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Please type in the space below each question, and use as much space as you require for each answer.

Please email your responses back to info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz not later than **Monday, September 5th 2016**.

1. Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes. yes i have worked on projects dealing with the natural environment,Family environment,leadership and economic environment at the Wananga.I have worked with the preciousness of life and suicide prevention .I have been a water and wastewater operator.

2. Please rank, in order of (1) to (7), what you consider to be the most pressing needs for sustainability today, (1) being the most pressing and (7) the least. Please also add one of your own ideas.

Adapting to the impacts of climate change	Rank6
Reducing our contribution to climate change	Rank:5
Sustainable economic growth	Rank: 2
Sustainable transport options	Rank: 3
Sustainable urban design	Rank: 4
Water quality in our rivers and lakes	Rank: 1
<u>Other (enter here):</u>	Rank:

You may comment on your ranking if you wish:

3. In your view, what is the most effective thing Council could do to improve wellbeing for those of lower socioeconomic status in our city? WE could start by not harrassing those on the street,and assisting voluntary agencies helping those in need.We could assist the homeless by providing homeless shelters and giving them life and jobskills training.WE could educate people on the Haves verses the have not movement and teach people to wisen up as citizens and to use their democratic rights to achieve goals.

4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring? More frequent buses covering greater areas of the city.Promote alternative transport cycling walking car pooling.We need to free our roads up theyre to congested safer driving is a priority.

5. **What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?** BOD levels in the river are too high we need to purify the sewage more. We need to consider Chlorine and Fluoride use making necessary corrections maybe offering the public a choice between unfluoradated and fluoradated water. Maybe if the water meters are a must how we can retain the best part of the ownership although i am against foreign ownership of the water. The water should not be for sale. There is also the fact that the water meters could have other uses to foreign interests interested in collecting data.
6. **Do you see the Council as having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city?** If yes, what policies would you like to see in place to support this? If no, please explain. Yes better pest control and care of different ecosystems bird life needs protecting. growth of green patches and strips needs to be allowed for, trees and shrubs are an important focus also. Our city needs upkeep and beautifying maintaining the fountain city image of trees shrubs gardens and parks in order to attract the tourists to our diamond city
7. **What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?** Practice recycling usable goods separating paper plastics and paper nonbiodegradable from biodegradable weeds twigs and grass. Getting rid of junkmail would be useful. Not charging people for leaving recyclable items at the dump would be a good idea.
8. **How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?** Have festivals which include a wider range of cultural activities. Host multicultural conferences so different cultures can become aware of the norms expected of them.
9. **Do you think Council has a role in supporting businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices?** If no, why not and if yes what ideas do you have to support this?. We need to help businesses by reducing operational costs like rents. We need to increase productivity supply and demand keeping people happier in society. I think we need to educate schools on their rights and responsibilities and democratic voting responsibilities. I think being family friendly is also important reconciling families being social justice advocates. Individuals as minorities also need to be integrated into the city.
10. **Do you think Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts?** Could you please give some examples? We need to be aware of the carbon footprint and carbon emissions which cause pollution eg car exhaust fumes industrial pollution and so on. Making sure businesses and industries fit in with what's allowable. This needs to be policed by appropriate officers. We could reduce car pollution by encouraging other forms of transport. Tree planting for photosynthesis and the inhaling of carbon monoxide and the releasing of oxygen is also important.
11. **Suppose that your Council is considering a proposal for economic development. The development would increase regional GDP and create a significant number of jobs. It would also add significant pollution to waterways and further degrade their ecosystems. Would you support the proposal or not? What is your reasoning?** We need jobs to

stimulate growth. We therefore have to increase our capacity for dealing with pollution. To me it's a balancing act. Financially being in credit is vital to a growing economy. I think the rich man poor man syndrome has taken its toll on our society with a percentage holding the wealth at the top while the rest can't afford rent, food, and a basic living wage. It's time to get economic growth happening so everyone can reap the benefits. Maybe taxing the rich a bit more or insisting that wealthy businesses put more back into their communities. In our technological age of apps, computers, robots, and clones, real jobs and real products are a must.