

## Group question:

**Identify ways in which community organisations and Iwi/Maori can build on the new well-being purpose of local government to drive better community outcomes**

- Building consensus about well-being priorities
- Work with councils to identify well-being priorities
- Encourage NGOs to cluster together in order to engage with councils on well-being matters
- Promote community-based research
- Social media activism
- Encourage use of representative advisory groups by councils, such as Hamilton City's former "council of elders"
- More direct involvement in community infrastructure – bring groups together
- Being more deliberate about processes
- To make changes build on past success
- Invest for the long term, despite tendency for policy swings due to the political cycle.
- Councillor inductions should include briefings from community organisations
- Focus on relationships not just funding
- Acknowledge the potential negative impact of social media on candidates – need to promote respectful relationships between politicians and communities
- Look at how communities are connected – find common ground such as identifying the community's view of well-being
- It's the responsibility of elected members to get to know their communities.