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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](mailto:info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz) not later than **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

**1. Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes.**

No

**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: 7
Reducing our contribution to climate change	Rank: 6
Sustainable economic growth	Rank: 4
Sustainable transport options	Rank: 2
Sustainable urban design	Rank: 5
Water quality in our rivers and lakes	Rank: 1
<u>Other (enter here):</u>	Rank: 3 – reduce work stress

*You may comment on your ranking if you wish:* reducing work stress would result in a significant improvement in quality of life for thousands of New Zealanders

**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?**

Affordable housing. The council needs to enter into partnership with the govt to provide a large amount of lower cost but tidy housing. It is a high priority.

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

Huge investment in bus services and completion of the bike plan. We need to create more bus routes and further subsidise bus services.

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

I oppose water meters at this stage but do see potential in a CCO. Continue work on fixing leaks. I support councils working together to provide water & waste water services. I live on tank water and believe more pressure needs to go on water wasters. Water meters will need to be introduced residentially. I also think the council needs to actively encourage water collection methods for households in residential areas. There is massive wastage of water at the moment.

**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.**

Not sure.

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

I support the council expanding its recycling service with wheelie bins asap. I would support any strategy suggested by experts.

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

I love the ethnic soccer festival. I would love to see more work where Hamiltonians were encouraged to mix.

Schools such as Peachgrove intermediate are wonderful for their diversity, but this gets lost as adults. We need more open days, more opportunity for dialogue between ethnic groups.

**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?**

Further education is all I would suggest.

**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?**

Not sure

**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?**

I would absolutely not support any project that further pollutes the waterways. I am a strong opponent of intensification of dairy farms and feel passionately about waterways. Any economic proposal would need to mitigate the impacts so there was no further degradation otherwise I wouldn't support it.