



Health Impact Assessment
Support Unit



Progress of the Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (HIASU)


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Overview

1. Overview of HIASU establishment and key milestones, including PHAC recommendations
2. Regional and local development of HIA in New Zealand
3. Opportunities for HIA at central government
4. Future work and discussion



1. Establishment of the
Health Impact Assessment
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Role of the HIASU

AIMS

- To contribute to improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities in New Zealand
- To embed HIA into public policy development processes to support better and more informed decision making

OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness
- Building partnerships
- Provide technical advice and support
- Build an evidence base
- Create capacity

Facts and Figures about the HIASU

- Established in August 2007
- HIASU within the Office of the Director of Public Health, Health and Disability Systems Strategy Directorate, Ministry of Health
- Project funding through Mission On
- Operational baseline funding through Ministry of Health
- Strategic framework and annual workplan established

Progress on PHAC recommendations 2006 (1)

AREA	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS	PROGRESS
Legislation	HIA provisions in the Public Health Bill	In progress	Public Health Bill at 2 nd reading stage
Cabinet Office guidance	Development of Cabinet Office guidance	Early progress	Flagged in August 2008 HIASU Cabinet paper
Ministry of Health	HIA used in policy and decision-making processes	Early progress	Queries to HIASU from Ministry policy teams about HIA
	Development of template for responding to agencies	Early progress	Agreement to develop template
Policy development process	HIA included in MOH policy development toolkit	Completed	HIA and WOHIA in MOH Policy Toolkit Pilot MOH HIA training in 2008/09
	HIA included in other policy development toolkits	Completed	HIA in SSC toolkit
	HIA in transport agency work	In progress	HIASU focus for 2008/09
	HIA guidance with MfE on HIA and Resource Management Act	Limited progress	Central Plains HIA case study on RMA

Progress on PHAC recommendations 2006 (2)

AREA	RECOMMENDATION	STATUS	PROGRESS
State sector co-ordinating agencies	Oversight and health and wellbeing in government policies	Limited progress	SSC, OAG and Treasury supported HIASU Cabinet Paper in August 2008
Other forms of impact assessment	Integration of health into other forms of impact assessment	Early progress	HIASU to co-fund an IAIA workshop on HIA/SIA integration Tamaki Transformation Programme case study may include integrated HIA/SIA/EIA
	Better integration of HIA into RMA processes	Early progress	Central Plains Water HIA raised future issues for consideration
Local government	Statutory recognition of HIA	In progress	Public Health Bill enables local government to undertake HIA
	HIA funding and support available to local government	Ongoing	Meeting with LGNZ Potential HIAs led by local government or co-funded by local government



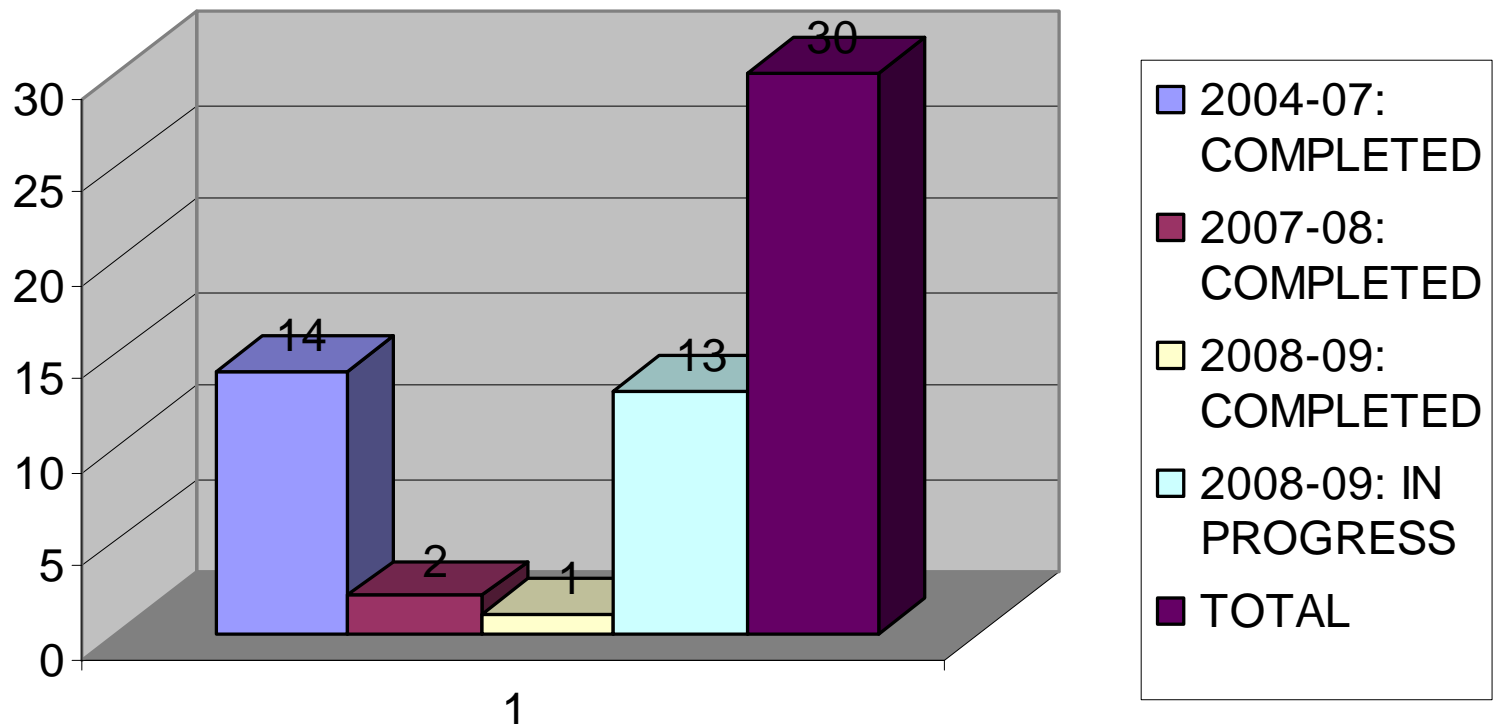
2. Regional and local development of HIA in New Zealand

Counting the HIA Activity

- Baseline: March 2004 - July 2007 (HIAs reported by PHAC and other HIAs reported since)
- HIASU Year 1 – Completed: HIAs completed during August 2007 – June 2008
- HIASU Year 2 – Completed: HIAs completed during July 2008 – October 2008
- HIASU Year 2 – In Progress: HIAs currently in progress July 2008 – June 2009
- 2 Whanau Ora HIAs completed to date (one published, one not publicly released) included in the count
- Excludes HIA training activities and HIA evaluations

Progress in Building the Evidence Base for HIA (n=30)

Number of HIAs completed or in progress 2004-2008 (n=30)



Development of HIA across the country (n=30)

	Baseline (2004- 2007): Completed	HIASU Year 1 (2007/08): Completed	HIASU Year 2 (2008/09): Completed	HIASU Year 2 (2008/09): In Progress	TOTAL	<i>In Discussion with HIASU</i>
Northland	3				3	
Auckland	3			2	5	2
Waikato				1	1	
Bay of Plenty				1*	1	1
Tairāwhiti				1*	1	
Hawke's Bay				4*	4	
Wairarapa				2*	2	
Taranaki			1		1	
Wellington	1	1			2	
Nelson Marlborough	3				3	
Christchurch	1	1*		1*	3	1
Dunedin and Southland				1*	1	
National	3				3	3

* Financially supported by the HIASU

HIA and Public Health Action

Making Healthy Choices, Easier Choices



Determinants of Health and Completed or In Progress HIA Activity (n=30)

Determinants of Health	Baseline (2004-2007): Completed	HIASU Year 1 (2007/08): Completed	HIASU Year 2 (2008/09): Completed	HIASU Year 2 (2008/09): In Progress	TOTAL
Urban planning and growth	6	1		5	12
Water	3	1		1	5
Transport	3			1	4
Health services			1	1	2
Waste management				1	1
Alcohol				1	1
Education				1	1
Housing				1	1
Electricity supply and demand	1				1
Vandalism				1	1
Gambling	1				1

Urban Planning and Growth Completed or In Progress HIA Activity (n=12)

	Baseline (2004-2007): Completed	HIASU Year 1 (2007/08): Completed	HIASU Year 2 (2008/09: In Progress	TOTAL
Northland	Kerikei-Waipapa Draft Structure Plan Juken Nissho HIA			2
Auckland	Avondale Liveable Communities Plan Mangere Let's Beat Diabetes HIA		McLennan housing redevelopment Ranui urban redevelopment	4
Bay of Plenty			Age Friendly Communities Strategy	1
Tairāwhiti			Gisborne Urban Development Strategy	1
Hawke's Bay			Flaxmere town centre development	1
Wellington		Wellington Draft Regional Policy Statement		1
Nelson Marlborough	HIA desktop submission on Nelson urban growth strategy			1
Christchurch	Christchurch Urban Development Strategy			1

Building the Evidence Base for HIA in New Zealand

HIA activity funded through:

- existing or reprioritised resources in DHBs and public health units
- funding through the HIASU Learning by Doing Funds

Emerging trend in:

- co-funded arrangements with DHBs/PHUs, local government and HIASU

Establishment of the HIASU Learning by Doing Fund

- Increasing awareness of HIA through training but new HIA practitioners can lack confidence in using the HIA tools
- Learning by Doing Fund establish to build capacity in DHBs and public health units in a sustainable approach
- 2007/08 funding round: \$266,000
- 2008/09 funding round: \$276,539
- Other HIASU funds available during the year with Learning by Doing criteria applied
- Majority of HIA case studies funded by the HIASU between \$30,000-\$40,000

Whanau Ora HIA Tool

- Developed by the Ministry of Health in 2007
- Te Kete Hauora contracted out the development and delivery of a Whanau Ora HIA training package across the country
- 10 half day WOHIA advocacy sessions and 5 two day training sessions delivered across the country between April and September 2008
- HIASU co-funded the WOHIA training sessions
- HIASU Learning by Doing fund open HIAs using the WOHIA and the PHAC tools
- 2 WOHIAAs completed to date

HIA Practitioners Workshop

- Inaugural HIASU practitioners workshop held in June 2008
- Aim to enhance intersectoral collaboration and build capacity and an evidence base on HIA in New Zealand
- Hearing and learning from those 'at the coalface' was the main element of the workshop
- Possible 2nd workshop in March 2009

3. Opportunities for HIA at central government

Embedding HIA at Central Government

- Presentations to various central government forums
- Approaching various government departments – interest in HIA but limited traction
- Agreement from Minister of Health to report back to the Cabinet Policy Committee on the work of HIASU in August 2008
- Opportunity for case studies in Year 2 targeting specific topic and natural partner agencies e.g. transport agencies

Central Government Case Study 1: **Transport and Health**

- New Zealand Transport Agency requested Ministry of Health representation on:
 - review of the national funding allocation project
 - review of the NZ Transport Strategy implementation project
 - better communication, working together and shared language
- HIA is already included in the 2008/09 work plan of the Ministry of Transport
- Internal Ministry of Health transport and health interest group established by HIASU in August 2008
- HIASU contributing to project costs on PhD at the School of Population Health on health effects and the trip to work

Central Government Case Study 1: **Transport and HIA research project**

- NZTA funded Quigley and Watts Ltd and Martin Ward for a research project on HIA in transport decision-making
- Co-funding provided by the HIASU
- Aims of the research project:
 - Evaluate the role of land transport planning to date in New Zealand and explore barriers to HIA use
 - Understand the best point for HIA application within the New Zealand transport sector
 - Produce recommendations for better integration of HIA with other development processes in a land transport context.

Central Government Case Study 2: **Major Sporting Events/ Rugby World Cup**

- HIAs used internationally for planning of major sporting events e.g. London and Sydney Olympics
- Ministry of Economic Development leading government coordination work on major events, including Rugby World Cup 2011
- MED interested in HIA as a tool to promote a whole of government approach to major events
- Scoping workshop led by HIASU planned for late 2008 on potential health impacts and opportunities for major sporting events

Central Government Case Study 3: **Urban Regeneration/Tamaki Transformation Programme**

- Cross-government approach to urban regeneration in Auckland
- Support from Housing New Zealand Corporation for health issues and HIA
- Potential opportunities for HIASU involvement:
 - social impact assessment (monitoring)
 - integrated environmental, social, health impact assessment for proposed Tamaki masterplan

4. Future work and discussion

Evaluation of HIASU work

- To be done within the Mission-On framework using the logic model
- Planning workshop held on 15 October 2008
- Evaluation of HIASU to be carried out Oct - Dec.2009
- Focus will be on qualitative interviews of key informants & a review of key documents

Promoting Better Evaluation of HIAs

- Least developed area of HIA methodology
- Discussion paper produced with recommendations on how to strengthen this area of work
- Seconded to the HIASU for 2008/09 focusing on HIA evaluation
- As a minimum quality standard we will encourage the production of HIA case studies

3rd Asia and Pacific Regional HIA Conference 2010

- 1st conference Sydney 2007, 2nd conference in Thailand 2008
- Proposal for 3rd conference in NZ February 2010
 - Decision pending from the Ministry of Health on agreement in principle to hold the conference
 - Potential for Health in all Policies theme
 - HIA training available before the conference
 - Show casing work of HIASU, Learning by Doing fund and Whanau Ora HIA tool
 - Building Pacific regional capacity for HIA