

# Tauranga City Council

## Triennium Report 2019

John Robson: 13.5.2019

# John Robson

- Councillor 2013-2016, 2018-?
- Chair: Finance, Audit & Risk
- Member: Smartgrowth
- Management Consultant 1988-2000
  - Best fit with Councillor job description

# Recap: 2016 Report

- Council Rating: D
- Issues:
  - Culture (of delusion)
  - Management Information Systems
  - Building Services
  - Councillor quality

# 2019: Growth

- Growth debt circa \$40 million
- Smartgrowth failed
  - No plan
  - No land: 18 Months?
- UFTI initiated
  - Overpromising?

# 2019: Transport

- Congestion at all-time high
  - Myths being peddled: MoT HTS
- Road network failing
  - Investment deficit \$billions
- Bus service failing
  - Service-Infrastructure plan misaligned
  - Farm Street interchange

# 2019: Transformation & Civic Heart...

- “Opportunity of a lifetime” [Tui Ad?]
  - Museum, Library, Hotel...
- Costs exceed Bella Vista: \$4.6 million and rising
  - Took one year to get the number!
- No agreed plan
- Willis Bond

# 2019: DC88 Issues

- Four Projects
  - Culture
  - Project management
  - Community engagement
  - Budgeting
- “Low significance”

# 2019: Chief Executive

- Change
  - 11 > 8 > 6 > 2
  - Responsive
  - He tangata: Bella Vista
  - “With”
- Risk
  - Collapse or short-cuts



# 2019: Elected Members

- Full-time
- Toughest job in governance?
  - Range, complexity
- Poorly resourced
- “We are starting to get it...”
  - Taking responsibility
  - Increasing transparency

# Summary: 2019 Report

- Council Rating: C
- Issues:
  - No.1 is **FUNDING**:
  - Problem diagnosis: More critical questioning
  - Management Information Systems
  - Community engagement
  - Risk analysis

# 2019: Moving forward

- Funding model is broken
  - Government knows, and is making 'noises'
- Port needs to pay its way
  - Regional Council playing deaf and dumb
- Councillors (and voters) need to focus on basics
  - Rates, roads, waters, waste...



**\$1 Billion  
Debt**

**4 Lanes  
in 2026**

**40%  
more  
Rates**

**\$55 million  
Museum**