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Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office
Venue: 1-7 The Strand
Takapuna

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Local Board input into Council's submission on Making it easier to build granny flats (MBIE)

File No.: CP2024/10193

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To provide local board input for inclusion in Auckland Council's submission on Making it easier to build granny flats (MBIE).

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry for the Environment are seeking feedback on options to make it easier to build small, self-contained and detached houses, commonly known as 'granny flats' on property with an existing home on it. They are also exploring options to allow granny flats up to 60 square metres in size to be built without the requirement for building or resource consent, as long as it meets specific criteria.
3. The criteria granny flats must meet under the proposed exemption will form the checks and balances required to ensure they meet building performance and quality requirements, and appropriately manage environmental effects. Finding balance between speed, safety, and risk to ensure New Zealanders have safe, healthy and durable homes, as built as quickly as possible, is important. This is why the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry for the Environment want to understand all perspectives on potential costs, benefits and risks for the criteria that is being proposed.
4. The Government has committed to amend the Building Act and the resource consent system to make it easier to build granny flats or other small structures up to 60 square metres, requiring only an engineer's report.
5. The consultation looks at two key pieces of legislation that set out the rules for residential building, the Building Act (2004) and the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
6. The consultation material can be found [here](#).
7. The Members' briefing will be held on 15 July 2024 and the Planning, Environment and Parks Committee will be held on 25 July 2024. The draft submission will be circulated on 26 July 2024.
8. Formal feedback from local boards needs to be received by 19 July 2024 to be considered for incorporation into the Auckland Council submission, or by 5 August 2024 to be appended to the submission.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) provide feedback for inclusion in Auckland Council's submission on making it easier to build granny flats.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

**Ngā kaihaina
Signatories**

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Attachment A