

Life When Renting in the Ageing Well National Science Challenge

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The National Science Challenges

- A 10-year, multi-million dollar investment to tackle some of the biggest science-based issues and opportunities facing New Zealand
- *Ageing Well* one of 11 National Science Challenges
- *Life When Renting* one of 14 AW research projects in the first five-year phase
- Part way through first phase; second phase 2019 – 2024.



What's different about the NSCs?

- Targets a series of goals which, if achieved, will have a major and enduring benefit for NZ.
- New research approaches a key part of the National Science Challenges.
- Engagement with stakeholders right from the start, and throughout the research process:
 - ✓ combine resources, knowledge and skills
 - ✓ joint learning, decision making and actions.
- Stakeholders: those at the front line of support for older people; those who have a role in providing services for older people; older people themselves.
- Hence:
 - Increase likelihood of achieving tangible outcomes from the research when rolled out in the community.

Ageing Well National Science Challenge

Vision: To add life to years for all older New Zealanders

Mission: To push back disability thresholds to enable all New Zealanders to reach their full potential through the life course with particular reference to the latter years of life

Communications, Social Media and Website

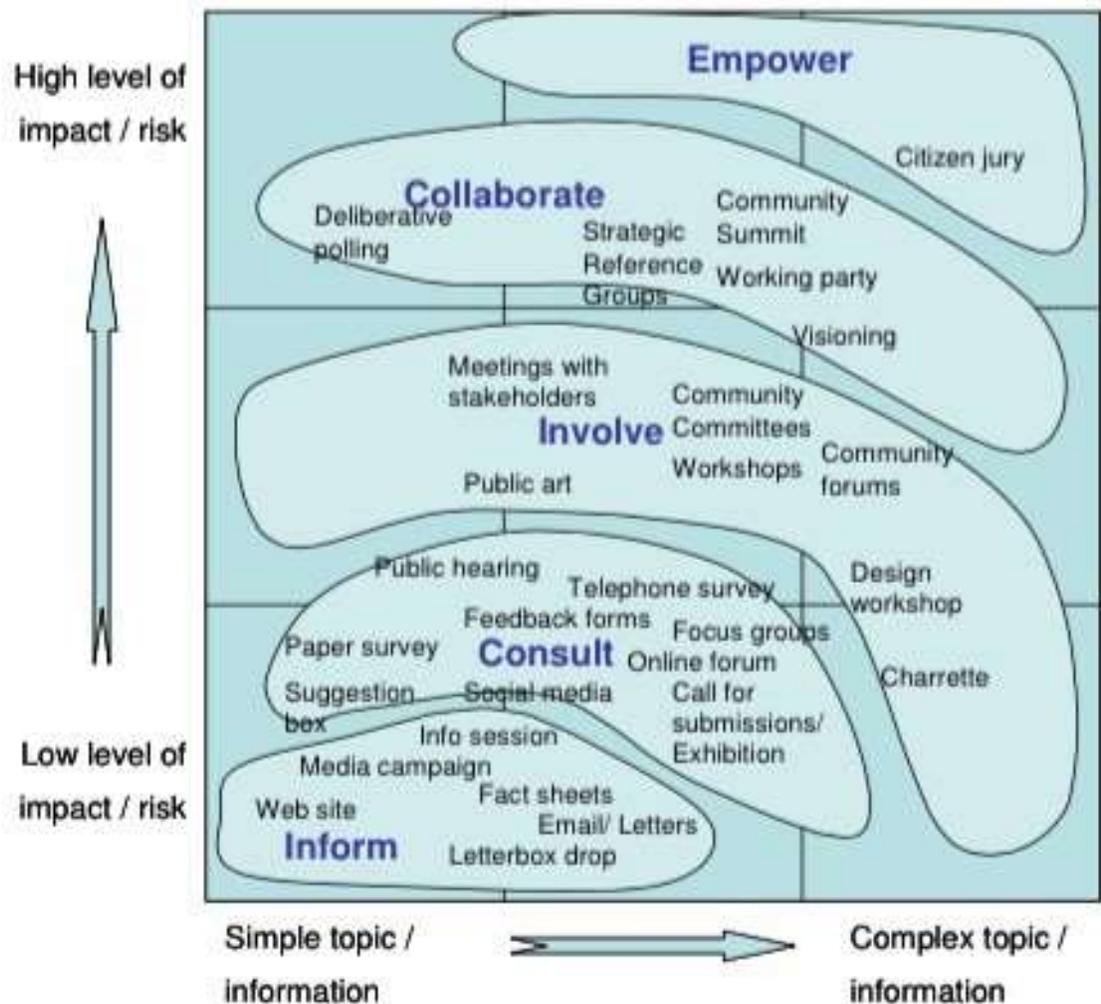


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The diagram below demonstrates graphically where different methods and tools may sit on the spectrum taking into account the level of impact/ risk and the complexity of the topic or issue.



Adapted from Les Robinson 2002



Ageing Well Research Strand 5: Enhance age friendly environments: Life When Renting

FOCUS: Enabling older people's independence, active lives & participation in the face of structural population ageing and housing tenure changes (ownership to renting).

MULTI-METHOD RESEARCH: Working with older people and communities to explore the impacts of tenure on older people and community well-being.

Case studies (six): talking circles, focus groups and scenario-building activities with older renters and non-renters, family and friends; service providers across housing, health, social, retail, legal, financial, recreational and spiritual services

'Learning to Adapt': brings key stakeholders, including older people themselves, together using foresight research techniques and charrettes. Allows researchers and stakeholders to reflect on emerging findings from research: explore alternative development paths; generate consensus; develop tools, models and best practice for service delivery.



Life When Renting: Research impacts

- *A planning platform* for housing, health and service response for local and central government, housing providers and DHBs
- *Tools* for health, social support, housing and financial service providers to assess current services, practices, and procedures regarding the needs of older renters.
- So ... close engagement with stakeholders (engaging affected older people, building end-user alliances) throughout research process critical to Challenge aims:
 - Increase likelihood of outcomes achieving their aims when they are rolled out in the community
 - Foster end-user ownership in the programme's overall success



Leading the way

- Tauranga/Western BoP: active collaborators, innovators:
 - an example of how private, local government and community sectors can both contribute to, and leverage from, NSCs
 - a model of local council, DHB and regional council innovation in sub-region planning.
- Tauranga/Western BoP shows:
 - how quickly demographic and other conditions change
 - future thinking assisted by relevant, solutions-oriented research is critical to ageing well, not just for individuals but for communities and local economies.