

# WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan





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# Background and context



Auckland

Hamilton





# Background and context

- NZ's most significant water, road and rail corridor
- Population to increase by up to 250,000 in next 25yrs
- Significant housing and employment potential
- Challenged by: Water availability and quality, congestion
- A collaborative leadership culture
- Issues and opportunities cut across administrative boundaries.





# Background and context

- June 2018 – Ministers, Mayors and Chairs directed officials to initiate the work and report back on:
  - A summary of shared spatial intent for urban growth and development.
  - A draft programme of initiatives

A photograph of a person in a wetsuit standing on a rocky shore next to the ocean. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking towards the water. The rocks are dark and jagged, and the water is a deep blue with some white foam from a wave in the background. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# Background and context

## Government's Urban Growth Agenda – spatial planning:

- improve choices for the location and type of housing
- improve access to employment, education and services
- assist emission reductions and build climate resilience, and
- enable quality built environments, while avoiding unnecessary urban sprawl.



# Background and context

Shared growth management objectives:

| Aspect  | Growth management objectives  |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Wāhi toitū, wāhi toiora</b><br/>Places with enduring presence<br/>Places to grow only with great care</p> | <p>To manage growth in a manner that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protects and enhances the quality of the natural environments and cultural heritage,</li> <li>• anticipates the transition to a low-carbon future and builds climate resilience, and</li> <li>• avoids increasing the impacts and residual risks of natural hazards.</li> </ul>                      |
| <p><b>Awarua</b><br/>Key corridors</p>  | <p>To strengthen corridor connections that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shape and guide future urban growth towards sustainable, resilient and affordable settlement patterns, and</li> <li>• improve access to housing, employment, public services and amenities through, along and within the corridor.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Wāhi mahi, wāhi noho</b><br/>Places to work and live</p>  | <p>To grow urban settlements and places that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make efficient use of existing infrastructure and resources,</li> <li>• are transit-oriented and connected</li> <li>• provide affordable housing choices that respond to demand, including quality intensification, and</li> <li>• provide high quality live-work-play settlements.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Whakamana</b><br/>Enablers</p>  | <p>To support and underpin urban growth through investments and initiatives that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsive and timely, so that growth and development does not result in a reduction of services, and</li> <li>• delivered at the required pace and scale to fully realise development opportunities.</li> </ul>                                       |



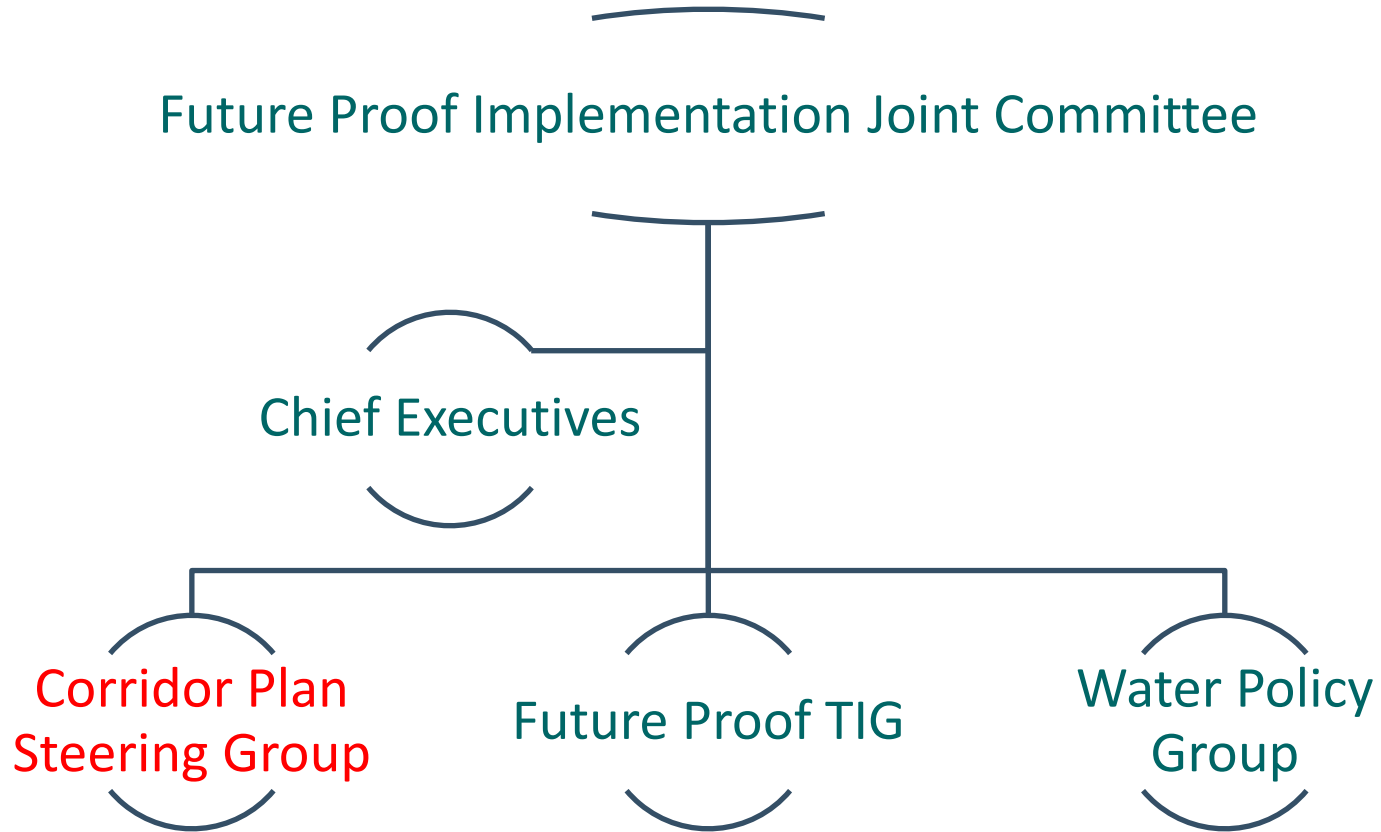


# Process

- Collaborative, but targeted:
  - Organisations working collaboratively but in existing structures.
  - No formal consultation beyond the partnership yet.
  - MBIE/MHUD with NZTA provided the ‘back-bone’
- Accelerated:
  - <12 months.
  - Existing work programmes paused – some still on hold.
  - Required the right people being in the room – considerable organisational investment.
- Evidence informed
  - Officials lead the statement of shared spatial intent.
  - Some initial propositions significantly modified as work advanced.



# The Growth Management Partnership

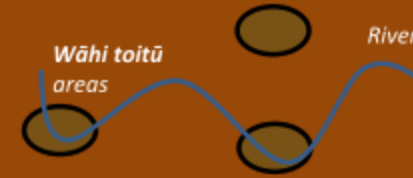


- + Strengthened Iwi representation
- + Auckland Council
- + Government

# Statement of shared spatial intent

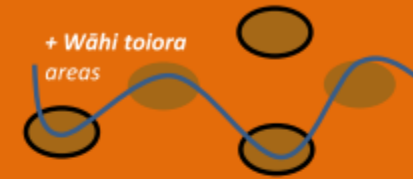
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The places with enduring presence that should be protected from development in perpetuity e.g. rivers, places of significance to mana whenua, conservation estate



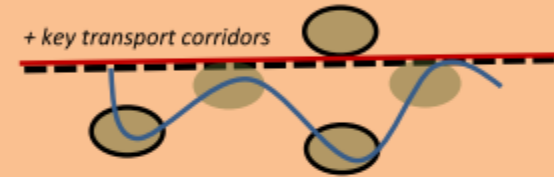
## Layer 2: Wāhi toiora

The places where change or development should only occur with greatest care e.g. places subject to floods and hazards



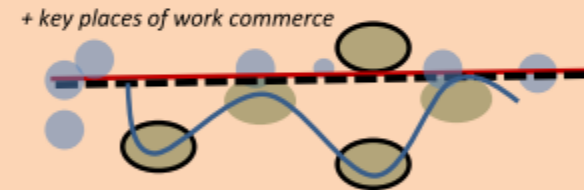
## Layer 3: Awarua

The movement corridors that bind places together e.g. railways and motorways



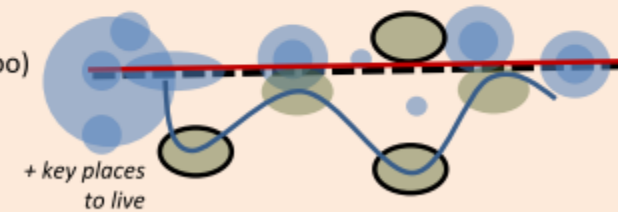
## Layer 4: Wāhi mahi

The places where we work and transact (and often live too)



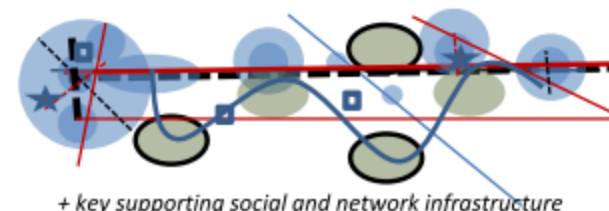
## Layer 5: Wāhi noho.

The places where we live (and often work too)



## Layer 6: Whakamana

The elements that enable and support development e.g. schools, health facilities, social housing, marae, potable water, wastewater...



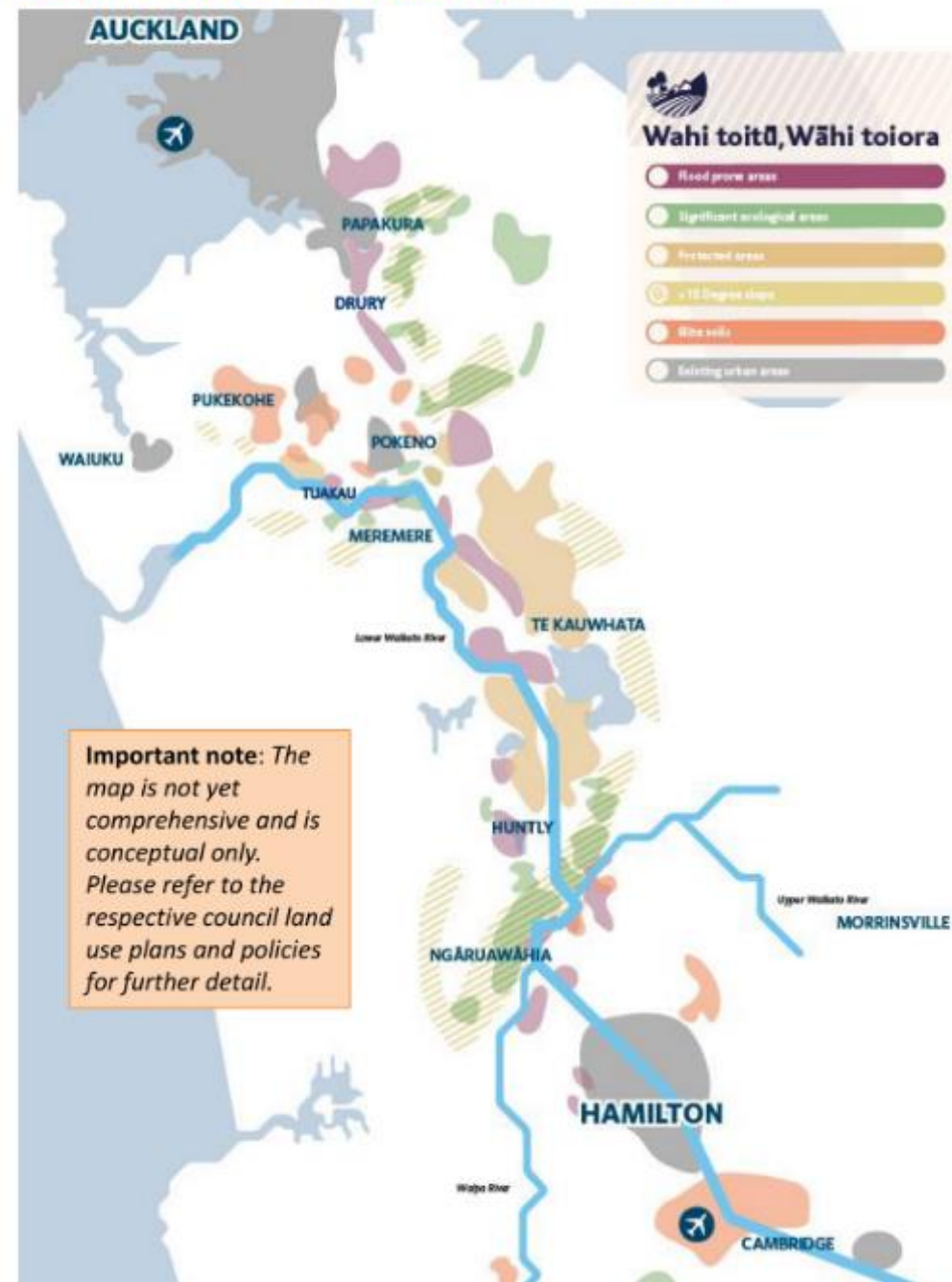


# Statement of shared spatial intent

## Layers 1 & 2:

- Flood prone areas
- Significant ecological areas
- Erosion prone land
- Elite soils
- Drainage areas

## Spatial intent: Wāhi toitū and wāhi toiora

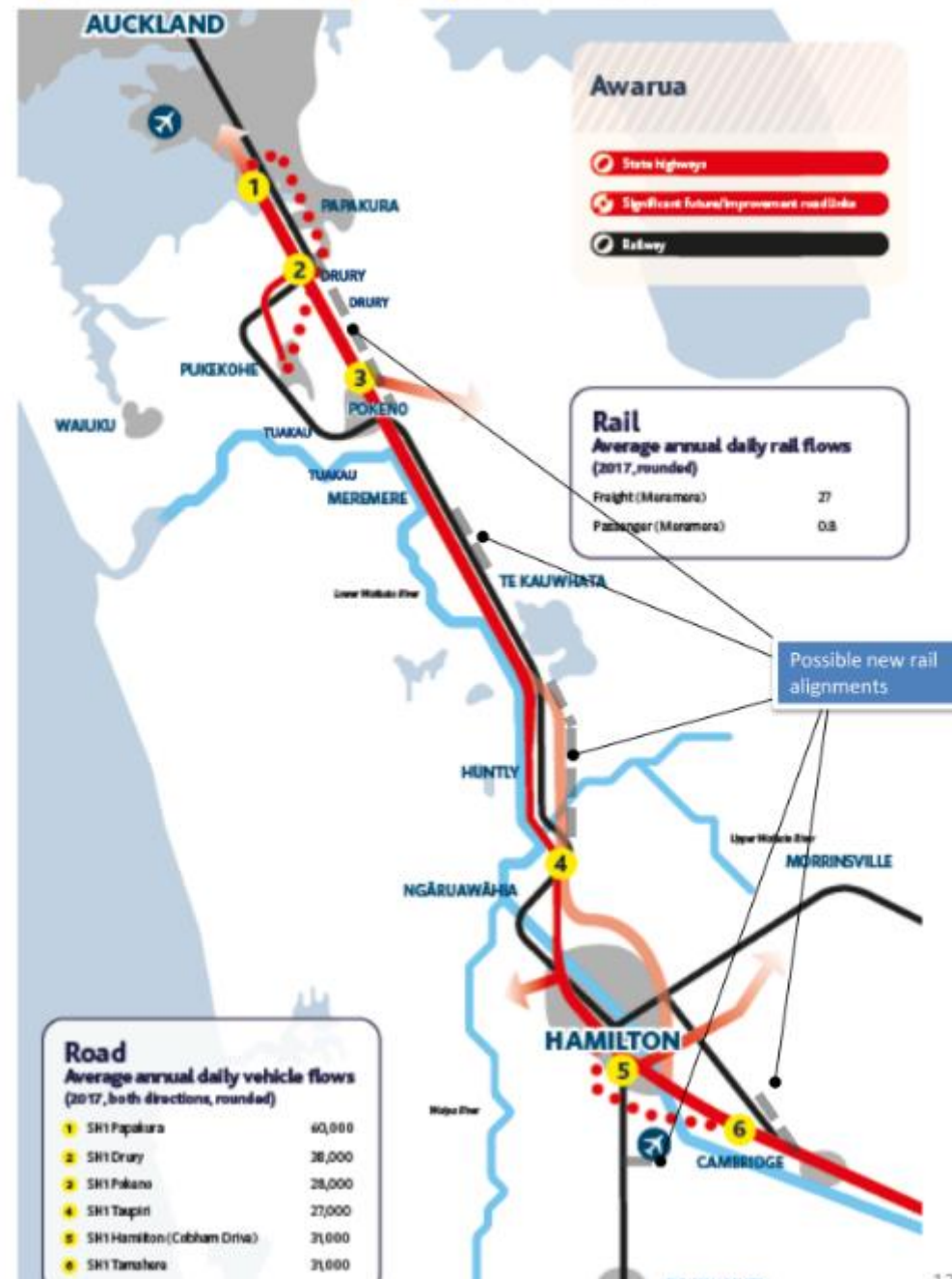


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## Layer 3:

## Transport Corridors

### Spatial Intent: Awarua/Transport Corridors

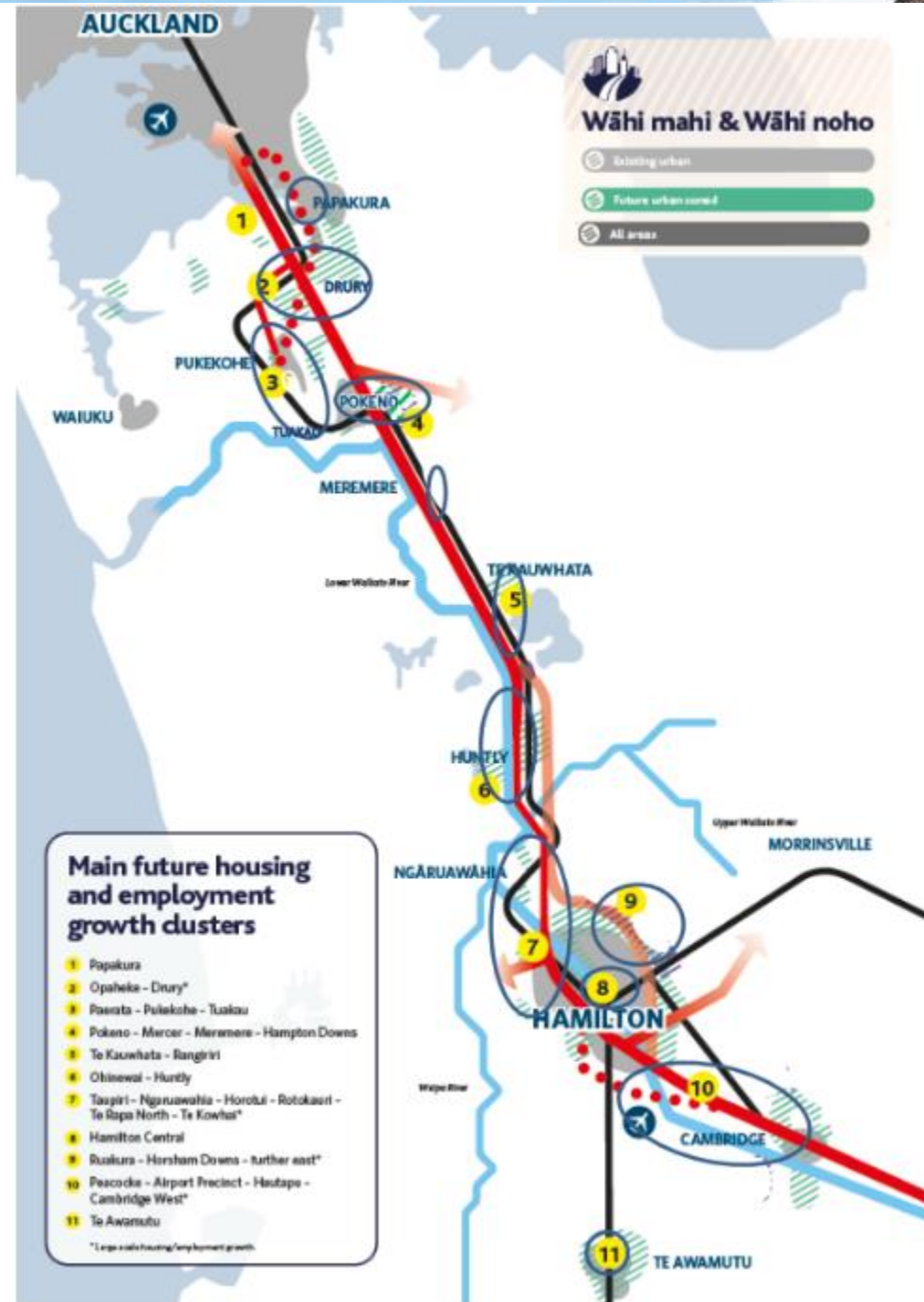




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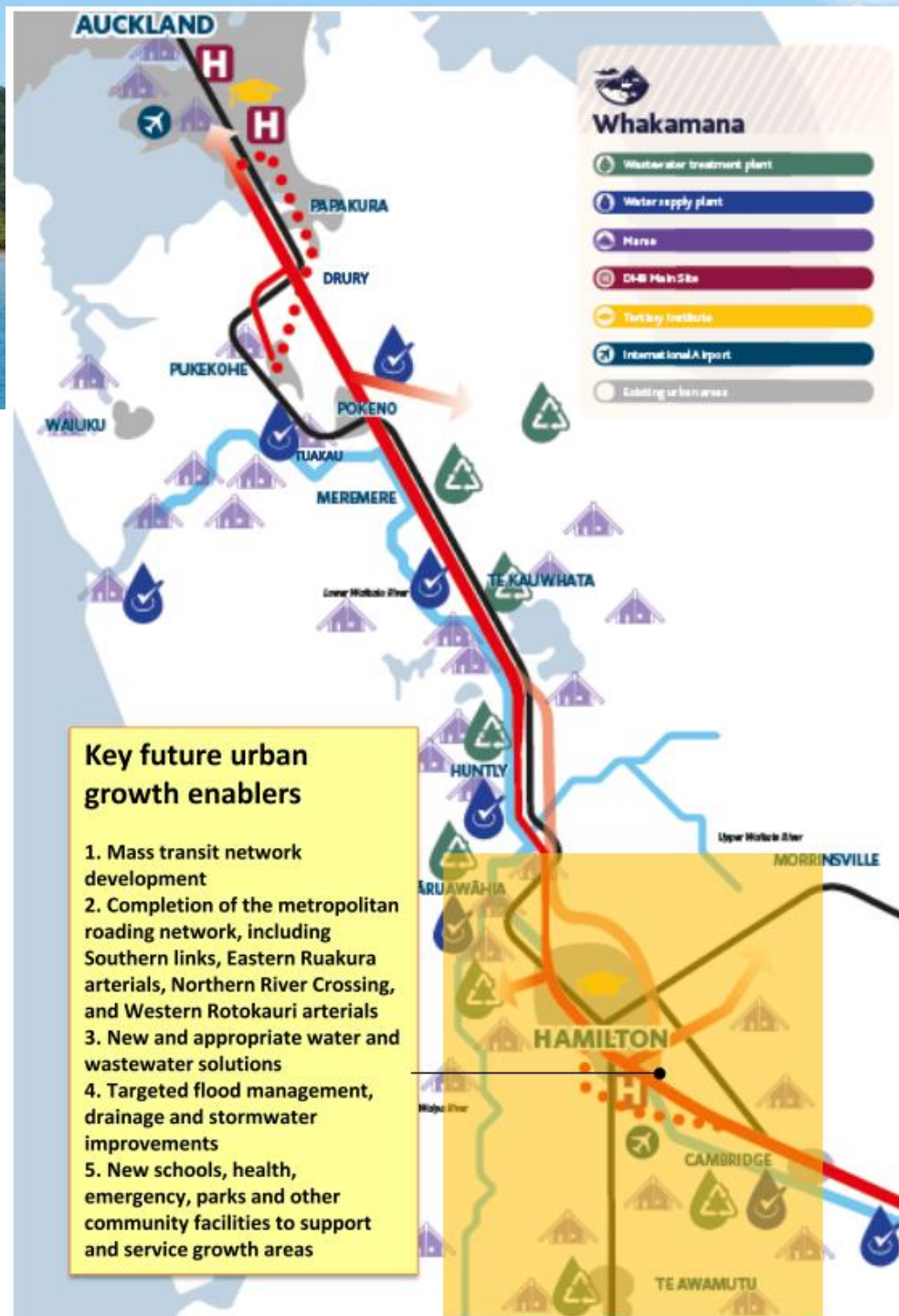
## Layer 4 & 5:

Where we live and work



# Statement of shared spatial intent

## Layer 6: Enabling infrastructure





# Statement of shared spatial intent

1. Stronger corridor connections
2. Papakura to Pokeno
3. River Communities
4. Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan area
5. New tools

## AN EMERGING FIVE-PART GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



### ONE: STRONGER CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS

*Direct and (re)shape future urban growth along the corridor through significantly strengthened green open space and mass transit networks.*

### TWO: THE PAPAURA-POKENO CORRIDOR

*Supporting and unlocking, where appropriate, the significant residential and employment development potential and iwi aspirations for this string of well-defined, rail-linked settlements through integrated growth management, funding and financing and key transformational projects.*

### THREE: THE RIVER COMMUNITIES

*Supporting community and iwi-led revitalisation and targeted growth that will realise the full value of the natural, transport, marae and recreational networks that braid the area together as an asset for its people and many others who can visit and travel through.*

### FOUR: THE HAMILTON-WAIKATO METROPOLITAN AREA<sup>1</sup>

*Supporting and unlocking the residential and employment development potential and iwi aspirations for this fast-developing metropolitan area through joint planning, integrated growth management and key transformational projects.*

### FIVE: NEW TOOLS AND OPTIONS TO UNLOCK THE FULL POTENTIAL

*Supporting the realisation of full development potential in the identified 10 growth clusters through the application of new planning, funding and financing tools and options for local authorities, iwi, central government, developers and land owners.*

A photograph of a person in a wetsuit standing on a large, dark rock in the ocean. The person is holding a surfboard. The water is blue and white with waves, and the sky is a warm orange and yellow, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The text 'Programme of initiatives' is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# Programme of initiatives

- Some key initiatives:
  - Cross-regional blue-green open space and recreational network
  - Collective biodiversity offset pilot
  - Inter-city rail: start-up service implementation and rapid-rail investigation
  - Joint sub-regional waters investigation
  - Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan spatial plan





# Questions