

Feedback on:

The Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land

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For clarifications and questions, please contact:

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Context

1. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Ministry for the Environment have released a discussion document on national direction for protecting Highly Productive Land, including proposed wording for a National Policy Statement (NPS).
2. The need for the national direction has arisen from concerns over the loss of New Zealand's elite soils through urban encroachment and rural lifestyle development.
3. The Proposed NPS will direct councils to protect Highly Productive Land from inappropriate subdivision, use and development and maintain their availability for primary production. Highly Productive Land will need to be defined by councils for their regions. In the interim, the NPS will use the Land Use Classification (LUC) system classes 1-3 as a 'placeholder' for Highly Productive Land. A map of the Auckland region showing the areas of 'Elite' and 'Prime' land as defined by the Unitary Plan (Land Use Capability classes 1-3)
4. The proposed wording of the NPS states that Highly Productive Land does not include existing urban areas or areas zoned Future Urban in a District Plan. This means that for Auckland, the next 30 years of planned urban expansion (into the Future Urban zone) is not impacted by this NPS.
5. At the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's 27 August 2019 business meeting, it delegated authority to Chairperson, Chris Makoare and Deputy Chairperson, Debbie Burrows to input into Auckland Council's submission on the Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land (resolution: MT/2019/134).
6. Local board feedback is due on 12 September 2019.

Relevance to the local board

7. Local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance.
8. Every three years local boards set their strategic direction through a local board plan. The proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land has relevance to the following outcomes and objectives the 2017 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

Outcomes	Objectives
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is a community that cares about its environment	Demonstrate environmental leadership and support community sustainability initiatives.
	Clean, beautiful waters and waterside areas.

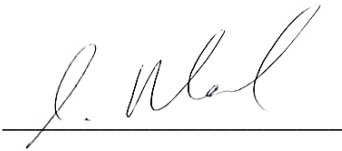
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to be**

Our businesses, town centres and industry flourish and
provide high quality jobs.

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board feedback on the Ministry for Primary Industries and the
Ministry for the Environment proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land:**

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board provides the following input:

- a) note that the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area is homes to five volcanic cones covering the local board area in fertile soil, that was historically used to grow fresh produce
- b) note that the Unitary Plan does not identify any highly productive land identified in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area
- c) endorse in principle the national direction on highly productive land as it will strengthen local governments ability to protect highly productive land from inappropriate use and development.



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Chair
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