



## **Housing and Urban Development Authority Factsheet**

### **Planning and consenting powers for specified development projects**

The Housing and Urban Development Authority (the Authority) will have access to planning and consenting powers for specified development projects. Having these powers is an essential part of the Authority's ability to plan and deliver at scale and pace while encouraging innovation. The Authority's aim is to work in partnership with councils to create sustainable communities with well-integrated housing, commercial buildings, infrastructure, transport links, open spaces and supporting facilities (such as schools and libraries).

#### **What planning and consenting powers will the Authority have?**

The Authority will be able to:

- produce a development plan for each specified development project that outlines how the development will be undertaken and sets out resource management planning rules
- override, add to, or suspend land use rules in the district plan, regional plan and regional policy statement
- issue resource consents
- remove, change or replace designations for infrastructure
- put in place designations for infrastructure
- act as a heritage protection authority.

#### **What can and can't the Authority override?**

The Authority will have the power to override, add to, or suspend provisions in existing resource management plans and policy statements in a project area. These provisions will only apply for the duration of the specified development project.

The Authority cannot override:

- planning provisions that uphold Treaty of Waitangi settlements
- planning provisions for protecting historic heritage in a way that would make them more permissive.

The development plan must be consistent with any requirements in national resource management documents (such as national policy statements, national environmental standards, national planning standards, and the New Zealand coastal policy statement)

Provisions in existing planning documents in a project area that have been not overridden, added to, or suspended remain in force.

#### **Will the Authority be able to issue resource consents?**

The Authority will be able issue resource consents, and undertake the compliance, monitoring and enforcement of those consents. The streamlined consenting processes have shortened timeframes for processing consent applications and truncated appeal rights (points of law appeals to the High Court only).

Regional councils will remain as consent authorities for regional consents within the project area.

### **Can The Authority change designations?**

Designations are used to provide land and corridors for building and delivering infrastructure.

The Authority will be able to alter, move, remove or replace existing infrastructure designations, and recommend new designations. It will not be able to change designations for nationally significant infrastructure.

### **What happens when a specified development project is finished?**

When a specified development project is complete, all planning and consenting functions will return to the relevant council.

### **For more information and updates on the Authority**

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