

Welfare Working Group Forum



Presentation

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Topic

“what are your views from the outside looking in and seeing the impacts of the system on your community or communities”



Focus Area

- Porirua City
- Population appx 50,000
- 27% Pacific, 21% Maori, 50% European
- Eastern Porirua 19,000
- Deprivation / Low socio economic



The Politics of Porirua

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- Porirua City politically positioned to be the focus of government social policy;
- Demographics Maori / Pacific populations;
- Porirua, Mangere, Otara

Community Impact

- Policy development and implementation;
- Millions and Millions of \$\$ poured into Porirua annually;
- Employment niche social work, community work, health workers,
- Good and robust governance and management;
- MONITORING contracts

Community Casualties

- Perception of Porirua City;
- Impact on business development, population and residential growth;
- Reinforces victimisation, poverty mentality so contracts can be sought which will continue to provide employment opportunities;
- Risk of standards of practice;

Where to from here

- Validate our reality
- Creation of a 'real' economy
- Wipe the slate clean
- Reconfigure investment with new policy
- Accept that people in Porirua are proud people