

The Ōrākei Local Board (the Board) supports the Auckland Council submission on the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill.

The Board supports the overarching objective of Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities 'to contribute to sustainable, inclusive, and thriving communities that -

- a. provide people with good quality, affordable housing choices that meet diverse needs; and
- b. support good access to jobs, amenities, and services; and
- c. otherwise sustain or enhance the overall economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of current and future generations.'

The Board opposes any government entity to have the ability to over-ride existing local government regulations, plans and strategies that have been adopted following community consultation.

The Board notes its concern at the significant overlaps in function between the new entity and local government.

The Board notes its concern of the use of a second Bill to set Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities powers.

The Board opposes the lack of recognition of local government and supports the inclusion of an operating principle relating to how Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities will partner with local authorities within the areas it is operating, including explicit requirements for Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities to engage with local government.

The Board supports an explicit provision establishing any development by or on behalf of Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, is liable for development contributions. Decisions regarding potential operational infrastructure and amenities will have significant ongoing costs to local government and impact on wider infrastructure networks.

The Board supports an explicit provision that any major operational infrastructure decisions in Auckland are subject to ratification by the Governing Body of Auckland Council.