



**Future Proof**  
*Knowing our future by planning today*

Future  
Your  
Future

## Our Place

What kind of place would you want it to be?  
Where would you or your children like to live?  
Where will you work? What is important to your lifestyle?  
What quality of environment would you want to have?



# About FutureProof

The Future Proof sub-regional community is made up by Hamilton, Waipa District, Waikato District, the Morrinsville area and associated administrative area of Environment Waikato. Dealing with the impact of long term growth is a significant challenge for this community.

There are complex issues to consider including future urban and rural land use, natural and cultural resources, roads and other essential infrastructure. It is difficult for each Council to plan on their own as the effects of many of their decisions reach across territorial boundaries.

Future Proof is all about selecting how the sub-region should develop in a unified and sustainable way.



## Future Proof's mission is to plan for sustainable growth so that:

- High quality farmland is protected
- Ecological areas, landscapes, cultural and heritage values are enhanced
- Health and well being of the Waikato River is restored
- We enjoy a low energy, low carbon, sustainable environment
- We have housing and lifestyle choices
- Hamilton's CityHeart is the commercial, arts and social centre of the sub-region
- Local communities are supported by their town centres
- Green spaces separate settlements
- Existing and future infrastructure and transport corridors are protected
- Development is directed away from hazard areas and mineral locations

Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council, Waikato District Council and Environment Waikato are all committed to the development and implementation of an integrated growth management strategy with partnering agencies: Tangata Whenua, Matamata Piako District Council (Morrinsville) and the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Morrinsville's growth will be considered along side FutureProof as it is within the area of influence of the Sub-Region. Matamata-Piako District Council is considering a specific growth strategy for Morrinsville as part of the wider growth work.

Future Proof's goal is to have an agreed and approved strategy completed by 30 June 2009.

You now have the opportunity to tell us how you think growth should be managed in this region. To help you think this through, Future Proof has developed three general directions or scenarios that try to imagine what the future might look like.

For further information or to fill in a submission form online please go to the website [www.futureproof.org.nz](http://www.futureproof.org.nz)

# Scenario 1 Business as Usual

In this scenario, we let our place continue to grow the way it always has.

## Meaning that in 2060...

- Urban areas are still expanding
- We need around 6,000ha of land for urban development (around 10 towns the size of Cambridge)
- 25 percent of the population live in rural areas
- There are many choices for rural living ranging from a rural village environment to a lifestyle block
- Papakainga development around Marae provides for housing needs of some kaumatua and kuia

### In Hamilton

- The CityHeart is the main commercial centre for the region
- There are more office buildings, more people living in apartments and the city is alive at night
- New suburban areas have developed in Peacocke, Rotokauri, Rototuna and Horsham Downs
- Section sizes have reduced over time but most people live in stand-alone family-style dwellings
- Industrial land has filled the north and east of the city
- Urban development has consolidated and extended along transport corridor between Hamilton and Ngaruawahia with decreasing green space between the two urban areas.
- The road network development is sporadic and mainly responds to high levels of congestion
- Public transport is available but most people still use private transport
- Ruakura has developed for bio tech research and industry

### In Cambridge and Te Awamutu

- Cambridge and Te Awamutu have expanded extensively around their edges with steadily growing retail and industrial sectors.
- A significant proportion of people still commute to Hamilton to work

### In Ngaruawahia

- Modest growth with affordable housing alternatives for families
- People continue to commute to Hamilton for work and household needs

### In Huntly

- An affordable housing area with employment opportunities in energy and rural related industries

### In Te Kauwhata/Hampton Downs

- Strong growth continues with people moving from large cities to escape the daily rush and live in semi rural surrounds.

### In Raglan

- Still growing as a coastal holiday town with a large absentee population for most of the time.
- Many people commute to Hamilton to work

### In Rural Areas

- There are wide living choices ranging from a rural village environment to a lifestyle block
- Rural living is mixed in with traditional farming activities

### In Morrinsville

- A town for commuting to Hamilton
- Modest growth

Town/City	2006	2020	2040	2060
Hamilton City	134400	171700	218300	262100
Cambridge	13300	17200	20100	23000
Te Awamutu	11700	14500	17000	20200
Huntly	6800	7300	7600	8000
Ngaruawahia	5100	6300	7000	7900
Raglan	2600	3000	3700	4800
Te Kauwhata	1194	4300	5400	6600
Rural areas/villages	45800	60000	75700	91800
Morrinsville	6800	7700	8400	8600

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## Scenario 2 Compact Settlement

In this scenario, we have responded to changes such as ageing population, household sizes are decreasing, fuel costs are rising, and houses are becoming less affordable.

### Meaning that in 2060...

- Plans for future growth include a significant increase in the number of households within a smaller land area
- Increased densities has reduced the spread of the city and surrounding towns to around 4,000 hectares (six Cambridge's)
- Densities are around 15 houses per hectare in the suburbs
- There is more intensive redevelopment of existing urban areas
- Reduced dependence on cars with many more people walking, cycling and using public transport
- Papakainga development supports housing and social needs of flourishing marae communities

### In Hamilton

- The city is thriving with a strong resident population who enjoy a broad range of services and facilities
- New suburban areas have developed with strong neighbourhood centres that provide a focal point for communities
- The city is well connected to public transport routes
- The centre of these neighbourhoods have higher density housing while larger lots on the edges of neighbourhoods support those with more active lifestyles and families
- Suburban areas have well planned open space with excellent walking and cycling links
- Intensified residential development is especially found around the hospital, university and CityHeart
- Great shopping is found in the CityHeart with local needs being met within small neighbourhood centres
- Transport routes support new areas as they grow and an efficient and convenient public transport system is available
- Ruakura is a thriving mixed use centre for Hamilton East

### In Cambridge

- A vibrant business centre thrives with its residents less reliant on travel to Hamilton for work
- The central business area has intensified and is supported by a mixture of residential and business uses
- The equine industry has consolidated and is recognised nationally as the centre of excellence
- Better public transport is available

### In Te Awamutu and Kihikihi

- These towns have merged while retaining their own character
- The service centre aspect has remained

### In Ngaruawahia

- The town taken advantage of its locality to Hamilton but has enhanced local services and employment opportunities
- It is a growing, younger community with a focus on education and family wellbeing
- There is a flourishing marae community centred on Turangawaewae.
- There are passenger (both road and rail) connections to Hamilton and Auckland

### In Huntly

- Character is retained while providing choice in affordable housing
- A range of employment options are available in heavy industry including energy, mining and the rural sector

### In Te Kauwhata

- The village has grown to provide housing and services for the expanding industrial workforce at Hampton Downs

### In Raglan

- Growing and providing the benefits of a coastal lifestyle with easy access to Hamilton

### In Rural Areas

- Limited rural lifestyle development close to towns and cities and transport networks
- Development in rural areas is centred on existing village clusters that protect land for productive use

### In Morrinsville

- The character of the town is retained
- Better public transport available
- A focus on community well-being



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Huntly	6800	7300	8000	11900
Ngaruawahia	5100	7900	11700	14400
Raglan	2600	3100	3854	4800
Te Kauwhata	1200	2900	5100	7300
Rural areas/villages	45800	56700	68100	77700
Morrinsville	6800	7700	8400	8600

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## Scenario 3 Concentrated Settlement

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In this scenario the community recognises the need for a major shift in the way we grow to ensure long term sustainability.

### Meaning that in 2060...

- There are around 25 dwellings per hectare in new development
- Up to 40% of all residential development is intensified
- New land use requires only 2,000 hectares (that's about three Cambridge's)
- Significant intensification is occurring within Hamilton to accommodate the growth in population
- There is a range of discrete settlements with defined urban limits and green belts around them
- There is significant protection and enhancement of areas of biodiversity and connecting corridors between these areas
- Papakainga development supports housing, employment and social needs in flourishing marae communities and makes a significant contribution toward growth accommodation
- Highly efficient public transport system linking urban areas

#### In Hamilton

- The CityHeart is a cosmopolitan centre that contains a compact and diverse mix of high rise office and apartment buildings which extend along the banks of the Waikato River
- Hamilton has promoted higher density development within its boundaries by leading the provision of urban village nodes at Peacocke, Ruakura, Rototuna and Rotokauri
- Nodes are all linked to the CityHeart by frequent public transport that reduces the need for private vehicles for many people
- There is a strong emphasis on the provision of community infrastructure such as theatres, parks schools and hospitals
- Ruakura is a thriving mixed use centre for Hamilton East which is set aside for bio-tech research and industry
- Shopping occurs within the CityHeart and expanded large-scale centres with local needs met at neighbourhood centres

#### In Cambridge and Te Awamutu

- Cambridge and Te Awamutu have grown significantly with a strong emphasis on a more compact form
- A range of living environments are provided while property density has significantly increased (15-16 dwellings per ha)
- Cambridge has consolidated its position as a significant upper North Island lifestyle community
- Both provide significant employment, shopping and recreational opportunities with significantly less commuter traffic

#### In Ngaruawahia and Huntly

- Both are more self contained with residential and employment opportunities with improved transport north and south

#### In Te Kauwhata

- Te Kauwhata has emerged as the significant centre for the northern Waikato strongly influenced by the completed transport corridor between Auckland and the Waikato
- There is a major employment zone nearby at Hampton Downs
- These towns have an important role housing people who have taken advantage of employment opportunities in both Auckland and Hamilton while enjoying the amenities provided by smaller centres

#### In Raglan

- Growing and providing the benefits of a coastal lifestyle and tourism centre with easy access to Hamilton and other urban areas and a key playground for the increasing population of urban areas

#### In Rural Areas

- Rural residential subdivisions are now focused on rural village clusters within defined limits
- All rural land and settlements is protected from intensive subdivision and will be tightly controlled to ensure there are long term greenbelts in place to maintain the discrete and separate settlements.

#### In Morrinsville

- A town growing within a more compact form
- Better public transport available



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# So much talk about growth...

While FutureProof considers growth challenges for our wider area that have cross boundary implications, each individual Council is also planning an approach to growth at a local level.

So while FutureProof wants to know your thoughts on the big picture, your local Council will also be asking you about your opinion on your local community's growth plan. Check out your local Council website for more information.

For more information on the scenarios and the development of the Future Proof Growth Strategy, or to fill in a submission form online please go to the website [www.futureproof.org.nz](http://www.futureproof.org.nz). Submissions close at 5pm Monday 10 November 2008. Submission email address is [futureproof@riceres.co.nz](mailto:futureproof@riceres.co.nz). Your comments will be considered as part of the preparation of the FutureProof strategy, which will be released for submissions in March/ April 2009.

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## Contact Us

For more detailed information and background papers see the website:  
[www.futureproof.org.nz](http://www.futureproof.org.nz)

For information on specific growth strategies and related matters please see the following websites:

**Hamilton City Council**  
[www.hamilton.co.nz](http://www.hamilton.co.nz)

**Waipa District Council**  
[www.waipadc.govt.nz](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz)

**Waikato District Council**  
[www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz)

**Environment Waikato**  
[www.ew.govt.nz](http://www.ew.govt.nz)

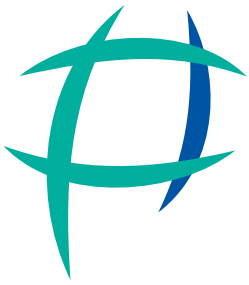
**Matamata Piako District Council**  
[www.mpdc.govt.nz](http://www.mpdc.govt.nz)



### Other Partners



**Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka**



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# Have your say Submission Form

Your comments will be considered during preparation of the FutureProof Growth Strategy. The strategy will be released for further comment in February next year.

## Your Information

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Submission

What scenario or combination of them, best reflects how you would like to see growth managed in the future?

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What are the key issues you would like addressed in managing future growth?

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Other Comments

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**Submissions close at 5pm, Monday, 10 November 2008**

The Future Proof Joint Committee may invite submitters to present their submissions



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