

2 December 2009

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Dear Sir,

## **SUBMISSION TO THE WAIPA DISTRICT PLAN - ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Hamilton City Council (HCC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to Waipa District Council on the District Plan - Issues and Options Paper (referred to throughout this submission as the Issues and Options Paper).

### **2.0 GENERAL COMMENTS**

2.1 Although HCC is in general support of the Issues and Options Paper, it has a number of comments around specific areas of the Paper.

2.1.1 HCC has reviewed the Issues and Options Paper in light of Future Proof to ascertain if they align appropriately.

### **3.0 SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

#### **3.1 Alignment with Future Proof**

3.1.1 HCC considers the issues and options outlined in the Issues and Options paper are in general alignment with Future Proof.

3.1.1 HCC agrees that channelling rural-residential subdivision to main settlements, villages and poorer quality soils is an appropriate policy mechanism but opposes any rural-residential development being channelled to within the vicinity of the city boundary.

3.1.2 HCC notes that industrial development should occur as set out in Table 5 of the Future Proof Strategy.

3.1.3 HCC also considers that any alternative to Bond Road industrial area in Te Awamutu should be canvassed with the Future Proof partners.

3.1.4 HCC is of the view that retail proposals should align with the Future Proof principles and the retail and office study (to be completed).

3.1.5 HCC notes that there are a number of guiding principles within Future Proof that are not addressed within the Issues and Options paper. These include:

- The restoration of the health and well-being of the Waikato River.
- Efficient use of water.

- Maintenance of water quality.
- Protection of existing and future infrastructure and transport corridors.

#### **4.0 CONCLUDING COMMENTS**

- 4.1 HCC trusts that the points made in this submission are helpful to Waipa District Council when considering all submissions to the District Plan - Issues and Options Paper.
- 4.2 If you require clarification of the points raised in this submission, or additional information, please contact Susan Henderson in the first instance on 07 958 5901 or email [susan.hederson@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:susan.hederson@hcc.govt.nz)

Yours faithfully



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