

Submission to

Combined Western Boards Local Board Plans
2011/2012

from

Community Waitakere

On behalf of the Waitakere CE Community Roundtable

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Introduction

Community Waitakere is a Charitable Trust, dedicated to achieving our vision of a sustainable Waitakere with thriving, connected communities. We have a thirty year history of supporting and strengthening community organisations, building and maintaining relationships with central and local government and communities, undertaking and supporting community development initiatives and fostering collaborative actions that achieve our vision.

The values that we hold are:

- Acting with integrity
- Growing sustainability
- Inspiring
- Partnering
- Inclusion

Community Waitakere is recognised nationally as a key linkage between national, regional and local networks. We provide the “glue” which joins diverse community organisations with each other and with local and central government agencies and funders. This brokerage function enables the sharing of resources, knowledge and networks across a broad sector.

This submission acknowledges the commitment demonstrated by our partners at Auckland Council (and previously Waitakere City Council) in developing collaboration and partnering with our communities and citizens. There are many examples of successful initiatives which have emerged through this way of working (now recognised and commonly referred to across Auckland as the “Waitakere Way”), which unites Council and the people they represent in a participatory democratic process.

Collaborative partnerships between community, local and central government built over three decades have contributed to local authority decision-making in Waitakere being focussed, clear, transparent, effective and accountable.

Since late 2008, Community Waitakere has facilitated regular meetings of the Community Chief Executives Roundtable. These informal meetings have provided opportunities for the leaders of key community organisations in Waitakere to come together for peer support, to share ideas and work together on identified trends and challenges from a cross sectoral perspective. Membership of this group continues to grow steadily.

Organisations participating in the Roundtable discussions so far include:

- Community Waitakere
- Ecomatters
- Corban Estate Arts Centre
- Man Alive
- Sport Waitakere
- Waitakere Community Law Office
- Healthwest
- Youth Horizons
- Unitec
- Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust
- Vision West
- WALSH Trust
- McLaren Park Henderson South Initiative
- Barnardos
- WEA
- WAVES
- Violence Free Waitakere

This already established representative group can provide invaluable and swift cross community communication and engagement with the three **combined Western Local Boards**.

Submission

1. Community Waitakere, on behalf of the Waitakere Community CE Roundtable encourages the three combined Western Local Boards to connect with our group for mutual and expedient advantage, in the best interests of the communities of Waitakere.
2. Community Waitakere recommends that the Combined Western Local Boards acknowledge the existence of this group as a credible cross-sector community representative voice.

Community Waitakere wishes to speak to our submission at any hearing.

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