

## **WHERE TO FROM HERE**

Under the Local Government Act 2002 as it was originally passed, Community Outcomes were intended to be broader than Council activities. They were intended to encompass the overall social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the local area. Their purpose was to help guide local stakeholders in planning and monitoring community well-being.

Some uncertainty has been created around Council's role in monitoring and reporting progress toward Community Outcomes, in light of the TAFM proposals ('Improving Local Government Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Management'). Central Government plans to amend the Local Government Act, to limit the definition of Community Outcomes 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". It remains to be seen what effects these legislative amendments will have on Rotorua District Council's approach to identifying, monitoring and reporting progress toward Community Outcomes.