

# Paparoa Community Engagement Feedback

## Here's what you said

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### 72.5% The Problem

know the problem is wastewater & sewage contaminating waterways due to old, ineffective or non-compliant systems, causing environmental and health concerns council want resolved to prevent 'cease to use' orders.



### Who should solve this problem?

#### You think...

- 73% - council should be all or part of a whole community solution
- 19% - individual property owners
- 6% - other, not defined
- 2% - Central Government

**"Working in collaboration with community, developing sustainable strategies that can be adopted at an infrastructure (council) and individual community member level"**



### How can it be resolved?

**"we are all part of a community and in order to thrive we need infrastructure that allows us to maintain and develop our way of living. Disposal of waste would be a major part of successfully achieving that"**

#### Ideas include

- Targeted rates, rebates or annual charges
- Wastewater systems treatment plant for Paparoa (and surrounds)
- Case by case individual solutions
- Separate grey water from wastewater to reduce run off
- Composting toilets
- Connect similar groups in the community for holistic solutions

**You also** expressed concern the council may keep shifting goalposts, or if individuals pay for solutions they may be asked to pay again if a whole district scheme happens in the future and think it could be a whole district solution.

**And** would like to be presented with options, costs and a feasibility study **"green, long term holistic planning"**



### 78% What's Important

think environmental effects, Paparoa's future and community health and wellbeing are all important in this situation because you want to see Paparoa survive and thrive for future generations. **"because I love living in Paparoa and I want it to survive and thrive"**



### Paparoa's Future

#### What's important to you?

- 90% - a healthy safe environment
- 84% = strong connected, active community groups
- 74% - sustainable future & growth opportunities
- 62% economic development & employment opportunities
- 36% - affordable housing
- 30% - population growth

**"Paparoa has a sustainable future for the community it serves"**

### Your Vision of Paparoa in 5 Years Time

**A thriving economically viable town that maintains its rural and community vibe.**

**"thriving as Northland's growth begins to show itself here"**

You see growth as inevitable. You see a sustainable long term future. Increased services, employment opportunities, a vibrant mixed social/economic mix, a proud and environmentally aware community, supported by local council to plan holistic and long-term solutions for improved infrastructure and a resolved wastewater problem.

**"Booming! A strong retail sector with specialty shops, a hospitality sector and active community groups providing a range of services and activities. A destination town on the Twin Coast highway"**



### 94% Working Together

think Paparoa's history of working together to build a strong sense of community is valuable or very valuable.

**"a shared approach to resolving issues and building a strong sense of community"**

This says you believe you can solve this as a community using the elements of a values shared approach, common purpose, forward thinking, working groups and good communication.

**70%** named people, their contribution to others and community, gatherings and events, connectedness, support and care for each other, kindness, diversity and individual choices as elements of community you value. **"the people, it all comes down to the people and the value they place on and within their community"**



### You Asked

#### We Answered

- KDC have committed and hold \$60K in their Long-term plan to support Paparoa find a solution that works for everyone
- No one knows how Three Waters reform may or may not provide solutions in the future
- The town will not be shut down, but individual properties could be given 'cease to use' orders if issues are not resolved.
- Future proofing will benefit those not directly by ensuring the CBD of Paparoa can continue to provide services to the community, and the environment will be cared for.



### What's next?

**Using your ideas and information gathered, there are a few things I need you to have further input into. This will decide what you want to present to council as your recommended way forward.**

**Myself and members of the Progressive Paparoa Wastewater Group will be out in the community testing this before creating a roadmap for the way forward. There will be multiple opportunities for this, so keep an eye out for more information soon.**



### As part of this process

#### In August this year, council advised us

- 40 out of 104 residential, commercial or industrially zoned properties that fall under the 2016 Wastewater Bylaw, have been tested to date. Of this, 27.5% had a problem, with inadequate room for modern compliance systems amongst them. Which properties are affected is confidential to council and property owners. Further testing will be carried out in Spring this year.



**If you have any questions, comments or ideas, or would like a copy of the full Community Engagement Feedback Report, please call or text Laurel on 027 7135 815 or email on [laurelbelworthy@gmail.com](mailto:laurelbelworthy@gmail.com)**

**Paparoa, let's do this!**