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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.

Involved for many years with Western Bay of Plenty District Council in planting and in sand dune preservation near holiday Bach at Waihi Beach.

In Hamilton have recycled and composted appropriate waste for garden (veges and flowers) use for many years.

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	Rank: 2
Reducing our contribution to climate change	Rank: 6
Sustainable economic growth	Rank: 3
Sustainable transport options	Rank: 4
Sustainable urban design	Rank: 5
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?

Education, and supporting People's Project.

4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring?

Electric Car, more Bus Lanes, and ultimately (long term it seems) a commuter rail link north to Auckland when it is economically viable.

OUTCOMES: User Convenience, lower carbon emissions, greater use of public transport.

5. What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?

Present educational programmes generally work at seasonal peak water usage periods. Evidence suggests water meters and user pays changes behaviours and will reduce water usage, but politically this may be challenging to implement. On site water tanks (where possible) can use rain water for garden use. Subsidies may incentivise and help fund the capital cost.

- 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, Hamilton CC does support native bio diversity in city areas including the many gullies in and around the city. Continued joint financial support from WRC is an equitable way of using WRC rates paid by Hamilton residents to fund benefits to city ratepayers.

- 7. What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?**

Hamilton is currently working through a detailed strategy and business case (this coincides with the renewal of the current refuse contract expiring in 2019). This study involves a review of recycling options, refuse removal, frequency, and options that will comply with the National Minimisation Plan. It is intended once options have been decided a full community consultation will be undertaken. I support this.

- 8. How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?**

Hamilton currently does this via support provided to the Migrant Resource Centre in Boundary Road, and financially supports activities within the various cultures who wish to retain their heritage and share this with others. The funding is provided through HCC grants to Creative Waikato.

- 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?**

Council's role should be that of an enabler and financial supporter of better resourced organisations so duplication is avoided. Where appropriate these supported organisations can provide education and other support to the groups/individuals needing this.

- 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?**

Yes, policies should require Council to include mitigation options in all business cases. The policy should indicate alternative actions should it not be possible to mitigate unacceptable outcomes or consequences.

- 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?**

Yes, but only if mitigation options can be ascertained, and then costs to prevent are included as part of the business case. If the business case still indicates the proposal is viable then it could proceed.