

INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 updated the relationship between local authorities and their communities. Its focus was on promoting social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. The LGA 2002, as originally enacted, had a focus on greater collaboration amongst all agencies that contribute to community well-being. There was also an emphasis on monitoring and reporting progress towards desired Community Outcomes on behalf of local communities.

During 2009, proposed amendments to the LGA were tabled by the Local Government Minister for 'Improving Local Government Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Management' (TAFM). Once enshrined in legislation (pending), the definition of Community Outcomes will become limited to "those outcomes a local authority aims to achieve to maintain and improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of its district or region". As the exact details of implementation remain uncertain, the approach to this 2010 Data Update has been pragmatic and balanced. Data for existing indicators has been updated where available, and additional data has been sourced for a number of new indicators that were proposed through Council's 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan. The data update has been undertaken solely as a 'desktop exercise', with information primarily sourced through on-line data sets and via e-mail communications.

The purpose of this Data Analysis Report is to help fulfil the monitoring and reporting requirements of the 'Community Outcomes' section of the unamended LGA. It identifies current states and long-term trends in Rotorua District Community Outcomes indicators. Its aim is to help:

- Inform and guide the setting of priorities in relation to the activities of community stakeholders; and
- Promote better co-ordination and application of community resources.

The audience is primarily decision-makers at the Rotorua District level.

Information sources for this report include:

- Bay of Plenty Community Outcomes Survey (Environment BOP) – Rotorua District and regional results.
- NRB Communitrak Survey (satisfaction with Rotorua District Council services).
- Police administrative data.
- Rotorua Safety Perceptions Survey.
- New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Crash Analysis System Database.
- Rotorua Community Outcomes Survey.
- Rotorua District Council administrative data.
- Regional council data.
- Ministry of Health and Lakes District Health Board (DHB) administrative and survey data.
- Statistics New Zealand Census and other data.
- Rotorua Get Active-Stay Active Survey.
- Rotorua District Council Economic Development Unit.
- Work and Income administrative data.
- Rotorua Regional Visitor Monitor.
- Ministry of Education administrative data.
- Other sources.