

Marlborough District Council

Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy

2022-2032

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Submitter details

1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Marlborough District Council's Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2032.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH.

Specific Comments

4. NMH supports the proposed vision of the Strategy "*A thriving economy balanced with a flourishing environment and vibrant communities.*" It is pleasing to see that this vision also incorporates the core values of the Te Tau Ihu Inter-Generational strategy. This approach means that the strategy will not only support economic wellbeing but social, cultural and environmental wellbeing as well.

Aquaculture:

5. NMH supports the intended focus of the Strategy to make the industry more sustainable and resilient and inclusive. NMH is pleased to see that a) waste streams will be utilised to create a circular economy as this helps achieve the sustainability goal, and b) single-use packaging will also be reduced.
6. NMH also supports the development of a cooperative between Iwi, Council, Marine Farming Association, aquaculture companies and science organisations on restorative aquaculture projects in the Marlborough Sounds.
7. NMH also supports the Strategy's action to develop a sustained and committed process of engagement with Iwi as Treaty partners in the development of aquaculture in Te Taihu.
8. NMH supports improved environmental monitoring, especially remote monitoring to allow for the management and improvement in waterways so that all stakeholders have visibility over the issues and improvements.

9. NMH supports investigating creating an Energy and Waste Strategy for Marlborough to assist with the removal of fossil fuels, accelerate the electrification process and encourage the move to the circular economy.

Aviation:

10. NMH supports efforts of NMIT to remove restrictions on those who can study aviation as this provides more training opportunities for youth locally.

Forestry and Wood Processing

11. NMH supports permanently reforesting remote, unproductive and highly erodible land with native trees to provide a long-term carbon sink and improve biodiversity and water quality.
12. NMH supports the creation of innovation programmes for forestry, with environmental solutions within the wider eco system.

Marlborough Screen & the Creative Industries

13. NMH supports creating a grassroots foundation of talent in the region through training, courses, workshops as this provides opportunity for people to participate and learn different arts. Story telling is important part of identity making for local communities.

Technology & Innovation

14. NMH supports the recommendation to support the entrepreneurs with mentors, mental health support and a place to build and meet, collaborate & support each other.

Māori Economy in Marlborough

15. NMH supports the recommendation for a) MDC to help stimulate support for Māori business through its Kaihautū position, and b) for MDC to further research to help building a central network for Māori businesses in Marlborough
16. NMH supports the action to present the Economic Wellbeing Strategy to Iwi general managers and Te Tauihu-designers Wakatu Corporation to discuss the next steps to support Māori businesses and the Māori economy in the region.

Conclusion

17. NMH thanks the Marlborough District Council for the opportunity to comment on the Marlborough Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2032.
18. NMH **does not** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely



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