



**Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga**  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

# Draft Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development 2025

## Consultation Questionnaire

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# Introduction

## What is the Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD)?

The Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD) states the government's overall direction and priorities for housing and urban development. It informs and guides the decisions and actions of agencies involved in housing and urban development and sets out how government and others will work together to make this happen, and shape future government policy, investment and programmes of work. The first GPS-HUD was published in 2021.

### GPS-HUD review

The Ministers of Housing and Finance are required to review the GPS-HUD every three years. Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) leads the review.

In section 24 of the Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities Act 2019, it says:

#### 24. Preparation or review of GPS

When preparing or reviewing a GPS, the Ministers must–

- a. be satisfied that the GPS promotes a housing and urban development system that contributes to the current and future well-being of New Zealanders; and
- b. consult Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities and persons, and representative group of persons, who have an interest in housing and urban development in New Zealand.

[See section 24 of the Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities Act 2019](#)

The proposed draft GPS-HUD includes the Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation (MAIHI) approach. This was done to strengthen and provide greater protection and government accountability for the MAIHI approach, make the system strategic approach clearer, more coherent and easier to manage, and more clearly show the relationship between Māori housing initiatives and government priorities.

## Providing feedback on the proposed GPS-HUD

We want your feedback on how well the proposed draft GPS-HUD 2025 presents a multi-decade system strategy for housing and urban development, and places current work programmes in the context of what needs to be done to achieve the desired outcomes.

We recommend that you read the draft GPS-HUD before you complete the survey: [Draft GPS-HUD 2025](#).

You may also wish to refer to the previous GPS-HUD 2021 to see changes made: [GPS-HUD 2021](#).

Once you are ready to provide your feedback, you can make a submission via this online survey: [Consultation Form](#).

Alternatively, you can fill out a copy of this document and send us your submission by email to [hud\\_gps@hud.govt.nz](mailto:hud_gps@hud.govt.nz).

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## Overview of the GPS-HUD 2025

The GPS-HUD sets out the government's long-term direction for housing and urban development, alongside five priority actions aimed at establishing the foundations of a more adaptive, responsive system that enables growth while supporting those in greatest need.

The priorities include supporting housing growth, reforming the resource management system, resetting investment to better support those most in need, improving efficiency and competition in building and construction, and strengthening rental markets.

The updated GPS-HUD reflects the current government's priorities and is intended to guide the housing and urban development system towards more equitable and effective outcomes.

For the first time, the GPS-HUD will incorporate the MAIHI (Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation) approach, recognising that Māori housing solutions are integral to the broader housing system.

## Changes made to the GPS-HUD during our review

The strategic framework for the GPS-HUD 2025 has been updated from GPS-HUD 2021 to incorporate and highlight five key government housing and urban development priorities. Other adjustments have been made to reflect the current context.

Roles and expectations of key government agencies have been integrated into each priority.

The 'focus areas' from the GPS-HUD 2021 are no longer their own category. While not all of these are highlighted in the government priorities directly, we expect that all of them will be impacted over time by this work. For example, addressing housing supply and housing need will have flow-on effects on housing quality and homelessness.

Changes have also been made to streamline and shorten the document to make it more readable and accessible.

We are looking for your feedback on these changes.

## **The future we want to see – outcomes**

The GPS-HUD 2021 has four outcomes for the housing and urban development system to help achieve its vision. The outcomes for housing and urban development are long term, so the outcomes outlined in the GPS-HUD 2021 have been largely retained in the GPS-HUD 2025. There have been some updates to the wording for the current context.

See page 7-8 of the consultation document.

## Outcome: an adaptive and responsive system

The label of this outcome statement is unchanged, but the description has been updated for the current context (see page 7).

We've done this to show how this outcome applies across all facets of the system including urban development, housing supply and social housing.

### Proposed GPS-HUD 2025 text

A housing and urban development system that is integrated, self-adjusting and delivers in response to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Land, infrastructure, development and construction markets that are responsive to demand, well-planned and well-regulated.

Place-based investment, with central and local government working with partners in places to identify and deliver the best mix of public and private initiatives and services.

Decision-making supported by excellent evidence and data.

### Questions

Do you think this outcome statement adequately describes what an adaptive and responsive system looks like?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[If no] How can we better describe what an adaptive and responsive system looks like?
[Enter your answer here]

## Outcome: stable, affordable, healthy homes

The label of this outcome has changed from 'Wellbeing through housing' to 'stable, affordable, healthy homes' (see page 7).

The descriptive text has been updated to fit the current context, while being more specific about the outcomes we want to see.

### Proposed GPS-HUD 2025 text

Housing that is affordable and has stability of tenure, whether it's rented or owned.

People able to choose where they live and what type of home they live in.

People with enough money left over after housing costs for other things they need.

The quality, accessibility, size and features of homes support people and families to be healthy and productive.

People in greatest housing need get the support they need, and homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring.

### Questions

Do you think this outcome statement adequately describes what stable, affordable, healthy homes look like?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[If no] How can we better describe what stable, affordable, healthy homes look like?
[Enter your answer here]

## Outcome: Māori housing through partnership

The label of this outcome statement is unchanged, but the descriptive text has been updated for the current context (see page 7).

### Proposed GPS-HUD 2025 text

Māori and the Crown working together in partnership to ensure all whānau have stable, affordable, healthy homes.

Māori housing solutions led by Māori and delivered locally, with Māori able to utilise their own assets and whenua.

Active Māori participation in the system through partnership with the Crown to invest in and support housing solutions.

### Questions

Do you think this outcome statement adequately describes what Māori housing through partnership looks like?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[If no] How can we better describe what Māori housing through partnership looks like?
[Enter your answer here]



## Outcome: thriving and resilient communities

The label of this outcome statement is unchanged, but the descriptive text has been streamlined and updated for the current context. (see page 8)

### Proposed GPS-HUD 2025 text

Development aimed at creating towns and cities that have abundant housing and well-functioning physical and community infrastructure.

Transport that gets people where they need to go quickly and efficiently.

Towns and cities that are resilient to natural hazards, help reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate.

Communities that drive economic growth and support businesses to grow.

### Questions

Do you think this outcome statement adequately describes what thriving and resilient communities look like?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[If no] How can we better describe what thriving and resilient communities look like?
[Enter your answer here]

## Government priorities

The Government's five housing and urban development priorities provide a basis for action to set the conditions that will enable housing growth, enable the market to achieve housing and development outcomes, and meet the needs of the most vulnerable people. They are:

- Going for Housing Growth
- reforming the resource management system
- resetting investment to help those most in need
- improving efficiency and competition in building and construction
- improving rental markets.

Each priority has a set of objectives and achievable initiatives designed to accelerate progress towards the long-term GPS-HUD outcomes.

Under the heading for each priority is a table that shows how the priority contributes to the GPS-HUD outcomes. For example, Going for Housing Growth contributes to the outcomes adaptive and responsive system, stable, affordable and healthy homes, and thriving and resilient communities.

We are seeking your feedback on whether the GPS clearly shows how each priority contributes to the outcomes.

See pages 9–21

### Questions

Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe how these Government priorities contribute to the long-term outcomes:

Going for Housing Growth?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
Reforming the resource management system?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
Resetting investment to help those most in need?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
Improving efficiency and competition in building and construction?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
Improving rental markets?

Yes / No / Unsure / No preference

How could the GPS-HUD better describe how the Government priorities contribute to the long-term outcomes?

[Enter your answer here]

## Māori housing through partnership – the MAIHI approach

The MAIHI (Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation) approach was developed by Māori and the Crown. The MAIHI vision is that “all whānau have safe, healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure, across the Māori housing continuum”.

MAIHI aims to better position the system to deliver an equitable approach to housing. Tailored Māori housing solutions are delivered alongside the wider housing and urban development efforts being undertaken across the country.

MAIHI breaks the actions needed to address Māori housing challenges into six key priority areas:

- Māori-Crown partnerships
- Māori-led local solutions
- Māori housing supply
- Māori housing support
- Māori housing system
- Māori housing sustainability.

These MAIHI priorities are set out in the consultation document, together with current Government actions to improve housing outcomes for Māori.

See pages 22–24

### Questions

Does the GPS-HUD sufficiently incorporate the MAIHI priorities?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[If no] How could the MAIHI priorities be better incorporated in the GPS?
Does the GPS-HUD clearly link current Government actions to improve Māori housing outcomes and the MAIHI priorities?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could the GPS-HUD more clearly link the current Government actions to improve Māori housing outcomes and the MAIHI priorities?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly reflect Māori housing interests and aspirations?

Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could the GPS-HUD better reflect Māori housing interests and aspirations?
[Enter your answer here]

## Working together to deliver change

Government plays a key role in housing and urban development, by supporting private and community sectors, and delivering change itself where there are gaps others in the system cannot fill.

The GPS-HUD includes a description of the roles of government agencies, including the Ministry and Kāinga Ora, and how they are expected to contribute to the achievement of housing and urban development outcomes. The GPS-HUD also describes the roles of players outside government who government needs to partner and collaborate with to help achieve outcomes for the system.

See pages 25-27

### Questions

Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe the role of government in the housing and urban development system?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could this be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe the role of HUD in the housing and urban development system?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could this be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe the role of Kāinga Ora in the housing and urban development system?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could this be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe how the Government expects Kāinga Ora to manage its functions and operations to meet the government's directions and priorities?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference

[if no] How could this be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe how Māori and iwi are involved in the housing and urban development system?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could this be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]
Does the GPS-HUD clearly describe who government needs to partner and collaborate with to deliver on its priorities?
Yes / No / Unsure / No preference
[if no] How could they be more clearly described?
[Enter your answer here]

## About the GPS-HUD as a whole

The GPS-HUD has been revised to reflect key changes in government's focus and approach.

Changes have also been made to streamline and shorten the document to improve readability.

### Questions

Do you have any other comments, suggestions or changes for the GPS-HUD?
[Enter your answer here]

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### Questions

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Iwi/Māori / Central government / Local government / Private sector / CHP / Social sector / Advocacy group / Academic / Other
[if organisation] What region(s) does your organisation cover? (multichoice)



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[if organisation] What is your organisation, group or rūpū name?
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Ngā mihi nui!

Thank you for your submission!