

Submissions

Consultation for the 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan (12/03/15 to 15/04/15)

Submission by	Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID	LTP15156
Response Date	9/04/15 6:03 PM
Consultation Point	How we fund environmental projects (View)
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Please provide your feedback

As per our previous comments, we hope to collaborate with Waikato Regional Council through the environmental initiative funds. Currently receiving funding from WRC for our "Sustainability Champions" programme, we wish to expand this to become a high quality, broad reaching programme of education and support for businesses and social enterprises in Te Awamutu initially, and after pilot, further into the Waikato region.

We would welcome an opportunity to present our proposal to the WRC team.

Please provide feedback on our proposal to fund this project for three years.

We believe that three years is an ideal time to fund projects. It is not realistic for organisations to scope, establish and run projects in a year and provide credible outcomes. We commend Council for this change.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? Yes

Submission by	Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID	LTP15170
Response Date	10/04/15 11:46 AM
Consultation Point	Influence decisions on the region's future (View)
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Please provide your feedback

The Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce has been existence for more than 100 years, representing businesses in the Te Awamutu, and wider Waipa region. With some 140 financial members, affiliates of more than 250 further businesses, and strong stakeholder connections with central and local government, key social enterprises and education facilities in the town, we are able to advocate for approximately 2500 employees and their families.

We are delighted to be taking part in the consultation process for the 15-25 Long Term Plan and thank Waikato Regional Council for this opportunity,.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? No

Submission by	Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID	LTP15171
Response Date	10/04/15 11:48 AM
Consultation Point	It's easier to get involved (View)
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Please provide your feedback

We would like to commend Regional Council on this online system, which has made the submission process accessible and easy for all.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? No

Submission by	Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID	LTP15172
Response Date	10/04/15 11:50 AM
Consultation Point	The future change drivers (View)
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Please provide your feedback

Our key areas of interest are 'changing community values' and 'economic trends'. We are delighted to be currently partnering with Waipa District Council on a number of projects and see this as the way forward for both organisations. Whilst heavily reliant on the goodwill of our members and volunteers, we would not be able to deliver our programmes without the financial support of our stakeholders.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? No

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)

Submission ID LTP15173

Response Date 10/04/15 11:57 AM

Consultation Point Our five priority areas ([View](#))

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Please provide your feedback

Regional development

The Chamber of Commerce is currently driving a number of projects focused on defining, developing and implementing programmes and initiatives to support and drive economic development not only in Te Awamutu but in the wider Waikato Region. We are fortunate to have high numbers of young people in our town, and one of our goals is to create a quality brand story (and the accompanying infrastructure) that will retain these families. We believe Te Awamutu is an excellent place to live work learn and play, and its proximity to Hamilton city whilst retaining its small town identity can still be further capitalised.

To this end we have engaged two MBA students from the Waikato Management School to undertake research projects - one focussed on creating that brand, and the other on further investigating the initiatives currently underway by WRC relating to the creation of an Economic Development Agency (or similar). Once this research is complete we would be pleased to share it with your teams.

Last year the Te Awamutu and Cambridge Chambers piloted a sustainability programme aimed at encouraging our local 'champions' to share their best practices for business sustainability. The reach is beyond waste minimisation but this is the initial focus. Te Awamutu Chamber has now created a far broader programme, which seeks partnership funding from Waikato Regional Council, Waipa District Council, Trust Waikato and the Chambers. This will deliver in depth training and advocacy in the area of sustainable business practice. We would be delighted to share this proposal with you.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? Yes

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)

Submission ID LTP15177

Response Date 10/04/15 12:01 PM

Consultation Point Fund for regional-scale development ([View](#))

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Please provide your feedback

As previously noted we are strongly in favour of funding for these projects, and have ourselves made an application to the fund.

Our programme will include practical waste minimisation initiatives (battery repositories, a plastic bag free campaign, and waste audits) as well as more formal training and coaching.

Do you support us setting up a regional development fund?	Yes
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Do you think we've got the funding source right? Yes

Do you have any comments on the proposed criteria?

We are supportive of this criteria and in favour of the three year funding programme. As part of our own initiative we will be offering business planning and governance training to small business and social enterprises who themselves work in the area of sustainable business.

We would like to see ongoing mentoring for organisations receiving this funding.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings?	Yes
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Submission by	Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID	LTP15178
Response Date	10/04/15 12:03 PM
Consultation Point	Waikato Means Business (View)
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Please provide your feedback

We are very happy with the proposal to create Waikato Means Business. Our concern lies with where the boundaries for this initiative begin and end. For example

- what responsibility would lie with private enterprise
- is this the role of an Economic Development Agency, or is there room for both
- What financial commitment is each council going to make to this programme (we are aware some are more financial committed to economic development in their own areas than others)
- how can Chambers assist and be part of this process, and the delivery

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? Yes

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)

Submission ID LTP15180

Response Date 10/04/15 12:08 PM

Consultation Point Improving Lake Waikare and the Whangamarino wetland ([View](#))

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Please provide your feedback

We are pleased to see this work continuing.

We would also like to see more work done at Lake Ngaroto. The potential for this lake as a significant economic driver for our region is massive - due to the size, accessibility and shape of the lake and shore, there is huge opportunity for tourism in this area (it could arguably be as popular as Lake Taupo for a far longer period of the year, there is potential to join up the proposed cycleway from Pirongia, there is underutilised shoreline suitable for leisure).

Please note that this proposal is also supported by Pirongia Tourism.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? No

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)

Submission ID LTP15181

Response Date 10/04/15 12:13 PM

Consultation Point How we fund environmental projects ([View](#))

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Please provide your feedback

As per our previous submissions, we have put together an extensive training programme for businesses in the area of sustainability.

It is possible that this could be delivered through this fund. We look forward to discussing this with you further. Our current programme receives minimal funding on a year by year basis (Sustainability Champion Te Awamutu, Sustainability Champion Cambridge) and in order to develop and grow the programme and ensure that the concept of Sustainability becomes integral in business practice we believe focused and high quality training is fundamental. The Chamber is perfectly positioned to deliver this regionally.

Please provide feedback on our proposal to fund this project for three years.

We support this. Quality programmes take at least twelve months to establish and we believe three years is a realistic option.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? Yes

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID LTP15182
Response Date 10/04/15 12:14 PM
Consultation Point Continued investment in maunga sanctuary proposed ([View](#))
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Please provide your feedback

We support the continued investment in this project, and look forward to seeing further investment. We would also like to see some money earmarked for the Pirongia Restoration project.

Do you wish to present these comments to the council in person at the hearings? No

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)
Submission ID LTP15187
Response Date 10/04/15 12:26 PM
Consultation Point Incorporating mātauranga Māori into our work ([View](#))
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Please provide your feedback

We strongly support this process.

We would like to recommend that WRC consider a minimum level of training for all WRC staff. Self-paced and no-cost programmes such as those run by Te Wānanga Ao Aotearoa are of extremely high quality and would benefit everyone within the organisation.

Submission by Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Ms Susan Trodden)

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Please provide your feedback

We would like to make special acknowledgement of the Waipa District Councillors, Alan Livingstone and Stuart Kneebone, and thank them for their continued support and advocacy for the programmed delivered by the Te Awamutu and Cambridge Chambers.

We would also like to acknowledge the work done by WRC staff, in particular Anna D'Arcy, who has supported us in the Sustainability Champions programme and is working with us to further develop our Sustainable Business project.

Finally we would like to acknowledge our colleagues at the Cambridge, Morrinsville and Waikato Chambers and lend our support to their submissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.