

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?: Yes

Do you support the draft Community Engagement Policy as presented? : Yes

What aspects of the proposed policy do you agree with and why?: I am pleased to see a council policy document that finally recognises one of the three official languages of Aotearoa/New Zealand. It is encouraging to see a section of the document using the country's two official written languages side by side, and to see both referred to in the glossary. I am heartened that Māori are recognised in this document as mana whenua. It is reassuring that Hakatere Marae Komiti is finally recognised as being worthy of engagement on matters of social wellbeing in the district.

What aspects of the proposed policy do you disagree with and why?: It is a pity that no mention is made of other (than Māori) significant ethnic groups, and how ADC proposes to engage with them. It is unfortunate that the PDF copy posted on the council's website does not display most of the figures fully. I have real concerns about some of the trigger points in respect of drinking water, wastewater and transportation. In theory all of the roading network, for example, bar 100 metres of shingle road could be sold to a private entity, and it would not necessarily trigger community engagement. I have concerns around the 'front page test' and the 'social media test', both of which we have seen to hve the potential to be open to manipulation.

Additional Comments:

I understand that all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included: Yes

Additional Supporting documents: No file uploaded

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