

Waikato Regional Land Transport Strategy review Health Impact Assessment

Walking together for wellbeing

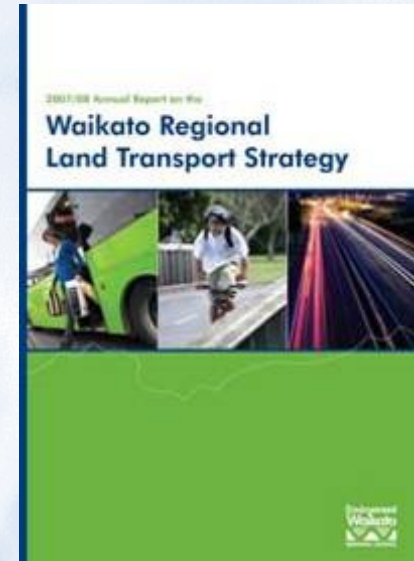
HIA 2010

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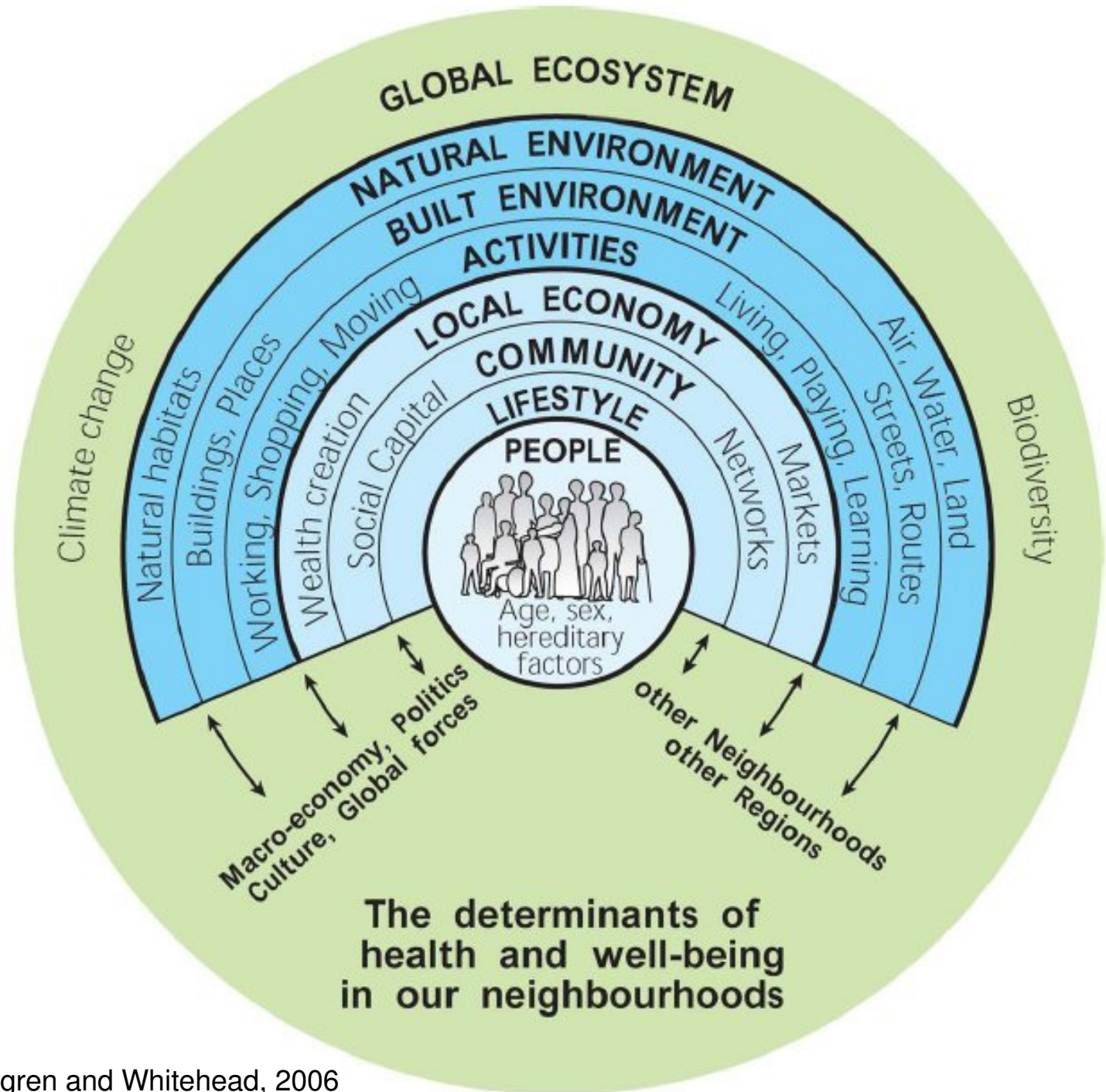


Overview

- Transport and health
- Transport Strategy: HIA background
- Process benefits
- Process learning
- HIA evaluation



Transport and health



Public health as everyone's business

- Public health links...
- Land Transport Management Act
- 5 outcome areas



Transport impacts on health

Health Impact			
Health promoting		Health damaging	
Enabling access	Employment	Road traffic injuries	
	Shops	Air pollution	Particulates
	Recreation		Carbon monoxide
	Social support		Nitrogen oxides
	Health services		Hydrocarbons
	Countryside		Ozones
Recreation			Carbon dioxide
Exercise			Lead
Economic development		Noise pollution	
		Stress and anxiety	
		Danger	
		Loss of land and planning blight	
		Severance of communities by road	
		Constraints on mobility access and independence	
		Reduced social use of outdoor space due to traffic and streets	

Quigley and Watts, 2009

HIA background: Process

Aug 09 Funding proposal

Dec 09 Scoping

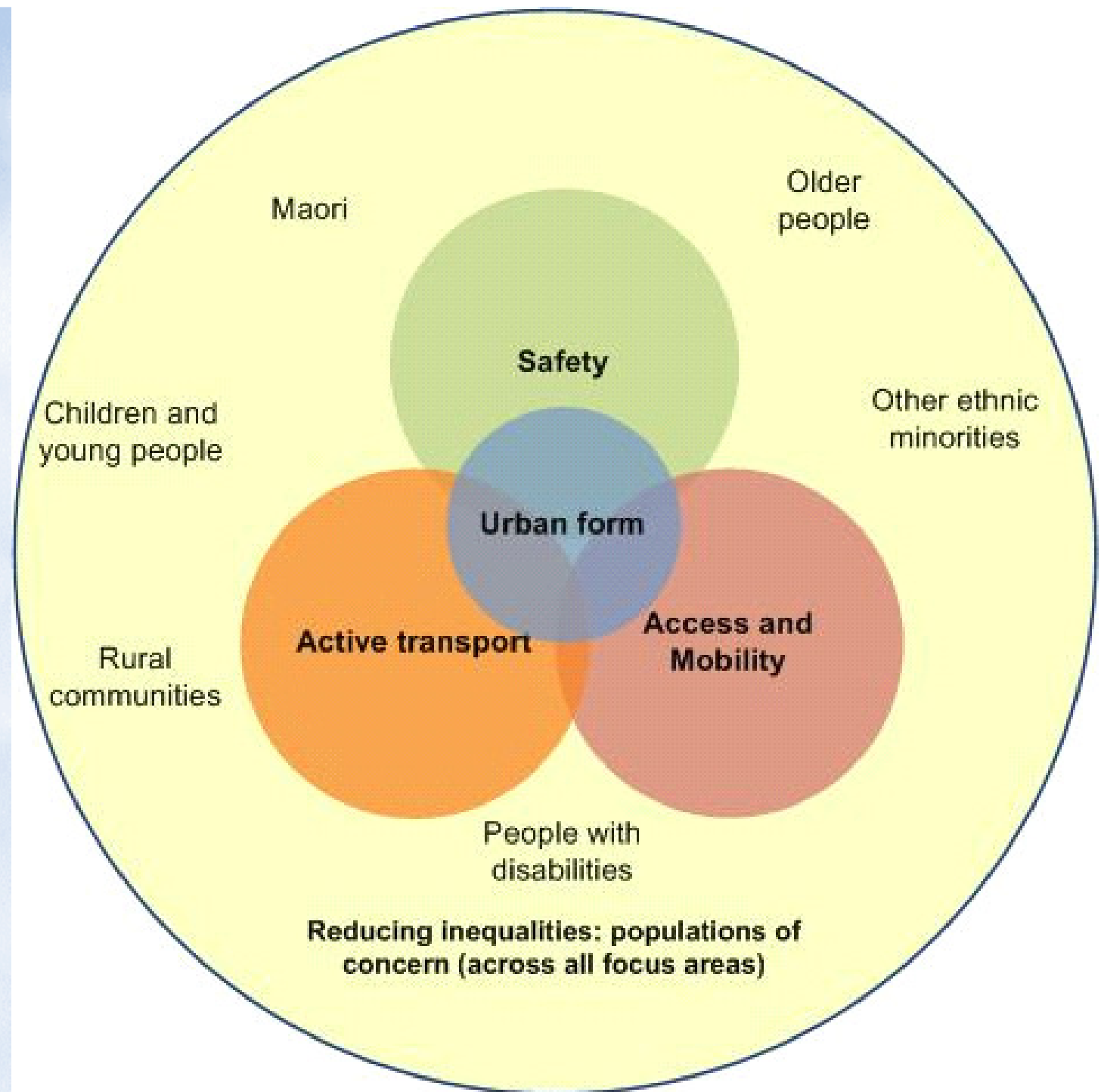
Jan-Feb 10 Appraisal

- Stakeholder/community workshops
- Focus groups
- Literature review

March 10 HIA discussion document completed



HIA scope



HIA background: Process

- March 10** Regional Transport Committee (RTC) (Strategic Options Workshop)
- April 10** Draft HIA report shared with RTC
- May 10** Final HIA report endorsed by RTC
- Nov-Dec 10** Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy released for public consultation

HIA report web link:

http://www.ew.govt.nz/PageFiles/14108/Waikato_regional_land_Transport_strategy%e2%80%a6.pdf

HIA background: Recommendations

- Alternative modes investment
- Access and mobility by design
- Expand public/community transport
- Demand management initiatives
- Information and communications
- Participation, representation and advocacy



HIA background: Planning opportunities

- Passenger Transport Plan review
- Regional Road Safety Strategy
- Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Supporting rural transport planning and advocacy
- Other (e.g. District Plan review)



HIA process : Benefits of working together

- Environment Waikato
 - Collaborative processes – “joined up” thinking
 - Access to health data and contact/target audience groups
 - Increased learning experience
 - Established linkages health/transport/communities
- Waikato DHB Population Health
 - Working within transport policy team –mutual support/understanding
 - HIA process brokered longer-term relationships and collaboration

HIA process : Learning...

- Environment Waikato
 - Initially some caution – uncertain on outcomes
 - Found that socio-economic/health impacts very important across all transport planning
 - HIA valuable process
 - Look to repeat in future projects
- Waikato DHB Population Health
 - Strategic & terminology alignment (transport vs. health)
 - Balancing social and economic factors
 - Managing politics related to decision-maker engagement

HIA process and impact evaluation

- Preliminary process findings...

Areas of strength

- Raising awareness and understanding of health impacts of transport
- Connecting people from diverse organisations and interests
- Enhancing relationships and partnerships

Areas for improvement

- Streamlining of the HIA process
- Preparing participants for the HIA workshops
- Strengthening the evidence base of relating issues to solutions

- Evaluation report due Dec 2010

Conclusion

- Resource and goodwill required from all involved
- Elected reps and transport policy team as HIA advocates
- Health in All Policies: local government a future focus

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