

Effectiveness of building impact assessment into legislation.

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Today's whole of government environment:

- Focus on broad outcomes
- Cooperation between separately governed organisations
- Interventions and future management
- Alignment at many levels

Case study

Implementing land transport policy

- Local Government
- Land Transport New Zealand
- Transit New Zealand

Local Government - before

Purpose

- Provision of services to communities
- Recognition of and provision for participation of communities

Primary vehicles

- 10 year financial plan
- Annual plans

Local Government - now

Purpose

- To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well being of communities, in the present and for the future primary vehicle.

Primary Vehicle

- Long term council community plans - extensive content and process

Land Transport New Zealand – before Transit New Zealand

Purpose

- Promote safety at reasonable cost

- Fund a safe and efficient roading system
- Operate a safe and efficient State Highway System

Primary vehicle

- Annual Safety Administration Programme
- Annual National Roothing Programme
- Annual State Highway Programme

Land Transport New Zealand – now Transit New Zealand

Purpose/Objective

- Carry out our functions in a way that contributes to an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system.

Primary vehicle

- 10 year National Land Transport Programme
- 10 year State Highway Programme

Local Government - process

Purpose

- To enable democratic decision making and action by and on behalf of communities

Land Transport New Zealand - Transit New Zealand - process

- Exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility
- Avoid adverse effects
- Take into account views of communities
- Give consideration to alternatives
- Provide opportunities for others to participate

Recent legislation changes have meant:

- Requirement to identify and contribute to broad outcomes
- Requirements to facilitate participation and take views into account
- The development of more broadly capable evaluation and assessment techniques

The assessment “market”

- 74 separately governed local authorities

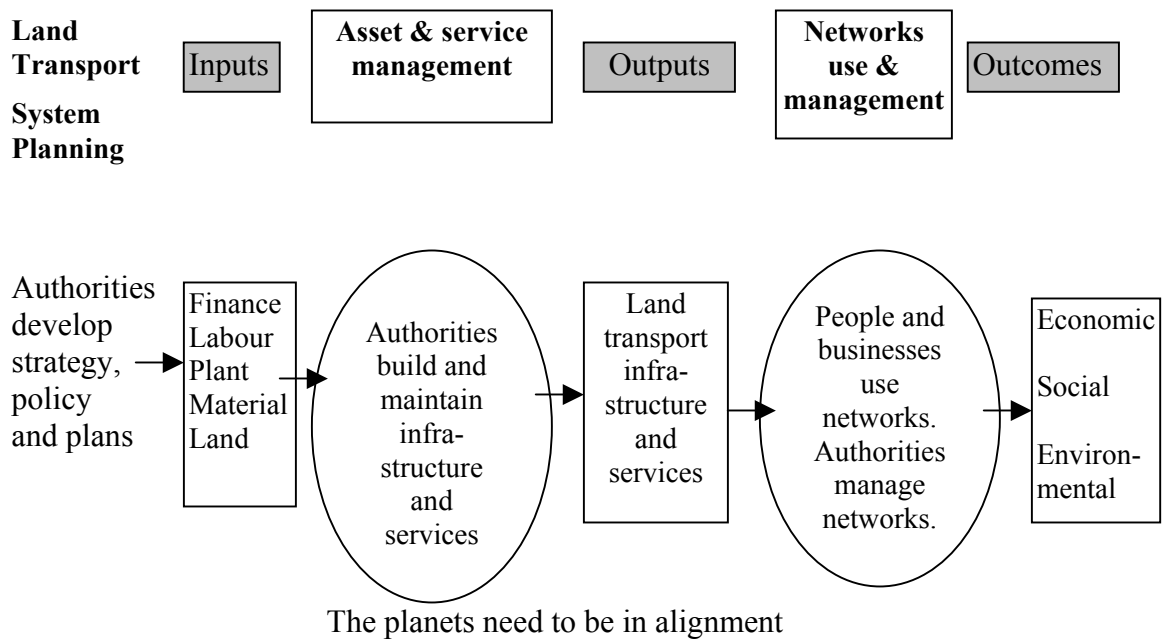
- 2 separately governed crown entities (each with links to other government agencies)
- 14 separately governed regional councils

“Is this a case for legislated impact assessment – requirement and practice?”

Land Transport New Zealand & Transit New Zealand

Will be using local government processes under the Local Government Act, the Resource Management Act and the Land Transport Management Act to meet their broader objectives and process requirements.

Simplified delivery model for transport



Legislative alignment

- Resource Management Act
- Local Government Act
- Land Transport Management Act
- Land Transport Act

Outcomes alignment

- Desired community futures
- Government strategies and policies

- New Zealand Transport Strategy
- Regional policy statements

Policy and resource alignment

- Regional growth strategy and district plans
- Government policy on transport revenue and financial assistance
- Regional land transport strategy
- Long term council community plans
- Land Transport 10 year funding forecast

Process alignment

- Land Transport funding allocation process
- Transit State Highway programme process
- Local Government and ARTA land transport programme processes
- New Zealand Railways Corporation programme process

Output alignment - annual

- National Land Transport Programme
- Transit New Zealand State Highway Programme
- New Zealand Railways Corporation Rail Programme
- Committed Local Government and ARTA Land Transport Programmes

Operational alignment

- Cohesive operation of networks – management of supply
- Travel demand management – management of demand
- Promotion of sustainable transport – business and personal responsibility
- Building in future management for sustainability – the missing link

Implementing recent legislation changes has meant:

- Linking up the activities of separately government organisations
- Aligning frameworks and activities at many levels
- Co-ordinating policy and funding between organisations
- Influencing the choices of people and businesses
- Managing for the future

“Effectiveness of legislating for impact assessment”

- Much broader requirements in place
- Practice and capability has to catch up
- More about systems and future management than single interventions
- Prescribing methodologies for assessment doubtful
- Future involves promoting best practice in assessment

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