The Ministry of Transport's Framework for Social Impact Assessment

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Social Impact Assessment



Transport-related policy



[Brainstorm]

Initial social impact assessment (SIA)

[Segment & analyse data]

Detailed distributional impact assessment

Mitigation / alternative policies

Final policy developed



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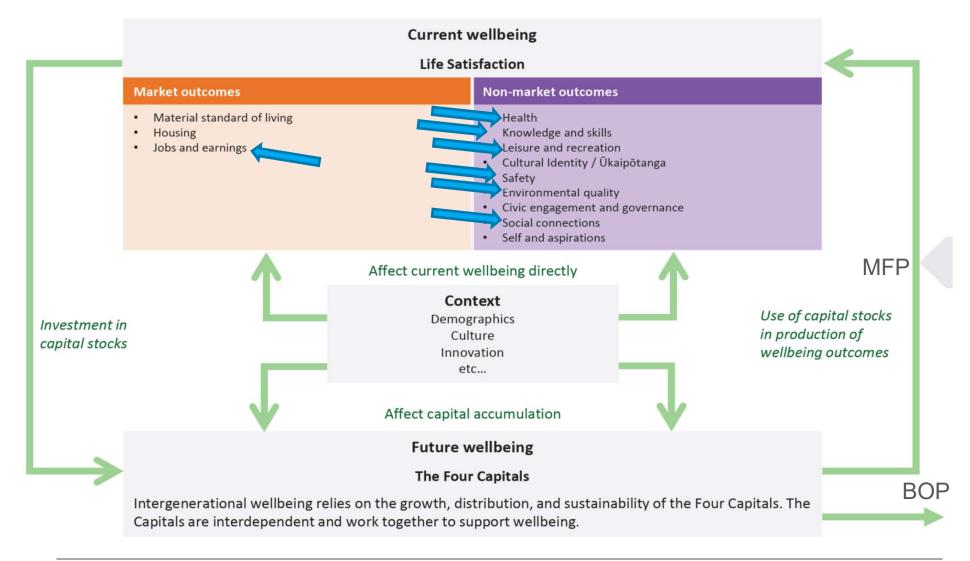
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Current wellbeing Life Satisfaction **Market outcomes** Non-market outcomes · Material standard of living Health Knowledge and skills Housing · Jobs and earnings · Leisure and recreation Cultural Identity / Ūkaipōtanga Safety Environmental quality Civic engagement and governance Social connections Self and aspirations **MFP** Affect current wellbeing directly Context Use of capital stocks Demographics Investment in in production of Culture capital stocks wellbeing outcomes Innovation etc... Affect capital accumulation **Future wellbeing The Four Capitals BOP** Intergenerational wellbeing relies on the growth, distribution, and sustainability of the Four Capitals. The Capitals are interdependent and work together to support wellbeing.

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Start with a CBA



Add all discounted costs

Add all discounted benefits

Divide benefits by costs

B / C = benefit / cost ratio (BCR) = a number

BCR > 1

BCR = 1

BCR < 1



CBA versus SIA / DIA



CBA is an aggregate analysis

Ignores impacts on different groups of people



Segment the population to see how impacts are distributed

That's a Distributional Impact Assessment (DIA)

Equity implications move this towards a Social Impact Assessment (SIA)



Segmenting the population

Who is impacted? Segment the data by

- Region; urban / rural, meshblock, etc (spatial)
- Income group, age group, ethnicity, gender, disability status
- Family size, single parent, car/non-car household, number of cars
- Individuals, households, whanau, communities

Focus on vulnerable groups

Segmenting is only possible if disaggregated data is available



Impacts and outcomes



Impacts correspond to:

- Transport outcomes (Transport Outcomes Framework)
- Wellbeing outcomes (Living Standards Framework)

Common ground:

- Access...to work, education, healthcare, recreation, social connections
- Safety...security, resilience, health (accidents)
- Environment...air quality, noise, amenity
- Health...active transport modes, obesity, safety



Equity criteria: accessibility



Evaluate distributional impacts on accessibility via:

- setting minimum standards of accessibility to key destinations,
- prioritising disadvantaged groups,
- · reducing inequality of opportunities, and
- mitigating transport externalities: pollution, noise, safety



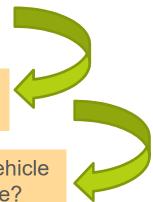
Case Study: Policy Impacting Vehicle Price

- What if 'high emissions' vehicles imported in NZ are made more expensive?
- In order to encourage a shift towards 'low emissions' vehicles.

Which households are likely to benefit and which ones will not?

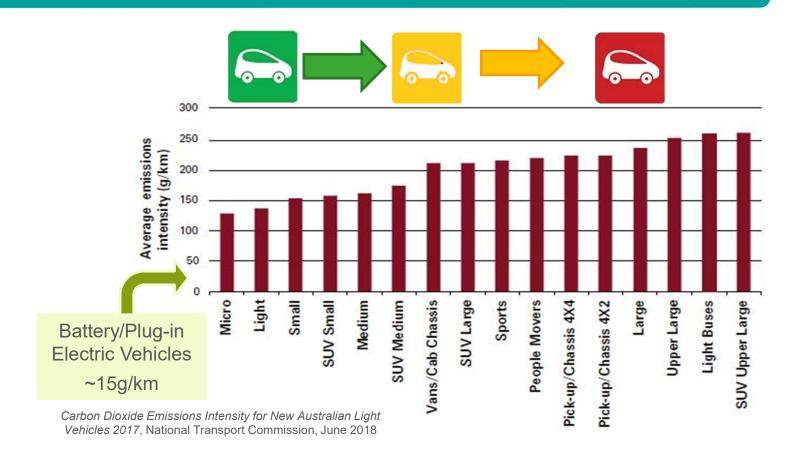
Which vehicles have 'high emissions' and which ones have 'low emissions'?

Which households own a 'high emissions' vehicle and which ones own a 'low emissions' one?



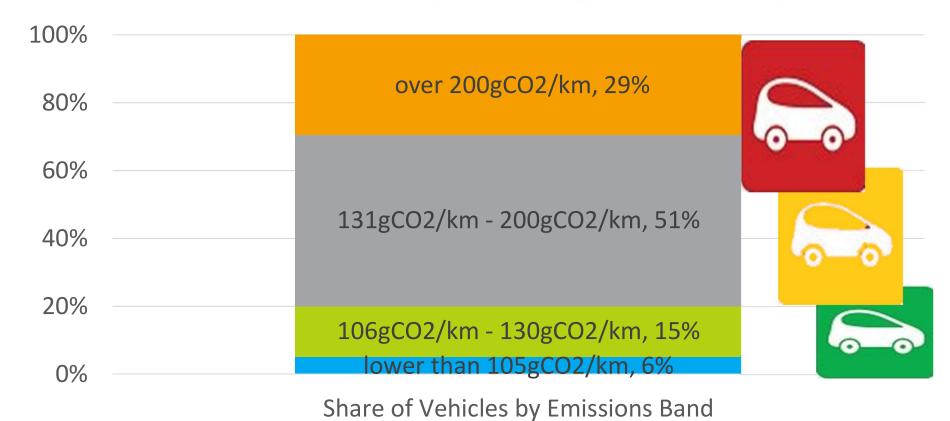


Low and high emissions vehicles





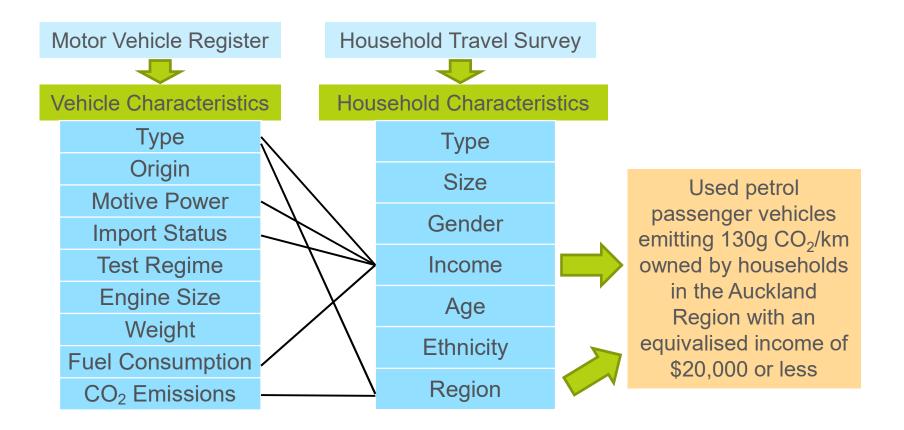
New Zealand's Vehicle Fleet



Motor Vehicle Register, NZTA, 2017



Vehicle Ownership & Households Characteristics



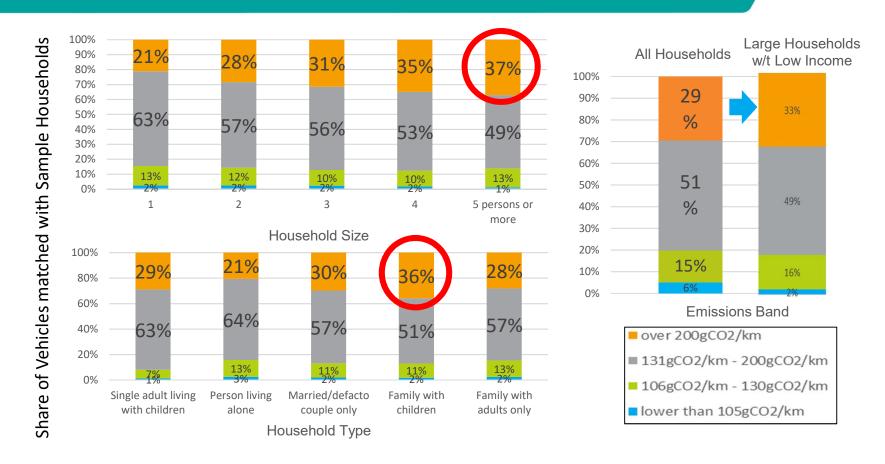


Population Segmentation & Vulnerable Households

Household type	Equivalised Household Income	Ethnicity	Age
Person living alone	\$20,000 or less	Maori	All persons are 65 or over
Single adult living with children	\$20,001 - \$30,000	Pasifika	At least one person is 65 or over
Married couple only	\$30,001 - \$50,000	European	All persons are under 65
Family with adults only	\$50,001 - \$70,000	Asian	
Family with children	\$70,001 - \$100,000	Other Ethnicity	
	\$100,001 - \$150,000	Vulnerable Households can have different characteristics	
	\$150,001 or more		



Vehicle Ownership & Emissions Bands





Policy Design

- Policy to encourage a shift towards the importation of low emissions vehicles should still be implemented. IF the benefits outweigh the costs.
- With knowledge on who are the impacted vulnerable households....
 - -> the policymaker can take supporting or mitigation measures.
- So that these vulnerable households, are:
 - · included in the policy and take their share of the benefits; or
 - Supported so that they continue to have access to affordable transportation.



Questions?



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