



COMMUNITY FACILITIES FRAMEWORK

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Every so often, the Waikato region requires investment in a specialty facility that will be used by a range of people across the region for sport, recreation, arts or cultural activities. In the past, these types of facilities were funded by ratepayers in the area where they were built, through the local council, with inconsistent contributions from users outside that area.

Waikato councils believe a framework should be in place to enable them to make collective, strategic investments in new subregional and regional community sports, recreation, arts and cultural facilities.

The Community Facilities Framework has been developed to enable local authorities in the Waikato to collaborate and co-fund facilities. Co-funding may, for example, involve us joining with community funders and government departments. This collaborative approach will be a more efficient, effective and equitable way of funding facilities for our communities.

The framework provides clear guidelines that enable decisions about funding of subregional and regional community facilities.

It is anticipated all councils within the region will adopt the framework to assess proposed facilities against it.

Through this framework, if a facility is deemed to have regional benefits we would consider collecting rates on behalf of all councils in the region to contribute funding towards it. The community would be consulted on any proposals received.

The funding contribution to subregional facilities (where the benefits are to communities of more than one council but not all) will be by the councils serving the communities that benefit.

We want to know whether you think we have a role in funding regional sporting, recreational, cultural and arts facilities. Adopting the framework will show a commitment to collecting rates for these types of facilities in the future.

You can read the full framework online at waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp-fwd10. Alternatively, call us on 0800 800 401 and we'll send you a copy.

<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>Status quo – don't adopt the framework</p>	<p>PREFERRED OPTION</p> <p>OPTION 2</p> <p>Adopt the framework</p>
<p>This would mean there is no consistent framework for assessing the benefits and contributors of proposed subregional and regional facilities.</p> <p>Impact on levels of service: Nil</p>	<p>Framework used to assess if a facility is regional and the share each area should pay.</p> <p>Impact on levels of service: If we adopt the framework, there is a potential level of service increase when new facilities are proposed.</p>
<p>Impact on rates: No impact on rates or debt</p>	<p>Impact on rates: No impact on rates or debt</p>

 Before we had the opportunity to ask if you think we have a role in funding community facilities, Momentum Waikato came to us with a proposal for a new regional theatre. See the next page for more details.