



NAG

Presentation to the RLB: Ideas for cooperation in 2023

Improving engagement and
promoting Rodney's interests within
AC

The Northern Action Group Inc.

How does NAG see its role?

- Working for:
 - localism,
 - subsidiarity,
 - better representation,
 - fairer and more efficient governance;
- Leading or supporting campaigns on public issues of local concern;
- Promoting awareness of issues relevant to Rodney ratepayers;
- Working with the RLB, Councillor and other community groups towards better outcomes for Rodney ratepayers.

Projects for 2023

Continue Billboard campaigns e.g.:

- Support Localism
- Fair funding e.g. RFT use
- Landfill opposition
- 3 waters opposition

Advocate for more authority and resources for RLB

Support efforts to allocate more local rates to local road improvement;

Coordinate Community Group efforts on common interests

Work with RLB on a Northern Initiative?

Active Issues

- Rural Unfairness
- Inefficiencies, overheads, bureaucracy (more subsidiarity needed)
- Planning is poor and wasted
- Transport needs overhaul – esp. roading
- Local issues
 - Rodney road maintenance and improvement
 - Wayby Landfill
 - 3 Waters – support continued opposition
 - Northern Initiative

Localism and fairness

- Take the opportunity of a new Mayor to push for more RLB subsidiarity.
- Authority, Financial and Service responsibility, and staff accountable to RLB.
- Directs and coordinates AC silo service provision to meet local needs.
- Start with a proper (integrated spatial/service) District Plan.
- Rodney and Franklin are unique in AC as significant rural LBA.
- Could initially be run as a trial (say for 2024) as a pilot.

Local Rates to fund roads

- AC/AT Funding for Rodney road sealing is derisory.
- Not another TTR – we already pay \$150 for that.
- Fairness demands rural ratepayers get a bigger share of rates for their lesser AC services. (they pay 50% of Rodney rates).
- NAG asks the RLB to support the idea – without reductions to AC service provision or Rodney LDI or ABS allocations.
- Good for RLB. Formally shaping where the money goes so ratepayers can see.
- Local MP support - Non-partisan.



Coordinate Community Groups

- Bringing Rodney's communities together – real contact and engagement - not just communication – would help coordinate support on key issues – new local offices will help
- Adds to current RLB local member liaison roles:
 - Build on Beth Houlbrooke's good work on a WW CG mailing list.
 - Subdivision reps to build their own?
- Possible ways to help that RLB could support:
 - Make a Rodney-wide central public database of Community Group contacts (good for Civil defense too!).
 - An Annual Community Group meeting of reps with RLB?

A Northern Initiative

- NAG is interested
- Southern and Western Initiatives have been successful
- The idea is to address social and economic challenges
<https://www.tsi.nz/about-us>
- Provide youth support and digital literacy
- Promote engagement
- Support work with Iwi; food and fibre; environment related initiatives
- Work with Councillor, LB and AC to develop.