

The Auckland Supercity & Future Health Equity



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Thank you



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The “take home” messages for everyone

**We have the knowledge and
means to create a fair society &
healthy lives in Auckland.**

We need the will, the courage.



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To make Auckland the most liveable city in the world

- Give each child the best possible start.
- Maximise capacity and control of young people.
- Ensure fair employment and good work for all.
- Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.
- Create healthy and sustainable places.
- In making choices about priorities, prioritise fairness and achieving equity in health and wellbeing.



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Submissions



- **Draft Auckland Plan – August to November**
- **Draft “List of ten most important actions”**



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- **Partnership with Mana Whenua**
- **Recognise special relationship with Pacific peoples**
- **Articulate the evidence & ethics around equity**
- **Advocate, participate in the processes, build relationships**
- **Focus on the gap and the gradient**
- **Use multiple sources of evidence**
- **Teach, research & measure health equity**
- **Ensure accountability**
- **Prioritise what we do in order contribute to the elimination of inequities**



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Many ideas

“Ideology with evidence.”

“If fairness was at the heart of decision-making, we would do things differently.”

“Good intentions aren’t good enough.”

“We are failing our children on a grand scale – across the social gradient.”

“Imperative to measure by ethnicity as well as deprivation.”

“If we invest in people, we create a virtuous circle of healthy people and healthy economy.”

“Auckland is the world’s most car-friendly city.”



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Many ideas

“Critical role that housing plays in the overall wellbeing of children and their transition to adulthood.”

“How might neighbourhoods get under the skin? Physical properties, social properties, community resources.”

“Mana and kaitiakitanga go together as right and responsibility . . . people as part of the natural world.”

We must focus on the gap as well as the gradient to ensure equity for Maori.



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