

Feedback form: New Zealand's draft National Infrastructure Plan

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Community Impact/ Social Value – gaps and opportunities

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7/07/2025

Your feedback

- When providing your feedback, please let us know which chapter/recommendation/topic you are responding to.
- Alternatively, you may indicate that you are addressing challenges, gaps or opportunities not covered by the draft National Infrastructure Plan.
- Please explain, and if possible, provide examples or evidence.
- Please also include any proposed change or improvements that would address your feedback.

Kia ora Te Waihanga tīma,

Feedback on the Draft National Infrastructure Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft National Infrastructure Plan. As someone working in community impact and social value, I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important kōrero/conversation. I commend the plan's focus on equitable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure investment. However, I believe the plan would benefit from a dedicated section on Community Impact and Social Value.

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Why a Dedicated Section is Important

While the plan includes elements of community impact, such as equity, workforce development, resilience, and localised solutions, these are dispersed across various sections. A dedicated section would:

- **Centralise Community Impact Goals:** Ensure that social value considerations are not treated as secondary but are central to infrastructure planning and decision-making.
- **Provide Clarity and Focus:** Create a clear framework for addressing community needs, making it easier for stakeholders to understand how infrastructure investments deliver meaningful outcomes.
- **Strengthen Accountability:** Enable better tracking and reporting of social value outcomes, ensuring that investments align with community priorities.
- **Enhance Integration:** Help embed community impact considerations across all infrastructure sectors, from transport to housing to healthcare.

How This Section Would Support the Plan's Goals

The plan already emphasises equity, resilience, and localised solutions, but a dedicated section would help deliver on these aspects more effectively:

1. **Equity and Inclusion:** A standalone section could provide strategies for addressing disparities in access to infrastructure, particularly for underserved populations, including Māori and rural communities.
2. **Localised Solutions:** It could offer guidance on tailoring infrastructure investments to the unique needs of different regions and communities, ensuring alignment with the plan's focus on regional development.

3. Community Engagement: While the plan mentions consultation, a dedicated section could emphasise co-designing projects with communities to foster trust and ensure their voices are heard.

4. Resilience and Sustainability: It could outline how infrastructure investments can enhance community resilience to natural hazards and climate change, aligning with the plan's emphasis on sustainability.

What This Section Could Include

- **Social Value Metrics:** Indicators for measuring outcomes, such as improved health, education, employment opportunities, and environmental benefits.
- **Community Engagement Framework:** Best practices for involving communities in the planning, design, and delivery of infrastructure projects.
- **Localised Strategies:** Guidance on addressing specific regional challenges and opportunities.
- **Accountability Mechanisms:** Transparent reporting on how infrastructure investments deliver social value.

Additional Suggestions

1. Strengthen Community Engagement: Although consultation is acknowledged in the plan, I encourage a stronger emphasis on co-designing projects with communities to foster trust and alignment with local needs.

2. Integration Across Sectors: The section could provide guidance on embedding social value considerations into all infrastructure sectors, ensuring alignment with the plan's broader goals.

Thank you for your efforts in shaping the future of New Zealand's infrastructure. I look forward to seeing how the final plan incorporates feedback from stakeholders and communities.

Ngā mihi,

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