

Additional Major Points in Auckland Chamber of Commerce Submission needing the Committee's attention:

The Chamber submission recommends the Bill include:

- Equivalent detail on roles, responsibilities and powers of the Transport and Water CCOs is needed on the five other CCOs government has proposed, including:
- How CCOs will cooperate and work together in the performance of their services, even though getting an integrated approach is a major aim of the Bill.
- We suggest provision for all CCOs to have an SOI that complies with Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2002, and that the SOI include a shared narrative setting out Council's overall objective, as Cabinet has suggested.... Help build a Council-led team....

Auckland Spatial Plan – Part 6A

- Will be the most important document prepared by Council, as will chart a plan and strategy for Auckland's long-term development.

To give greater clarity and certainty to the Bill's provisions requiring Auckland Council to prepare and adopt a spatial plan, the Chamber **recommends** the Bill:

- Provides for a firm timeline for when Auckland Council must have prepared and adopted a spatial plan..... Our submission suggests a draft by the end of 2011 and consultation with a view to adoption before the 2013 Local Government Elections.
- Provides for relevant Government policies and strategies for Auckland's growth and development to be taken into account.....: e.g. the National Infrastructure Plan and Transport GPS and nationally important energy, water, telecommunications and social infrastructure programmes.
- Provides a clear requirement for the spatial plan to be implemented....., and sets a clear expectation that Auckland Council and its CCO subsidiaries will give effect to the spatial plan in a timely and efficient way.

Most important, the Bill needs a clause to specify that the Auckland Spatial Plan has a formal statutory status, and to clarify a single statutory hierarchy under which implementation should proceed (e.g. the reviewed Resource Management Act, Local Government Act 2002 and/or Land Transport Management Act 2003).

Otherwise the region faces a repeat of current time wasting and costly practice in which years of consultation to agree on regional plans is followed by years of parallel consultations on implementing the plan.....

Not much point having a spatial plan if there isn't any discipline around when it should be prepared and has an efficient process to enable its implementation.

To reinforce Michael's points, the Council planning culture needs to change from process to outcome, from planning to action, from endless consultation to getting decisions implemented with a sense of 'can do' and on time, within budget.... A few well crafted clauses in the Bill would help....