

Feedback on:

Central Governments proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development

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For clarifications and questions, please contact:

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Context

1. Central Government has released a discussion document on the Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS UD).
2. This will replace the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016 (NPS UDC).
3. The NPS UD broadens the focus of the NPS UDC 2016 beyond urban development capacity, to include other matters that contribute to well-functioning urban environments. It will build on many of the existing requirements to provide greater development capacity but will broaden its focus and add significant new content.
4. The NPS UD is part of a package that will work with other initiatives from central government including a National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land and Essential Freshwater.
5. At the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's 27 August 2019 business meeting, it delegated authority to Chairperson, Chris Makoare and Deputy Chair, 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. Due to the coordinated nature between the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the Essential Freshwater package, the delegation for the Chair and Deputy Chair to provide local board feedback has been extended to enable the local board to input into the Auckland Council submission.
7. The due date for submissions to Central Government is 10 October 2019. On 19 September 2019 there will be a workshop with the Planning Committee and Local Board Chairs to discuss the three national directions that have been proposed (NPS on Highly Productive Land, Urban Development and Fresh Water). Following this the draft Auckland Council submission will be signed off by delegated councillors (GB/2019/75). To meet these timeframes local board feedback is due by 24 September 2019.

Relevance to the Local board

8. 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.
9. Every three years local boards set their strategic direction through a local board plan. Central Governments proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development has relevance to the following outcomes and objectives in the 2017 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

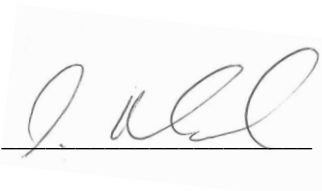
Outcomes	Objectives
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is an active and engaged community	Our young people are engaged in the community and have access to a wide range of opportunities.
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is a community that cares about its environment	Demonstrate environmental leadership and support community sustainability initiatives. Clean, beautiful waters and waterside areas.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is the place to be	Our businesses, town centres and industry flourish and provide high quality jobs.
	New developments are high-quality and reflect the flavour and character of our area.
	Our suburbs and town centres are sought-after destinations to live, work and play.
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki has quality infrastructure to match growth	Safe and improved community facilities.
	Good-quality open spaces.
	Better transport connections and improved transport infrastructure.
	Other infrastructure needs.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board feedback on Central Governments proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development:

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board provides the following input:

- a) note that the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area has a large number of urban development planned and currently in progress. This is highlighted in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan that seeks to achieve a quality urban environment that attracts people from all over Auckland and beyond to live, do business and play
- b) endorse the direction and intent of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development to help create development capacity for housing
- c) recommend ensuring that making room for growth includes sufficient open space based on population density, to create healthy and quality urban environments for our communities
- d) recommend that the national policy statement should be a descriptive approach, providing guidance on development capacity for housing rather than directly prescribing how this should be done. Noting that this will retain local governments ability to undertake local decision making relevant to its local context
- e) recommend that central government:
 - i) ensure local government has capacity to deliver on additional requirements if prescribed
 - ii) consider new funding options to support the infrastructure required to support housing development in Auckland.



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