyond what is proposed in the LTP to facilitate a fast and reliable bus service that supports better routes, parking measures, infrastructure improvements and marketing and engagement strategies for various communities.

SUPPORT a stronger cross agency and community engagement approach to the PT planning to ensure synergy across the other modes currently being invested in, i.e. Active Transport.

SUPPORT a transport system that signals a change away from car dominance towards alternative modes such as walking, cycling and PT.

Our GOAL for transport in and between the regions centres is that it's easy, safe and fun for people to get around by foot, bike and public transport, where owning a car is an option, not a necessity.

Topic Three: Biosecurity

SUPPORT option 3 for an increased investment into all programmes. Pest invasions and diseases are only going to increase with climate change and can have significant implications for health, nature and the economy.

Topic Five: Regional Development

SUPPORT for options 1 or 2, on the premise that any infrastructure projects submitted for funding must meet a robust social and environmental sustainability criteria including climate change mitigation (which could be developed as part of the Climate Change Action Plan see below).

Climate Change Action Plan

SUPPORT the council to substantially increase the budget for work on climate change to accurately reflect the significant impact and importance of this issue to BOP residents.

Including:

- mitigation of emissions included in the Regional Climate Change Action Plan
- recognising the need for the councils PT plan to set and deliver on a target for massively reduced emissions (from transport).
- collaborating closely on this issue with the Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group, SBN, Toi Te Ora, BOP and Lakes DHB, Envirohub, Smart Growth Environment and Sustainability Forum, other environmental groups, iwi (including Te Awara Lakes Trust) and other relevant organisations

Supporting environmental education programmes for schools

SUPPORT continued investment into programmes such as EnviroSchools and EnviroChallenge providing environmental and sustainability mentoring, resources and support for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. Investment should be scaled up as more schools come on board.