



Local governance structure

Why does it matter?

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Opportunities

- “ What is wrong that needs fixing?
- “ Science investment (IRL)/TV studios moving away
- “ Are we an education hub?
- “ How many of the top ROI enterprises reside here? (like F&P Healthcare – Paul Callaghan)
- “ Poor water & waste management in some areas/outstanding in others with risk of commercial-type enterprise coming in to manage our water & waste (like Auckland)
- “ Emergency preparedness – poor in some areas, not so bad in others



Costs

- “What is working that might change with a new system?”
- “Can we find ways to keep what’s working?”

Spatial Planning

“ What is Spatial Planning?
Hopefully it gives the benefit of big
picture thinking and resourcing –
linked to local perspectives, talent
and knowledge (Hafen City? New
York - Ground Zero?)

“ Goal? Create a place where talent
lives (Paul Callaghan) – Through
better, longer term thinking and
decisions, about our ‘place’ – not
just economic talent – volunteers,
educators, families – we want
thriving neighbourhoods

“ Whatever the model we **MUST**
include village planning (PWC
give Porirua villages example in
their report)



It's official!

PORIRUA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S
MOST LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES.

Best practice

“Will we try to reinvent the wheel and incur costs in a new structure because the ‘best idea’ hasn’t been noticed?”

“Pressure reduction etc. in Porirua saves millions of litres of water/year & reduces pressure on our waterways – but will Capacity (or any new 3 waters managers) need to ‘sell’ units? (Colorado)”



“ Status quo?

“ Is it really working?

“ The terms of reference (2009) has a good overview

“ Public transport?

“ Resource Management?

Another plan?

“ My opinion? Definitely not a super city – Auckland has seen few of the predicted cost benefits thus far.

“ Community boards? As Auckland has arranged them – we hear that most things take longer, fragmentation still reigns

“ What about Wellington Region – reduce the number of Councils and reduce duplication?

“ One or two Councils? or five or eight? Five logical clusters? One rating agency?

“ One district plan? Or five? Integrated under the GW Regional Strategy.

“ Tradition/trust is attached to Mayors. Five Mayors? Dilute the power sufficiently.

“ Perhaps one ‘Lord Mayor’ too? (London, NY)



Opinion

**“Retain what works – find
the best of what works
and keep it**

Porirua water conservation and asset management
strategy
Village planning – so we have a powerful voice under a
new regime – use for spatial planning too.

**It's all about
community**