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Waikato Wellbeing Knowledge Initiative
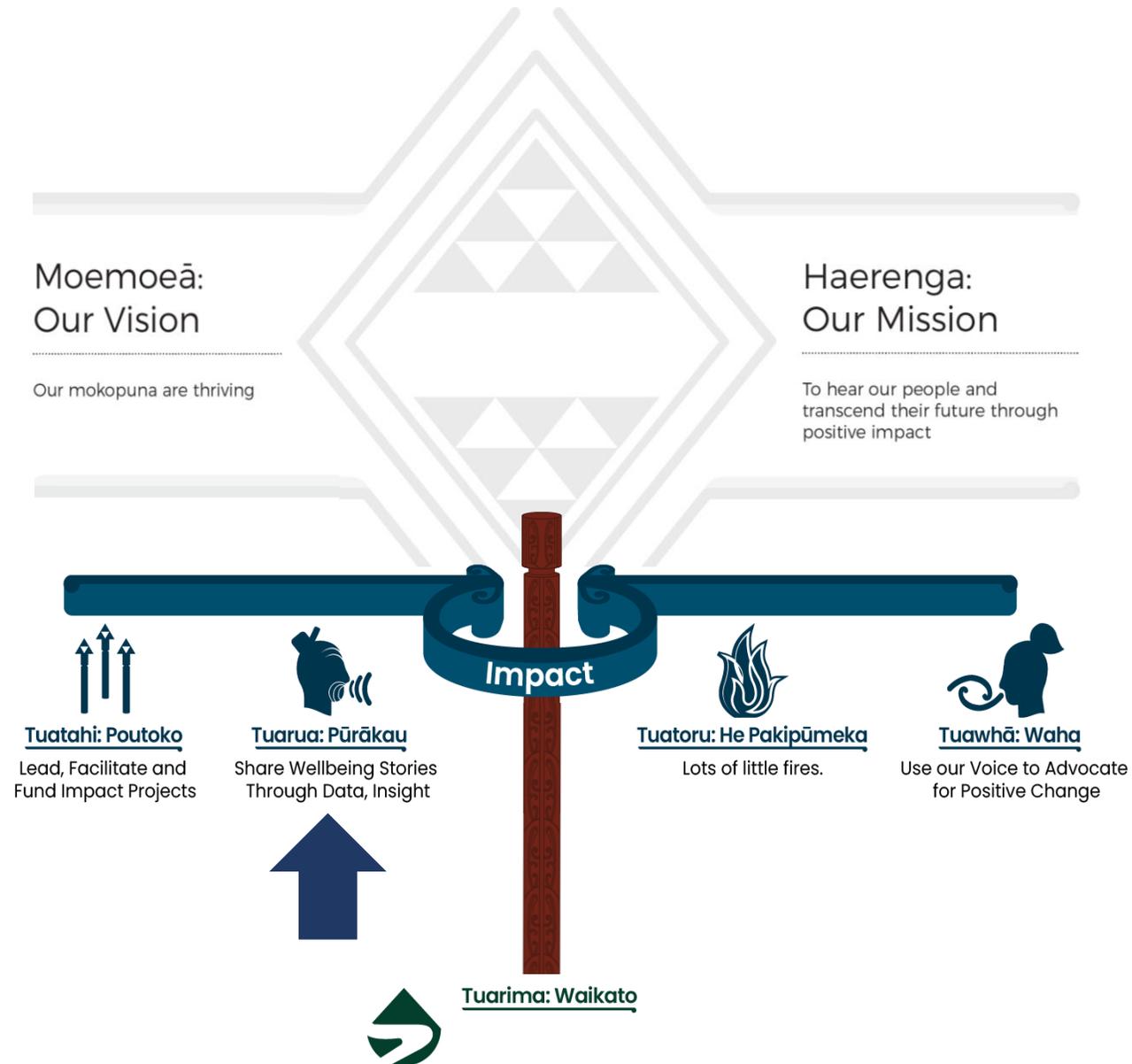
A Quick Overview

- Our vision- all about an intergenerational view on wellbeing

- WWP's mission is to <u>listen deeply</u> and transcend lives through impact

  ..by empowering citizens with access to knowledge which is available, relevant and current

- Significant local, regional and national work is already underway

  ...but its often disconnected and there is an opportunity to enhance current arrangements

- Engagement with local, regional and national wellbeing knowledge agencies identified a range of issues with the current situation

  ...as well as potential benefits that could be realized through a new approach

Moemoeā:
Our Vision

Our mokopuna are thriving

Haerenga:
Our Mission

To hear our people and transcend their future through positive impact

Impact

Tuatahi: Poutoko
Lead, Facilitate and Fund Impact Projects

Tuarua: Pūrākau
Share Wellbeing Stories Through Data, Insight

Tuatoru: He Pakipūmeka
Lots of little fires.

Tuawhā: Waha
Use our Voice to Advocate for Positive Change

Tuarima: Waikato

The Current Situation- Two Extremes

The Current Situation- Waikato

- **Strategically**- where are we heading, are we there yet?
- **Targets** – better visibility needed on setting targets and exploring options
- Too much/too little data but –difficult to access and navigate
- Not much knowledge- information often disaggregated, not always coherently communicated
- Exceptional insights but not easily found- underutilised
- At the **regional level-** bits and pieces of knowledge in many places, multiple wellbeing models/frameworks- lacking coherence
- At the **local level-** lack of available data and knowledge- not easily shared
- Multiple different platforms- often focused on raw data
- **Wellbeing knowledge** driven by institutional need, less by community
- **Technology** – useful but too much focus on it can be a distraction

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Weaving knowledge together, creating pathways to wellbeing
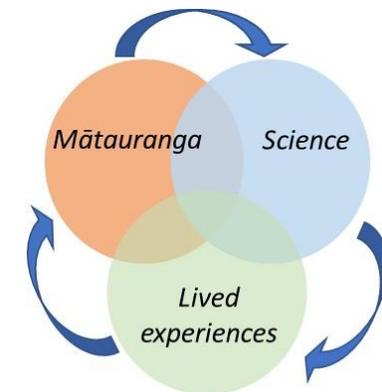
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Waikato people, at all levels, are empowered to make important choices wisely for their present and future wellbeing

- The confluence of **empowerment, insights & information**

- Appropriate democratisation of knowledge

- Enable people/groups/communities to develop and apply their definitions of wellbeing

- Build understandings and insights that supports wellbeing, how to maintain/improve it

- Support insights, with both quantitative and qualitative knowledge, recognising that insights not always supported by quantitative data

- NOT an entity- a collaborative initiative

Te Ara Poutama will be...

- A **digital librarian-** with questions coming from the community at multiple scales
- A **navigator and connector-** aggregating knowledge and providing insight
- An **accessible portal** to wellbeing knowledge and insights for more organisations and communities, with access directed by sovereignty
- A **platform** for addressing gaps and collecting new bottom-up data
- A **provider** of regional, community, and topic specific insights and reports
- A **network facilitator** - connecting researchers and improving access to tools and resources
- A **thought leader** – sharing knowledge based insights on key regional and local wellbeing issues/opportunities
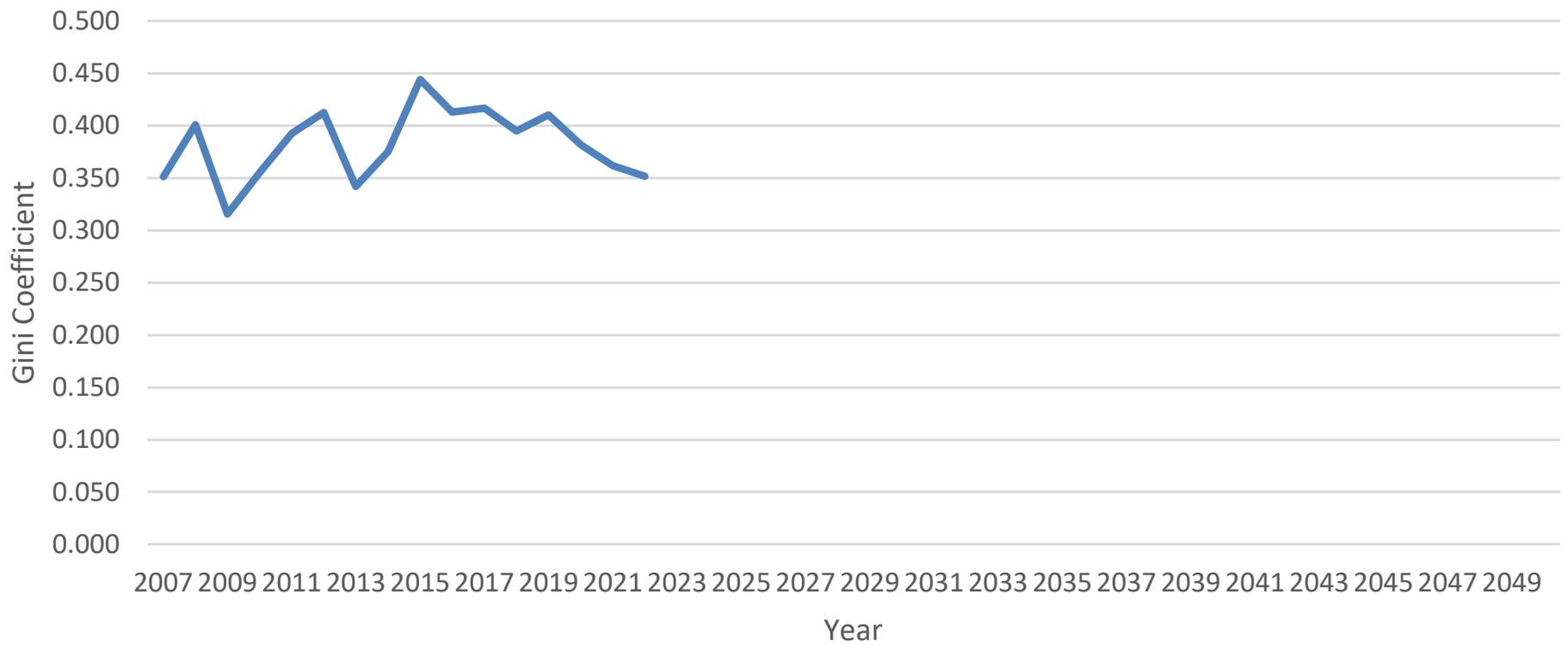
Data, Knowledge and Te Ao Māori

- Wellbeing, wellbeing data and knowledge, ownership and sharing of knowledge have significant cultural dimensions
- "democratisation of knowledge" has caveats
- Data and knowledge as taonga- Wai 262
- Recognition of mātauranga as a significant form of knowledge
- Uphold Māori data sovereignty & governance in design, operation, relationships and governance
- Iwi strategies and management plans already identify role for data, knowledge in wellbeing- support and build on these
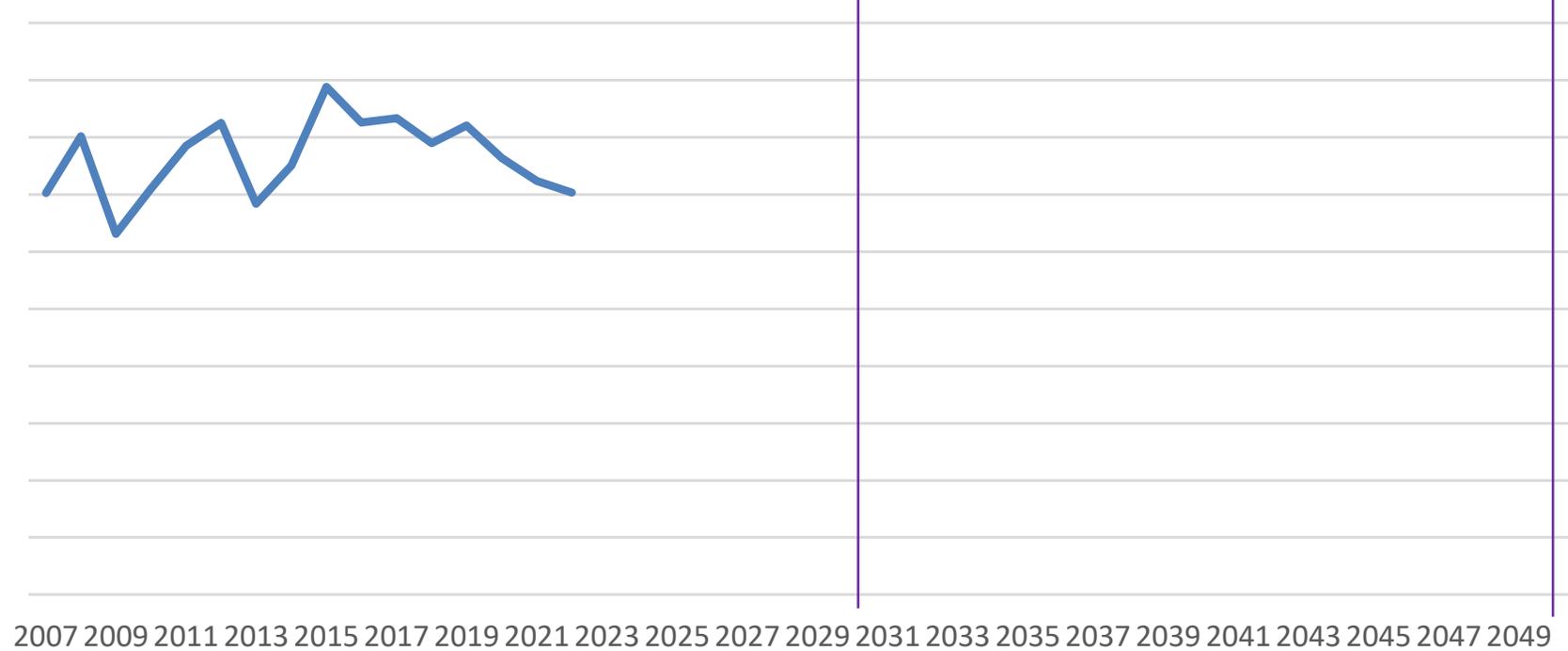
Strategy, Goal and Target Setting

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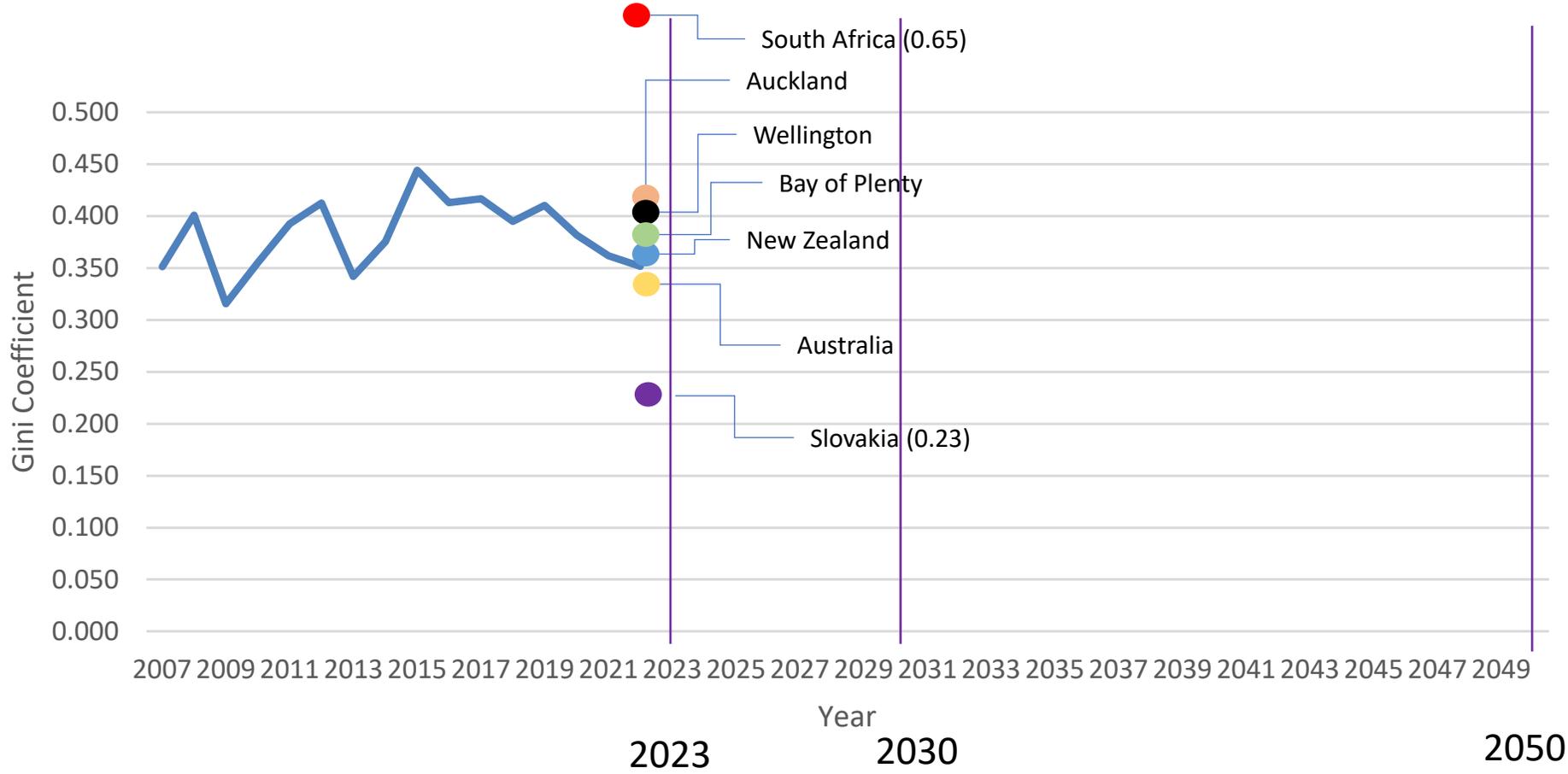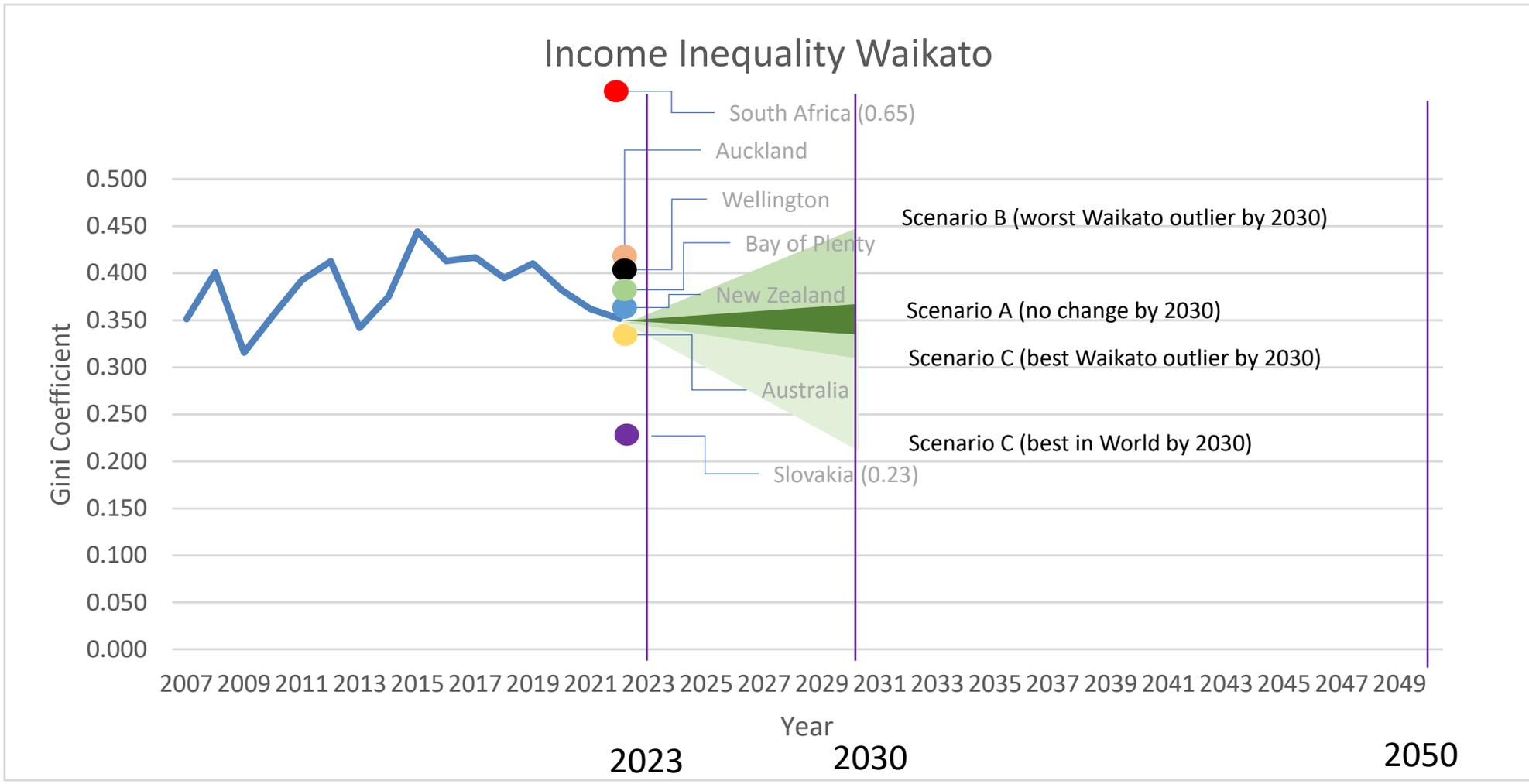
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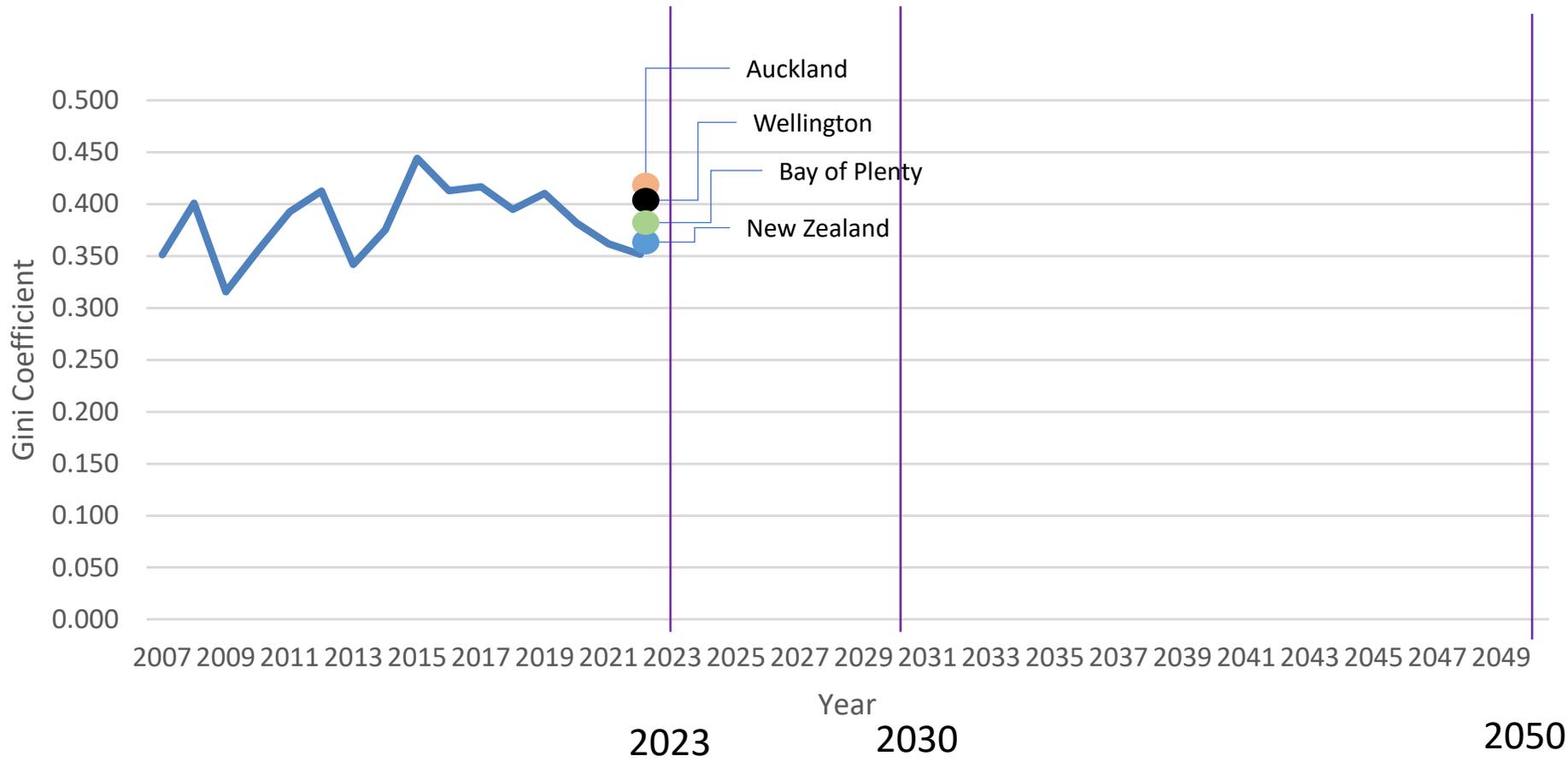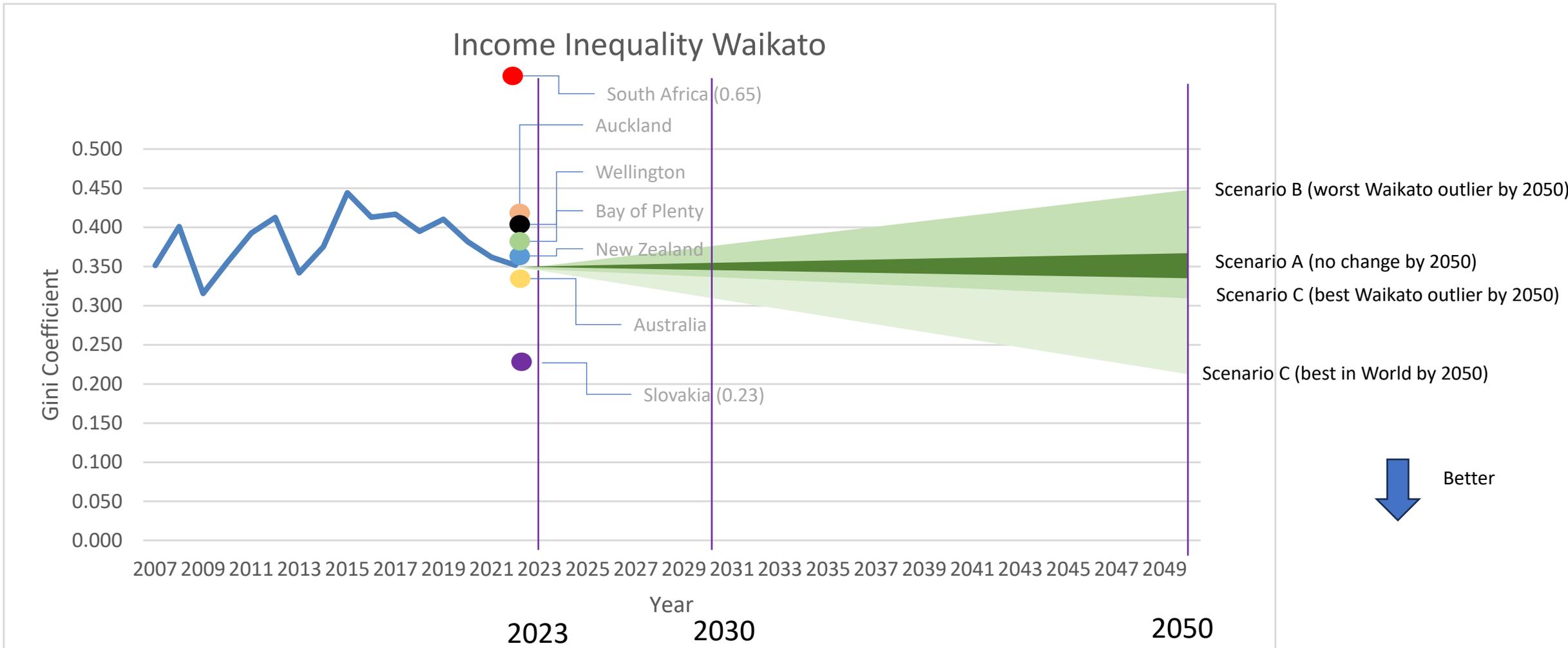
Able to Operate on Several Dimensions/Scales

Spatially

Globally

Nationally

Regionally

Sub Region or District

Community-Locality
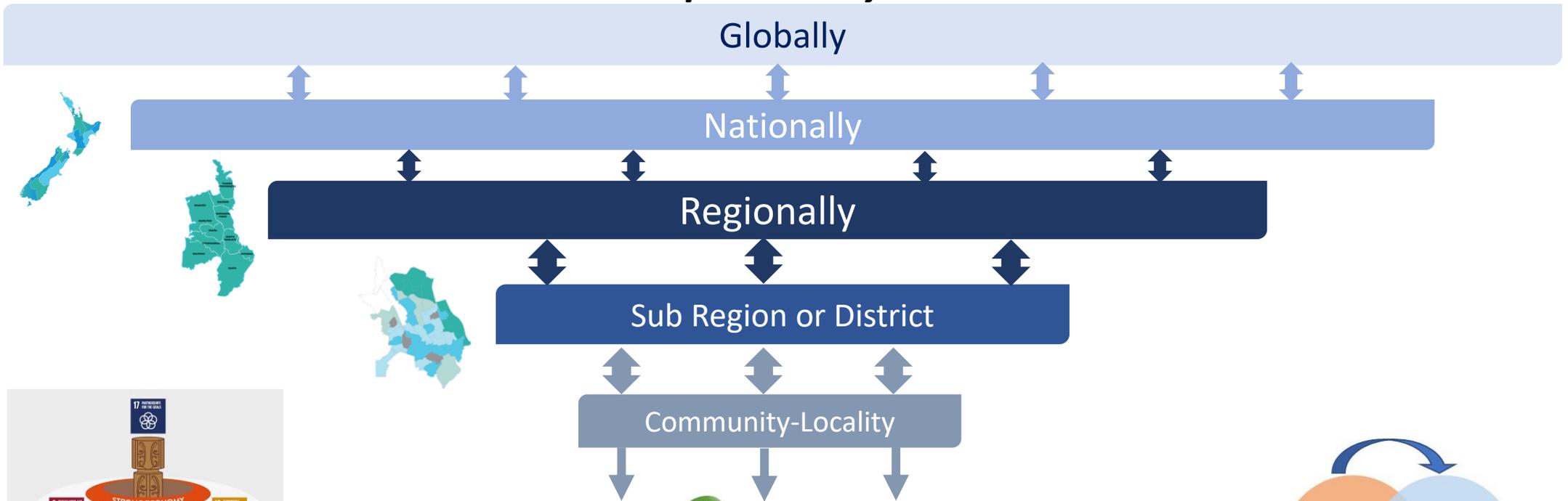
Thematically

Conceptually

Mātauranga

Science

Lived experiences
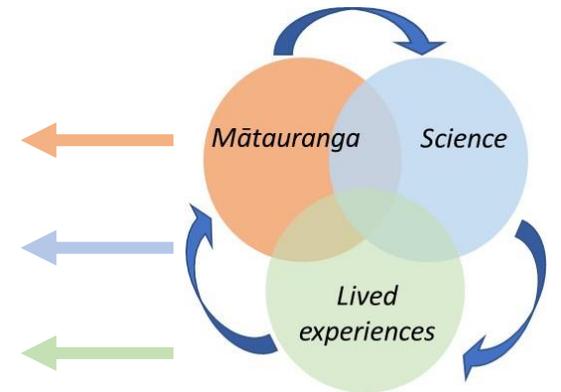
3 Priority Areas 2023-24

1. The Librarian

Build and evolve landing page on WWP website as a 1-stop to access:

- Global indicators on wellbeing using the SDGs as a framework
- New Zealand wellbeing frameworks and indicators using SDGs, LSF and other frameworks
- Waikato wellbeing datasets and information using the WWP wellbeing goals and targets
- Aggregate existing wellbeing reports and datasets to make them easier to find, organised by our SDGs
- Wellbeing data for districts using existing reports (Dot Loves Data)
- Evolve the portal through continuous data updates

2. Regional Wellbeing Framework

Update and upgrade the 2020 WWP goals and targets to:

- Develop improved headline targets which are SMARTer
- Build deeper knowledge systems which more clearly show how cause and effect works from impact to input
- Develop a process to integrate subjective wellbeing and matuaranga Māori alongside quantitative and science-based knowledge
- Include the voice of Waikato citizens
- Integrate updates of the WWP targets and goals with the WRC Community Outcomes process
- Launch updated WWP goals and targets on portal

3. Local Wellbeing Frameworks

Partner with communities to build local wellbeing knowledge, priorities and measurement systems:

- Work with communities who are interested in better understand their wellbeing priorities and goals
- Develop case studies with communities at the scale they want to work at
- Seek opportunities to align localised wellbeing assessments with local authority strategic process, including LGA Community Outcomes
- Share local wellbeing evaluations on portal, respecting data sovereignty
- Plan for 2-3 community assessments per year

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Discussion and Questions