Auckland: grow for goodness sake

A discussion document for Auckland’s major stakeholders
Foreword

IN NOVEMBER 2008, THE COMMITTEE FOR AUCKLAND PUBLISHED ‘GROWING AUCKLAND, GROWING NEW ZEALAND’ AN INDEPENDENT REPORT WHICH PLACED AUCKLAND AT THE CENTRE OF NEW ZEALAND’S GROWTH STORY. THE REGION ACCOUNTS FOR 35% OF THE COUNTRY’S GDP AND ITS COMPETITIVE CITY GENES ASSURE AUCKLAND’S CONTINUED POSITION AS THE CITY OF CHOICE FOR MIGRANTS AND NEW ZEALANDERS ALIKE.
The economic and social challenges that growth brings to our city are complex and global in scope. Almost two-thirds of the world’s population will reside in cities by 2030. Intensification is becoming increasingly acceptable as a driver for social and economic development, but is also placing existing infrastructure and resources under strain.

These pressures create challenges for present and future Auckland residents and for the city’s governors whose aspiration for Auckland is to be the world’s most liveable city. There needs to be a roadmap for managed growth to ensure that Auckland’s success does not come at the expense of the people and businesses who have made it their home.

The Committee for Auckland commissioned this report from KPMG to better understand the drivers of our rapid development so that we can get ahead of the growth curve through good planning and investment.

We hope that this report will stimulate informed discussion that will catalyse Auckland’s leadership into action. Auckland is a city on the move, attracting the best talent, investing in research and development, ensuring equal access to education and planning for and delivering much needed infrastructure will increase our international competitiveness and deliver prosperity for our future generations. There is no better time to begin than now.

Heather Shotter
Executive Director
Committee for Auckland
Introduction

In 2016 our World is changing faster than ever. Rapid and sometimes unpredictable advancements in technology have disrupted traditional business models and created unprecedented opportunity. Business, academia, local Government, and communities must now learn to work together if we are to create living, sustainable, and productive cities in which our people can flourish.

A renewed focus on cities is critical as it is the major cities of the world, not countries, who are now competing for talent and capital.

KPMG have a passion to see Auckland city succeed as it plays a vital role in fuelling New Zealand’s prosperity.

There appears to be no lack of will or intention from civic and business leaders to create a city that benefits Aucklanders and New Zealand as a whole. The problem lies not in our intention but in our lack of ability to cooperate and view Auckland as a system in which we all have an interdependent part to play.

Through this paper, we are advocating for collective courage. It will take an integrated response and bold leadership to achieve our shared goal of prosperity for all the people of Auckland. We invite you to join us and help co-create a future our children’s children will be proud of.

Simon Hunter
Partner, Performance Consulting

Auckland has experienced strong growth in recent years and the future looks rosy; at least for some.
The mood of our city is somewhat in a state of flux. Company executives and civic leaders are run off their feet trying to get ahead of the growth curve; and there is almost unanimous agreement that the city will experience growth in the economic sense of the word. Our contribution to the nation’s GDP now stands at $82b and is on an upward trajectory; our population is increasing beyond 1.5 million people; and we need more houses, more schools, more transport options and more of just about everything to maintain momentum.

There is however a sense of discord, a not-so-quiet grumbling that all may not be well on our rapid ascension up the growth curve. Some of our neighbours are not happy, as they cannot afford to buy a house. Many cannot find employment, while paradoxically, our businesses cannot find employees. Terms like ‘poverty’ and ‘income inequality’ have crept into our common lexicon; and there is concern that a large proportion of society are not enjoying the benefits we have come to expect as New Zealanders.

This paper, Auckland: grow for goodness sake, looks under the hood of Auckland’s growth and issues the single challenge: ‘how can we make growth good for everybody?’ We briefly discuss the historic drivers of growth in Auckland, before exploring the macroeconomic and social trends that are changing the shape of the world.

Auckland’s place as a global city comes with privileges, but is not without challenges. The onus is on us to adapt and build resiliency in the face of increasing complexity. By putting people at the centre, we conclude this paper by proposing a path forward that relies on the collective courage of our business, academic and civic leaders.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? – What is the most important thing in the world?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata – It is people, it is people, it is people.
Auckland or ‘Tamaki’ is a place where people have desired to come for over 175 years.

Tamaki has also been known as ‘Tamaki herenga waka’ or ‘the place where the canoes are tied’. A place where people have wanted to travel to and ‘tie their waka’ to make Tamaki their new home for many generations.

Te pai me te whai rawa o Tamaki or ‘the luxury and wealth of Tamaki’ traditionally speaks to the bountiful, physical resources of which Tamaki has many. However, the true luxury and wealth that Tamaki has to offer is its people.

THE PEOPLE OF TAMAKI ARE OUR TREASURE.

As we start thinking about the future of Tamaki, it is our responsibility to ensure that the ‘magic of Tamaki’ is never lost and by focusing on our people, we can live up to our name today of Tamaki Makaurau or ‘Tamaki of a hundred lovers’.
What is driving Auckland’s growth?

Auckland’s population growth is being driven by steady natural increase and positive net migration. GDP growth has averaged 2.5% since the turn of the Century and is skewed towards service industries.

Growth in service-led sectors, and the decline in primary and manufacturing sectors, has led to changing demand for skills and support services. This has far-reaching implications for employment opportunities, training and education, and capital investment decisions.
WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT IT:

Industry growth
Industry data from 2014 and 2015 is provisional, so we have focused on the period 2000–2012 for this section. During this period, the five fastest-growing sectors in Auckland were: financial and insurance services; education and training; healthcare and social assistance; public administration; and accommodation and food services. A perspective on the drivers of these high-growth industries is provided below.

Financial and insurance services
The biggest banks in New Zealand have strengthened their position in the face of global volatility and increasing domestic regulation. Growth has been driven in part by increased lending in the Auckland housing market.*

Christchurch earthquake rebuild claims heavily impacted the insurance sector in 2011 and 2012. The importance of the insurance industry as a macro and micro vehicle to mitigate risks associated with catastrophic events has now become top-of-mind for many New Zealanders.

Healthcare and social assistance
Auckland’s ageing population has increased the demand for healthcare. General population increase has also put pressure on the level of social assistance required, and increased the funding available from the Ministry of Health. Although hard to quantify, there appears to be a tendency for the migrant population that has settled in Auckland to seek out secondary (specialist) services rather than less costly primary care.

Education and training
Total tertiary education student enrolments (domestic and international) have increased over a 10-year period. Simultaneously, changes in tertiary education funding in the early 2000s saw the advent of private training establishments (PTEs) growth. The New Zealand Government directly funded PTEs that provided programs that aligned well with their objectives. This additional Government funding drove the growth in demand for vocational and tertiary courses and supplemented the growth in established universities.

Auckland hospitals have more specialists and specialist services than other regions in New Zealand and therefore specialist services are increasingly being centralised. This results in IDF (inter-district-flow) of revenue whereby other district health boards (DHBs) essentially pay Auckland DHB for the provision of specialist services.

Construction and operational revenue generated by the retirement village sector is also captured under the Healthcare and social assistance umbrella.

AUCKLAND REAL GDP BY SECTOR

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Source: Statistics NZ – Regional Gross Domestic Product
*KPMG: Financial institutions Performance Survey review of 2015
AUCKLAND SECTOR GROWTH RATE 2000 – 2012

Source: Statistics NZ – Regional Gross Domestic Product
Public administration, defence and safety
Not surprisingly, Police expense increases as a result of population growth, but there have also been a number of one-off significant events requiring additional resources. These include the formation of the Super City and the developments of Wynyard Quarter, Britomart, and Mt Eden Stadium for the Rugby World Cup.

Accommodation and food services
Total international visitor arrivals have trended upwards, especially visitors from China.

Global flight connections are steadily improving thanks to initiatives from Air New Zealand, Thai Airways, Singapore Airways and China Southern.

The National Tourism Framework, the NZ story and 100% Pure campaigns have complemented high profile exposure of New Zealand to international audiences via the likes of The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies, and The Americas Cup. Auckland captures the lion’s share of New Zealand’s tourist arrivals.

SO WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?
To start with, our largest industry is in decline. Given that manufacturing contributes $6b to the economy, this presents two challenges. First, manufacturing has traditionally been a big employer, but now barely a month goes by without announcement of another plant closure affecting hundreds of jobs. Secondly, due to its scale, even a low percentage decline translates into a large amount of cash being taken out of the economy. This cash would ordinarily filter down a long and established supply chain in the manufacturing sector creating a large multiplier effect for the regional economy. At the risk of oversimplifying a complex situation, our fastest-growing industries (with exception of accommodation and food services) typically have low multiplier effects; while our value-add industries which create jobs and support downstream businesses are in decline. Is it wise to build an economy so heavily reliant on the services sector? This matter is ripe for debate.

NEW ZEALAND TYPE 1 OUTPUT MULTIPLIER BY SECTOR

Source: Statistics New Zealand, NZIER, and KPMG analysis
Auckland’s population has grown at a steady annual rate of 1.6% over the last 15 years.
Natural increase in population is stable at around 15,000 people per year.
Fluctuations have been caused by net migration which peaked in 2002 and again in 2015.

Source: Statistics NZ
Natural increase is calculated using Births (VSB) minus deaths (VSD) by NZ area (Auckland region)
Net migration is “Permanent and long-term migration by NZ area (Auckland region)” taken from the “International Travel and Migration – ITM” data set (NB – this excludes domestic migration from one city to another)

Source: Statistics NZ – Population and Dwellings

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The questions we need to ask ourselves as Aucklanders:

Are we growing on purpose? Or is growth simply happening to us? Have we really thought through the implications of building a regional economy so heavily reliant on the services sector; and what can be done to revive our primary and manufacturing based industries?
A volatile world

IN TIMES OF CHANGE, THE GREATEST DANGER IS TO ACT WITH YESTERDAY’S LOGIC. (PETER DRUCKER)

Global megatrends will have an increasing impact on both the public and private sectors in Auckland. Because our world is so interconnected, we need to be proactive in responding to change if we are to protect our economic and social prosperity.

“The world is changing rapidly. Technology is connecting people within and across national boundaries and disrupting existing assumptions. Mounting public debt is limiting the scope of Governments to act in a range of policy areas. Climate change is increasing the frequency and magnitude of extreme weather events. And more than at any point in human history, we live in a world where events and decisions in one part of the world can influence lives at the opposite end of our planet.”¹

¹. Future state 2030: The Global forces shaping Governments. KPMG International
GLOBAL MEGA TRENDS 2030

KPMG’s ‘Future state 2030’ identified nine megatrends that are likely to have the most significant impact on Governments in the years ahead. These trends summarise the external pressures that we need to navigate as Auckland continues to grow.

1. DEMOGRAPHICS
Higher life expectancy and falling birth rates are increasing the proportion of elderly people across the world, challenging the solvency of social welfare systems, including pensions and healthcare. Some regions are also facing the challenge of integrating large youth populations into saturated labour markets.

Questions for Auckland:
Will I have a pension when I am old and will it be sufficient for me to live on?
How will we ever find enough jobs for our youth?

2. RISE OF THE INDIVIDUAL
Advances in global education, health and technology have helped empower individuals like never before, leading to increased demands for transparency and participation in Government and public decision-making. These changes will continue, and are ushering in a new era in human history in which, by 2022, more people will be middle class than poor.

Questions for Auckland:
What can Auckland Council do to improve services for citizens and keep people better informed on progress in our city?

3. ECONOMIC POWER SHIFT
Emerging economies are lifting millions out of poverty while also exerting more influence in the global economy. With a rebalancing of global power, both international institutions and national Governments will need a greater focus on maintaining their transparency and inclusiveness.

Questions for Auckland:
How will Auckland businesses adjust to the new world order and balance foreign ownership with local control?

4. CLIMATE CHANGE
Rising greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) are causing climate change and driving a complex mix of unpredictable changes to the environment while further taxing the resilience of natural and built systems. Achieving the right combination of adaptation and mitigation policies will be difficult for most Governments.

Questions for Auckland:
Are we doing enough to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in our own backyard while using our environmental credentials to encourage others to change?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AUCKLAND?
Against this backdrop of Global volatility, our challenge as a city is to sustain equitable growth. In this report, we outline three initiatives to achieve this.

Source: Future State 2030: The global megatrends shaping governments (KPMG International)
3. ENABLING TECHNOLOGY
Information and Communications Technology (ICT) has transformed society over the last 30 years. A new wave of technological advances is now creating novel opportunities, while testing Governments’ ability to harness their benefits and provide prudent oversight.

4. ECONOMIC INTERCONNECTEDNESS
The interconnected global economy will see a continued increase in the levels of international trade and capital flows, but unless international conventions can be strengthened, progress and optimum economic benefits may not be realised.

5. PUBLIC DEBT
Public debt is expected to operate as a significant constraint on fiscal and policy options through to 2030 and beyond. Governments’ ability to bring debt under control and find new ways of delivering public services will affect their capacity to respond to major social, economic and environmental challenges.

8. RESOURCES STRESS
The combined pressures of population growth, economic growth and climate change will place increased stress on essential natural resources (including water, food, arable land and energy). These issues will place sustainable resource management at the centre of Government agendas.

9. URBANISATION
Almost two-thirds of the world’s population will reside in cities by 2030. Urbanisation is creating significant opportunities for social and economic development and more sustainable living, but is also exerting pressure on infrastructure and resources, particularly energy.

Source: Future State 2030: The global megatrends shaping governments (KPMG International)
An equitable future

YOU WILL NEVER DO ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT COURAGE. IT IS THE GREATEST QUALITY OF THE MIND NEXT TO HONOUR. (ARISTOTLE)

Complexity within markets and social structures transcends the boundaries of individual firms and Government agencies. We believe that in order to sustain equitable growth in Auckland, three growth imperatives must be met and these can only be achieved through hyper-cooperation between Academia, Business and Government.

THE SITUATION:

Why this matters:

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<td>Accelerate growth in headline GDP</td>
<td>$82b growing at 2.5%</td>
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<td>Increase real GDP per capita</td>
<td>$37,500 growing at 1%</td>
<td>Lift growth to 2%</td>
<td>$80,000 per capita (versus $46,000)</td>
<td>2. Double investment in innovation-led R&amp;D</td>
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<td>Address the skills shortage through education</td>
<td>7% of working age population with level 4 qualifications</td>
<td>Lift to 10%</td>
<td>33,000 people ready to enter the workforce or tertiary education</td>
<td>3. Increase educational attainment</td>
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Cities are one of the fundamental building blocks of a prosperous country – and it is time for New Zealand to take them seriously. A city with a strong magnetic pull draws in new residents, visitors and business investment. Global examples are brimming with innovative ideas, have attractive infrastructure and a buzzing culture. These cities attract a specific group of educated, ambitious and energetic young people, dubbed ‘young wealth creators’. Such cities have become models that demonstrate how to grow a prosperous city, and the value that targeted investment can bring. The turnaround that these cities have realised – socially and financially – is too big to ignore. Auckland has too much at stake to neglect the opportunity our current momentum affords us. We must continue to grow if we are to avoid losing our young people to magnet cities overseas.

Globally, there are now 400 cities of over one million people competing for the best, extremely mobile talent and growth companies to drive national economies. These 400 cities are direct competitors for Auckland. Putting this in context, the future of geographic competition will be between 500 large cities which will control 80% of global financial activity.

Caroline Haynes from KPMG UK developed a framework for thinking about cities, and how to draw in those people who will make the city prosper. The cities used as case study cities were unattractive to new growth, and in a cycle of decline. Through bold experiment and risk, they transformed into fast-growing cities with economic growth well above national averages. Auckland is not yet a magnet city, in part due to our lack of a strong international identity. We do not actively foster innovation, nor do we yet have a brand that is attractive to forward-thinking business.

**1. CREATE A MAGNET CITY**

**VALUE FOR AUCKLAND BY 2030**

The financial gain for Auckland can be significant. Case study cities have seen substantial improvement in their economy by developing themselves as a magnet city and have achieved 2-5% increases in GDP over a sustained period relative to peers. If investment in Auckland as a Magnet City results in lifting our current growth rate of 2.5% by just one percentage point to 3.5%, this will have significant implications.

1. Create a Magnet City
   - 72,000 Jobs
   - GDP $137 BN

2. BAU 2.5%
   - +62,000 Jobs
   - GDP $119 BN

3. 3.0% Growth
   - +67,000 Jobs
   - GDP $128 BN

4. 3.5% Growth
   - +72,000 Jobs
   - GDP $137 BN

Additional growth creates 10,000 extra jobs and $18BN additional GDP which enables:

- Investment in infrastructure through local rates and national taxes and improved living standards for all New Zealanders.
$462 MILLION
OF AUCKLAND’S TOTAL RATES REVENUE OF $1.41 BILLION COMES FROM BUSINESSES (32.8%)

170,600
COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ARE LOCATED IN AUCKLAND

780,000
OF AUCKLANDERS ARE IN EMPLOYMENT (69%)

575
OF THE TOP 1,000 BUSINESSES IN NEW ZEALAND, HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN AUCKLAND

35.3%
OF NEW ZEALAND’S GDP IS CURRENTLY CONTRIBUTED BY AUCKLAND
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

We need to identify and target specific groups of young wealth creators and refashion and leverage all the city’s assets to make them move here.

PEOPLE

Young wealth creators are a specific group of educated, ambitious and energetic young people. They create the jobs of tomorrow, bringing along with them the city’s future wealth. These people are entrepreneurs, researchers, designers, engineers, physicists, bloggers, artists, animators, app and game designers, clean-tech advocates and people that build on existing businesses or identify and grow new industrial niches.

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ATTRACT

There is fierce competition for young wealth creators who:

- Care about sustainability and the environment.
- Embrace physical fitness and outdoor pursuits.
- Are foodies – enjoy artisan food, drinks and cocktails.
- Get stuck into neighbourhood and civic networks.
- Are attached to multiple electronic devices simultaneously.

A city can’t just invest in physical infrastructure and developments geared to young people (e.g. redeveloped areas for bars), this investment must be focussed on what would attract the particular group of young wealth creators we want.
Key principles were identified that underpin growth and can be used by Auckland to create its own positive magnetic pull.

1. ATTRACTION OF YOUNG WEALTH CREATORS

Identify and establish a unique relationship between the city itself and the particular group of young wealth creators you aim to attract.

Target groups that have a logical link to the city. The city’s point of attraction must be genuine – based on the city’s heritage.

2. PHYSICAL RENEWAL

Ongoing physical renewal keeps cities interesting and new.

Consider the housing required by your group of young wealth creators, its density, location and access to public transport.

A strong downtown area can strengthen the magnetic pull of the entire city.

3. CITY IDENTITY

Cities that attract young wealth creators have a strong and clear city identity that residents connect with.

Without a clear city identity it is difficult for people to understand what a city stands for and its attraction.

Through concerted effort you can create a city identity if it does not exist.

4. CONNECTED

Magnet cities are well connected to other cities – easy to get in to and out of.

The city must first have regained some magnetism before transport links are helpful, otherwise they provide easier links for residents to leave.

Visitors help build magnetism and are potentially tomorrow’s residents.

5. NEW IDEAS

Magnet cities nurture new ideas.

If possible, leverage off academic institutions to bring changes to the city.

Be specific about the industry clusters you want to support, then focus and support this development.

6. FUNDRAISERS

Magnet City Governments attract private investments, research grants and public funds for the city.

Progressive magnet cities offer their own risk capital to attract investment and funds.

Significant improvement of a city requires public and private money working together.

7. STRONG LEADERS

Reinventing a city requires strong mayors and civic leaders.

Magnet city leaders have to stay true to the vision in the face of public dissent.

Magnet city leaders all work more collaboratively with residents, investors, developers, businesses and universities than is the norm.
Attracting young wealth creators is the result of getting these factors right.

AUCKLAND, PRINCIPLES
A COLLECTIVE VIEW

FUNDRAISERS
CITY IDENTITY
CONNECTED
STRONG LEADERS
NEW IDEAS
PHYSICAL RENEWAL
Auckland, Principles
All Assets and Gaps Identified

KPMG ran workshops for business and civic leaders in Auckland; this is their point of view:

### City Identity

**Assets**
- Attractive – Safe and clean
  - Strong destination for visitors
  - Attractive to others who want to live here
  - South Pacific hub
  - People are friendly, warm, fun
  - Access to water and outdoors
  - Safety – personal and animals
  - ‘City of Sails’
  - Fantastic hospitality
  - Global communication
  - Perception of clean and green
  - Diverse
  - Innovation hub for Asia Pacific – growth
  - Developing a city brand ‘Global Auckland’

**Gaps**
- Identity not clear – people are not ‘in love with Tamaki’
  - No business identity
  - No ‘Auckland’ identity – we just have great weather and a pretty natural environment.
  - People need to be ‘in love with Tamaki’ – and not just Aucklanders
  - Lack of cohesive Auckland Story’
  - Diverse culture – how do we create a coherent point of view as we also embrace diversity?
  - ‘Pockets’ of identity, not ‘Auckland’ identity

### Fundraisers

**Assets**
- Free trade agreements in place
  - Free trade agreements in place
  - Transparent capital markets
  - Growth in crowd sourcing platforms
  - Strong interest from International equity players

**Gaps**
- Political acceptance of innovative forms of funding
  - Lack of political acceptance of innovative forms of sourcing funding
  - New Zealanders, the Government and local Government think that public agencies have to fund everything
  - Philanthropy – difficult access and a small pool
  - Lack of venture funds of scale
  - The funds exist, we just need to make it easier to access them

### Connectivity

**Assets**
- Gateway to NZ and the world
  - IT – good internet connectivity
  - Gateway to New Zealand and the world
  - Easy to get introductions to people. Typically open to share, explore and collaborate
  - Cycle access
  - Shared spaces

**Gaps**
- Internally disconnected and disparate – poor infrastructure
  - Distance from the rest of the world
  - Perceived distance even within New Zealand
  - Lack of accessibility to the airport
  - Having to travel to outskirts of the city for jobs

ATEED (Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development) is undertaking Global Auckland, a comprehensive project to develop a new unique global identity for the region. Global Auckland’s goal is to develop an Auckland story which can be used to promote Auckland across domestic and international business, tourism and major event industries, targeting potential investors, businesses, skilled workers, high-value tourists and fee paying students. ATEED is working with public and private stakeholders, especially those who rely on Auckland’s brand internationally. By focussing on Auckland’s identity and story, rather than just a logo or tagline, the hope is that the brand will be inclusive of the past, but future-orientated.
NEW IDEAS

ASSETS

Globally recognised education system
- Education magnet
- Top universities with globally recognised R&D
- Growth and innovation e.g. Britomart, Wynyard Quarter
- Our way of thinking allows creation
- Sporting events – Rugby World Cup, Cricket World Cup
- High tech uptake
- Existing R&D – innovation to leverage foreign relationships
- Young entrepreneurial talent
- High-tech farming

GAPS

A disconnected ‘Eco System’
- We need to be seen as ‘accessible’
- Campaign for historical pride
- Creating ‘knowledge spaces’
- A disconnected ‘eco system’
- Rally to a cause but not continued
- Lacking brand ambassadors

PHYSICAL RENEWAL

ASSETS

Access to outdoor – work/life balance
- Well underway in the CBD
- Waterfront is a strength
- Access to amazing outdoors
- Lifestyle and work – great balance

GAPS

Housing options – full spectrum for growth
- Only focus on centre city renewal, not surrounding regions
- Waterfront renewal needs to be attractive
- Need a central stadium to exploit rugby
- Transport – rail

STRONG LEADERS

ASSETS

Strong Māori Leaders
- Strong Māori leaders – Informal political leadership
- Some exemplary community and business leaders

GAPS

Lack of common purpose within leadership
- Poor followers, low trust and courage
- Council gone quiet
- ‘Squeaky wheel’ approach
- Council-Government coordination
- Time it takes to either run with an idea or reject it
- Too many elected officials – most of them looking backwards
ATTRACT AND INSPIRE YOUNG WEALTH CREATORS

Imagine an Auckland globally recognised for its nature tech, the fusion of clean technology and food production. A future city that attracts leading researchers and educators, is a hive for start-up companies, and a place global citizens aspire to make their new home. This is an Auckland that is brimming with life, innovation and wealth.

Research into magnet cities highlights the need for cities to generate a positive magnetic pull. The city must be desirable to people who are innovative, enthusiastic, highly educated and skilled, and focused on start-ups. They attract growth by the buzz they generate in their city. Auckland needs these young wealth creators and we need to act to create a city they want to move to.

We need to leverage our assets, build our downtown, redesign the waterfront, and focus on technology education.

The more young wealth creators there are in a city, the more that city will be assured of long-term economic growth. As existing (and some new) city residents fill existing city jobs, the young wealth creators create new net additional jobs.

“Auckland has the potential to be a vibrant city, synonymous with food and agri technology. People will aspire to live here, attracted by the hub of food science/technology activity, the opportunities to mix with like-minded people, to develop and grow their own business and of course the lifestyle!”
Economic theory tells us that three primary drivers of GDP growth are improvements to productivity, growth in employment, and growth in capital stock. We have addressed growth in employment and attracting new capital under the notion of creating a magnet city.

However, the proverbial elephant in the room for New Zealand is a lacklustre performance when it comes to productivity. Productivity is the missing piece of the jigsaw for Auckland. We must increase real GDP per capita if we are to reach the levels of societal wealth required to sustain our unique lifestyle.

Distilling the problem to its essence, increasing innovation and spending on R&D will give us the elusive productivity gains we have been seeking.

New Zealand spends roughly 1.1% of GDP on R&D ($2.6 billion in 2014) which is less than half of the OECD average of 2.4%. Not only are we not catching up with the world, we are falling ever further behind. As other countries ramp up spend on R&D, New Zealand’s spend has remained unchanged in real dollar terms since 2012.

When we exclude Government’s contribution to R&D and look only at what Business enterprises spend on R&D, the picture looks even worse (see graph on following page).
THE NEED TO INNOVATE: IF IT’S NOT BROKEN, MAKE IT BETTER

This section of the report has been adapted from: Big Business Start-ups and innovation (KPMG 2015).

Innovation is not new to the world of business. Long before it became a buzzword, businesses were innovating. Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, amongst many others, are regularly referred to as pioneers of innovation in modern business. Experimentation, core research and development (R&D), innovation in process and breakthrough technology were the key drivers of taking new ideas to market.

Nevertheless, businesses’ approach to innovation has changed considerably over the years. The key difference today is the speed to market, largely due to the emergence of a deeply interconnected global economy and the hyper-connectivity of businesses and people enabled by the internet.¹

These trends, among many others, have empowered talented individuals (or entrepreneurs) and created conditions for the rapid growth of disruptive business models such as Uber, Salesforce and Netflix.² Many organisations have now shifted their focus from direct investment in core research and development, to investment in multiple sources of innovation, focussing in particular on the role of the customer, digital technology and start-ups and entrepreneurs.
**GLOBAL TRENDS DRIVING CHANGES IN INNOVATION INCLUDE:**

**MOBILE DEVICES**
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Mobile devices mean individuals are connected and contactable anytime, anywhere and have the ability to perform all types of tasks on the run. This provides businesses the opportunity to reach more customers, through more channels.

**BIG DATA AND CLOUD COMPUTING**
MORE DATA THAN EVER BEFORE

The emergence of big data has allowed businesses to gain better insights and deliver better customer solutions. Big data is driving new business models and operational improvements and has helped business better understand customer behaviour. Cloud computing has enabled businesses to keep up with technological demands by allowing access to more processing power than before with minimal investment in infrastructure.

**TECHNOLOGY**
DRIVING BUSINESS GROWTH

Technology driven companies have seen exponential growth in the past 10 years and they are here to stay. This is demonstrated by many high profile, billion dollar initial public offerings (IPOs) including Facebook, LinkedIn and Alibaba. In a recent global innovation survey, it was found that at least 50 percent of the top 20 most innovative companies were technology based companies, including Google, Dropbox, Netflix, AirBnB, Twitter, Apple and Amazon.³
Innovation is critical to driving business growth and capturing market share. Organisations face significant disruption to their business models driven by changing consumer behaviour, technology, regulation and demographics. Successful innovation relies on our ability to understand external disruptions, generate creative solutions and perhaps most importantly, execute with ruthless discipline and pace. The role of today’s leader is to create environments where innovation can flourish and to strike the right balance between creativity and implementation.

1 Joined up Innovation, Microsoft, at https://enterprise.blob.core.windows.net/whitepapers/MSFT_Joined-Up_Innovation_Paper.pdf
2 https://hbr.org/2014/06/whats-holding-uber-back/
3 http://www.fastcompany.com/section/most-innovative-companies-2014
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5 https://hbr.org/2013/11/blockbuster-becomes-a-casualty-of-big-bang-disruption
A WORD ON DESIGN THINKING

“We believe the next generation innovators and leaders need to be great design thinkers.”

David Kelley Stanford Professor and founder of IDEO, the world’s preeminent design consultancy

The heart of innovation is capturing new ways to meet human needs, so it follows that any attempt to innovate must be grounded in a deep understanding of the human experience. Customer experience is a well-used word today but less common is the notion of empathy. Empathy is the starting point to designing great products and services for the benefit of consumers and society; and is also the first step in the design thinking process. Design thinking involves simple structured steps to help people create unusual and highly valuable solutions with a specific focus on:

1. **Adding real value.** Solving real end-user needs will yield the highest value to all stakeholders.
2. **Generating many alternatives.** A wide variety of numerous alternatives are more likely to produce innovative and unique (higher-value) solutions.
3. **Solving the right problem.** End-user needs are best understood through experiential research and following a cycle of idea modelling and iteration allows for rapid learning and improvement.

**EXAMPLE: STANFORD UNIVERSITY DESIGN THINKING MODEL**

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If we are to double our spend on innovation-led R&D, where should we start? It is prudent to start with the end in mind, and spend some time mapping out an innovation strategy. This is a critical first step to ensuring investment is made in the right areas.

THE END-TO-END INNOVATION CYCLE

- **INNOVATION STRATEGY**
  - Setting Innovation Strategy and Direction
    - Agreeing the strategic and commercial drivers and targets
    - Mega trend sessions
    - Future proofing sessions
    - Innovation Lab

- **INNOVATION FUNCTIONS & CAPABILITIES**
  - Building Innovation Functions and Capabilities

- **INNOVATION IDEATION CURATION**
  - Gathering, Evaluating and Eliminating Ideas

- **INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT**
  - Detailing the Proposition and ‘Go to Market’ Model

- **INNOVATION COMMERCIALISATION**
  - Setting up the Commercial Structures

- **INNOVATION MANAGEMENT**
  - Managing the Portfolio of Commercialised IP
3. INCREASE EQUALITY THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AUCKLAND, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

Income inequality has become an issue we cannot ignore. The latest UNICEF report ‘Fairness for Children’ shows New Zealand ranks 17th amongst 41 countries for inequality in income.

“League Table 1 ranks countries on the size of their relative income gap. This measure of bottom-end inequality captures how far the poorest children are being allowed to fall behind the ‘average’ child in each country. To provide context for the inequality measure, League Table 1 also displays the child poverty rate (measured as 50 percent of the national median) for each country.”

The ability to earn income is strongly correlated to educational achievement. It follows that education is a critical lever to simultaneously decrease income inequality, and ensure we have the right skills available for the future job market.

The growing disparity of educational outcomes in Auckland is a problem that concerns us all; and one in which we all have a part to play in remedying. Not only does it hinder growth; it also creates adverse social conditions that consume public and private resources.

“OECD analysis suggests income inequality has a negative and statistically significant impact on medium-term growth.”

LEAGUE TABLE 1: INEQUALITY IN INCOME

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The OECD found that New Zealand’s economy should have grown by 44 percent between 1990 and 2010, but increasing inequality meant it actually grew by only 28 percent. The 16 percentage points New Zealand lost to inequality was the highest in the developed world.

The biggest opportunity to reduce educational inequality is in secondary school education. Secondary school attainment is not only strongly correlated with average earnings but also sets the platform for further study or trades training. This makes it a logical place to start.

A bachelor degree or level 7 qualification increases the median male income by $20,000. This is where our focus should be.

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Just one additional level in attainment (level 4 instead of level 3) lifts the median male income from $25,000 to $45,000. This is where our focus should be.


Source: Statistics New Zealand
New Zealand has a world-class education system and the Government is working hard to improve literacy and numeracy. The deceptively simple solution to lifting average incomes and improving the job prospects for our communities appears to be staying in an educational institution or some form of training, until at least level 4 competency is attained.

While the solution sounds simple, the practical implications are complex and we do not pretend to have a silver bullet. What we do know, however, are that there are ‘beacons of light’ in our community – in the form of organisations that are applying innovative solutions to tackle the problem head-on.

To illustrate what is being done in raising the bar for teachers and leaders, we have included two brief case studies on the following pages.

Levels 1–4 are broadly comparable to senior secondary education. For example, NCEA and basic trades training.

Levels 5–6 generally cover advanced trades, technical and business qualifications.

Levels 7–10 generally cover degrees, graduate and postgraduate qualifications.
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QUALITY TEACHERS MATTER: TEACH FIRST NZ CASE STUDY
www.teachfirstnz.org

Teach First NZ is an innovative not-for-profit organisation that engages New Zealand’s top graduates and career-changing professionals in contributing to tackle one of our country’s most pressing challenges – educational inequality.

WHY DOES TEACH FIRST NZ EXIST?

It’s a cold reality in New Zealand that where a child is born is one of the most significant factors to determine their educational prospects. While the education system is working well for many students, thousands of students leave school each year without NCEA Level 2 (a basic indicator of achievement), and young people from low-income households are half as likely to achieve University Entrance as those from high-income households. Our growing Māori and Pasifika communities are most disadvantaged, and the result is thousands of young New Zealanders confined to a life of unrealised potential.

The facts:
» New Zealand has one of the highest levels of educational inequality in the OECD and 38% of students from low-income communities leave without NCEA Level 2.
» Māori and Pasifika students are more likely than others to leave school without formal qualifications.
» Students from high-income households are three times more likely to achieve University Entrance than those from low-income households.

HOW TO TACKLE THE ISSUE?

In the short-term, Teach First NZ aims to recruit outstanding graduates and professionals to bring knowledge, energy and leadership into the classroom, inspiring young people to fulfil and expand their potential.

SHORT/MEDIUM TERM
» Recruit outstanding graduates and early career-changers.
» High-calibre leaders all working in low-decile schools.
» Initial two-year commitment.
» High priority subjects such as Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English and Te Reo Māori.
» Complete teaching qualification + leadership development.

LONG-TERM
» Develop powerful alumni leadership community.
» Address educational inequality from education and other sectors after initial two years.
» Impact teachers, senior school leaders, policy, social enterprise, not-for-profit sector and business.
» Increase the status/prestige of teaching for New Zealand’s best and brightest.

The results:
Since 2012, Teach First NZ has operated a successful pilot programme in partnership with the University of Auckland, the Ministry of Education, and a number of corporate partners. It has selected just 7% of those who apply to the programme, reflecting the focus on quality. All participants teach in low-decile schools, with 42% teaching STEM subjects. More than half had not previously considered teaching, indicating the new pipeline of quality teachers and leaders that Teach First NZ is attracting. The programme is now focused on deepening its impact across Auckland, and extending into other regions.
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LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION MATTERS: SPRINGBOARDTRUST CASE STUDY
www.springboardtrust.org.nz

SpringboardTrust is a unique charitable trust within the education sector, working to assist educational leaders enhance student achievement by strengthening strategic leadership capability in schools. This is achieved through capacity building amongst school leaders and providing them with access to cross-sector expertise drawn from New Zealand’s public, private and philanthropic communities.

WHY DOES SPRINGBOARDTRUST EXIST?

OUR VISION IS TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THE LIFE SKILLS OF YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS. WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY ENHANCING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAPABILITY.

Research shows the essential importance of good leadership for school performance and improvement in student outcomes. Yet, the need to drive this improvement is not being matched with increased support for leadership development (NZCER 2016*). SpringboardTrust’s unique cross-sector approach provides education leaders with access to bespoke expertise that would otherwise not be available within New Zealand schools.

*Strengthening the Strategic Leadership of New Zealand Principals, Cathy Wylie and Jacky Burgon, NZCER, February 2016

HOW TO TACKLE THE ISSUE?

OUR FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF IS THAT IF WE HELP SCHOOL LEADERS BE MORE EFFECTIVE, THEN IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES WILL FOLLOW

This is achieved through three programmes that support school leaders in their efforts to improve educational outcomes for their students.

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR PRINCIPALS PROGRAMME (SLPP)
12-month action orientated curriculum to develop robust strategic plans and goals. This includes regular strategic planning workshops, facilitated by senior business leaders and supported by individual capacity partners who coach and challenge principals.

ALUMNI SERVICES – COMMUNITY
Bringing graduates together, providing the structure to help them solve problems as a community, allowing them to continue interacting with the business community and learning about strategic leadership.

ALUMNI SERVICES IN SCHOOLS
Extending the support beyond the strategic plan, graduating principals and their school community have access to best practice change leadership and strategy implementation to assist in acceleration of key strategic initiatives.

Currently:

**162 principals | 50,000+ students | 600+ hours leadership around the table**
Acting with collective courage

Auckland is a young city with deep roots. It is our gateway to the world and a channel for trade. We live in a city rich in heritage and culture, a city whose time has come to truly shine.

We have created a Super City, but are not yet taking the super actions or acting with the courage future generations would expect of us. It does not have to be this way. We have some exemplary leaders and pockets of light in our businesses and community organisations. All we need is more people to pick up the mantle and help Auckland and our people to prosper.

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EMBRACE OUR UNIQUENESS, MARKET OUR DIFFERENCE

Whakamaumahara nga taonga tuku iho, hei whakamana āpōpō

Remembering heritage, empowering tomorrow

Imagine a city that understands values and embraces its uniqueness as the foundation for its competitiveness.

Auckland and New Zealand have a special role in the global food chain. We are an emerging player in technology and innovation. We have unique provenance stories to tell in a country rich with Māori culture, an abundance of natural resources, and diversity of people. We must embrace these enviable aspects of New Zealand, do everything we can to enhance them, and advertise our identity and distinct advantages to the world.

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Growth in the visitor economy will create spill-over benefits that will play a major role in Auckland’s long-term economic development. The goal is to double international visitor receipts to $4b by 2021. If our city can draw people to experience our richly diverse culture, as well as our environmental beauty, we are likely to convert many of those visitors into Aucklander’s for life.

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We need to remain vigilant. While New Zealand ranks highly in civic engagement, the short to medium-term trend shows lower voter and community participation.

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WHAT BOLD ACTION CAN YOU PERSONALLY TAKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE GROWTH IN AUCKLAND?

Here are three suggestions, we challenge you to pick one, and start making a difference today.

1 Bring a wealth creator to Auckland – identify, target and support a game-changing individual to migrate to Auckland.

2 Invest in Innovation – Map out your innovation strategy and choose a project to kick-start the process.

3 Support an agency involved in educating the next generation for rewarding careers in your business.
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