

Having read the draft policy, I offer the following.

- a. The inclusion of wellbeing as a measure performance is to be commended.
- b. The idea that an increase in population will provide more money for infrastructure is flawed. In the first place the maintenance of existing infrastructure, such as rural roads is already inadequate. More people more pressure for upgrades, with income derived from population growth committed to providing new infrastructure to meet their needs.
- c. Sustainable population growth is an oxymoron. You can't sustain growth indefinitely. It's either sustainable growth or sustainable population. We need a much better understanding of the latter on which to base sound policy.
- d. The most efficient way of gaining a start to that understanding, would be for the university to survey the opinion of local councils.

Yours sincerely

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