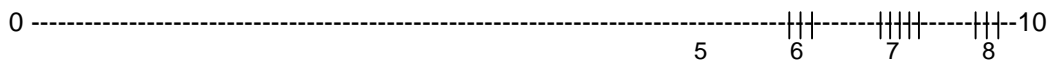


Youth Council Consultation notes

Waitakere is a Great Place to Live



Summary

Generally the Youth Councillors were very positive about life in Waitakere. The issues of concerns were consistent with issues identified in other youth consultation i.e. the need for more youth facilities and events and the concern over safety.

Good

- Lots of new facilities → good future
- Te Atatu pen park
- Rugby fields
- All sports fields
- Lots of music – events happening at moment
- Concerts a Rec Centre otherwise have to go into town
- Community centres
- Clean and green
- Still got lots of green areas – potential → not everyone knows
- The ranges
- Beaches/bush, going to cascade
- Mayor and councillors
- Leaders have good vision
- Waitakere YC – cutting edge
- Lot of celebration of arts, culture, heritage
- Culture of city down to earth – not snobby
- Cycleways, paths good
- Almost all work part-time
- Quite easy to find
- Feel safe walking home (Te Atatu)

Bad

Transport/roading

- No transport to beaches
- Better transport
- Ease congestion –use transport corridors – subsidise, park/ride
- Bus unreliable, never on time
- Tolls for cars into city
- Whole of Auckland, government needs to sort – subsidies

Facilities/Events

- More areas of sport
- Youth facility
 - Rec centre ord people, boring, not prog for
 - Not pay
 - Community centre structured, yc somewhere to hang out – what ward
 - Youth events co-ordinated

Safety

- Less crime
 - Acceptance of minor violence by comm..
 - Stand over tact
 - Difficult to tell parents
 - Road safety issues
 - Protection for pedestrians (safety) particularly at schools

Others

- Not enough arch. Design buildings
- More artwork
- Less graffiti, rubbish – clean and tidy