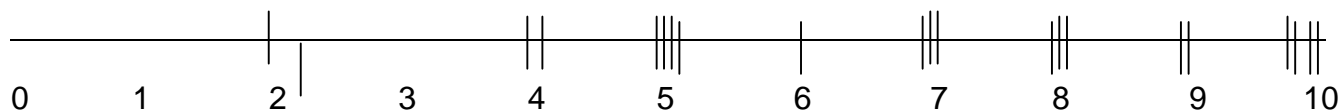


# Waitakere is a great place to live !!



### **Process**

Focus group at Henderson High School – approximately 25 students.

1. Identified where on the above scale they sat.
2. Brainstormed what was good and bad about living in Waitakere City as a group.
3. Broke down into smaller groups and decided what were their priorities. From this they developed an action plan for the city for both the Council and the Community.
4. Came back together as a group and identify their priorities.
5. Each student was then given three votes each to establish a group consensus.

### **Summary of results**

The results from this focus group were very similar to other consultation undertaken with youth. The need for more hangout areas and leisure facilities clearly ranked as the number one priority for this group with the associated need for cheaper entertainment. The next most important priority was that of safety, with safer roads being specifically mentioned. Of note is that high on the priority ranking was the need for places for the elderly. Although in the initial brainstorming session many issues were raised around transport this failed to rank in the list of priorities.

### **What's Good**

- ❖ Shopping Centre, extremes
  - Good shopping
- ❖ Good Parks
- ❖ Schools - Henderson Cool
- ❖ Beaches – Bethells
- ❖ Can go anywhere
  - don't need to worry about age.
- ❖ Bush – Green / lots of it
- ❖ Sports clubs (rugby league)
- ❖ Good houses (on Peninsula look good)
- ❖ Good food – foodhall
- ❖ Cheap shops – good
- ❖ Lots of dairies
  - On every corner
- ❖ Footpaths

- Keep people off road
- ❖ Good that consider what Maori people want
- ❖ Good people clean around city
- ❖ Good that involve everyone
- ❖ Fun activities
  - Basketball courts
- ❖ Youth Centres
  - Faith Factory
- ❖ Movies
- ❖ Different classes at school available

## **Bad Things**

### ***Transport***

- ❖ Trains stations
  - Dirty and the tagging
- ❖ Don't run on time
- ❖ Bus stop cleaner
- ❖ New bus stop shelters
- ❖ Te Atatu Peninsula
  - Bus every 3 hours
  - On one bus
- ❖ Need more buses
  - Not enough
- ❖ Need buses out to Piha
- ❖ More stops on trains
- ❖ More people think of walking, public transport – not cars
- ❖ Need more pedestrian crossings
- ❖ More pathways through parks
- ❖ Lights in alleyways

### ***Facilities***

- ❖ Public toilets – dirty
- ❖ Graffiti
- ❖ Not enough public toilets
- ❖ Like Extreme (WestCity) build game arcade somewhere
- ❖ Big place for games, exhibit
  - Non-smoking areas
- ❖ Teenager events run separate from adult

- ❖ Not enough places to hang out
  - Games World (but gone)
  - Extreme too expensive
  - At home
  - Friends' houses
- ❖ Basketball area (Salvation Place)
  - Any basketball hoops going in?
  - Why half court?
- ❖ More shops
  - Have to walk forever to get to dairy
  - Only around populated area
- ❖ More playgrounds

### ***Environment***

- ❖ Environment
  - Pollution
- ❖ Dirty Streets
- ❖ Shopping trolleys in streams
- ❖ People tagging
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- ❖ Not enough rubbish bins
  - Need more

### ***Safety***

- ❖ Too many gangs, drugs
  - Sell drug to
- ❖ Too many abandoned placed
  - Taking up space
- ❖ Too many gangs, drugs – sell drug to fake id's
- ❖ Too many people hand out not go to school – wag
- ❖ Cameras in toilets, etc.

### ***General***

- ❖ Not enough rubbish bins
  - Need more
- ❖ Too many abandoned placed
- ❖ Taking up space
  - The more kids follow W.....
- ❖ More land per house for kids to play around
- ❖

- ❖ More signs
  - “Taggers please don’t ...?”
- ❖ Get rid of ID at buses for concessions
- ❖ Chicken factory smells (Bruce McLaren Road)
  - Give chickens bigger box when in trucks
- ❖ Need more plants (trees) around city
- ❖ Need more police
  - Someone punch bus drivers
- ❖ On beach – surf boards, etc. to .....
- For family day out.
- ❖

**Priorities**

*Each student was given 3 votes each*

❖ Clean, greener environment for elderly & young	1	
❖ Transport	1	
❖ Safety	13	
❖ Environment	5	
❖ Land	3	
❖ Better access for people – eg: wheelchairs	2	
❖ Buses to Piha	5	
❖ Cleaner public toilets	5	
❖ Better roads to piha		
❖ More hangout areas	13	
❖ Cheaper entertainment	7	
❖ Multi-cultural and historical Waitakere		3
❖ Safer roads	7	
❖ More leisure facilities	9	
❖ Places for elderly	7	