

## **A SUSTAINABLE REGION**

*Sustainability is our goal for the Greater Wellington region. This means meeting people's needs now without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

*A sustainable Greater Wellington region has:*

### **Efficient use of natural resources**

Resources such as land and water are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

### **Limited pollution**

Pollution of air, land and water is limited to levels with which natural systems can cope. The region reduces global pollution, such as greenhouse gas emissions, and limits local pollution.

### **A diversity of nature**

Biodiversity of habitats and species of plants and animals is valued and protected.

### **Basic needs met**

Everyone has access to food, water, housing and heating at reasonable cost.

### **Needs met locally**

Local needs, including those for work, shopping, education and recreation, are met locally where possible, and communities are nurtured.

### **Satisfying work opportunities**

Everyone has the opportunity to undertake satisfying work, both paid and unpaid.

### **Health**

Physical and mental health is protected. Nobody is unhealthy as a result of lack of health care or because of an unhealthy and unsafe living or working environment.

### **Access**

People have access to facilities, services, goods and each other and can move around without unnecessarily compromising a healthy environment. Access for all is achieved through a range of transport options, local and regional services and via telecommunications.

### **A sustainable economy**

The economy prospers within the region's natural and social environment.

### **Safety**

People live without fear of violence, crime or persecution. Everyone feels safe in their daily lives and accepts the risk from natural hazards.

### **Knowledge**

The region values learning, research and innovative science. Everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information.

**Empowerment**

All sections of the community can participate in decision-making and contribute to our society by having the opportunity to be informed and educated on matters affecting them.

**Culture**

All cultural values are respected, differences acknowledged and diversity celebrated.

**Leisure opportunities**

People have access to a range of open spaces, including the coast, the sea and rivers, and have opportunities for leisure, recreational and cultural activities.

**A distinctive sense of place**

Local distinctiveness and diversity are valued. People identify with their community and have a strong sense of place..