The Urban Development Bill

The Urban Development Bill will enable Kāinga Ora to transform our cities and towns by supporting the creation of thriving and inclusive communities that promote environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing.

To achieve this Kāinga Ora will be able to take a bespoke approach to complex and transformational urban development through a new streamlined process that brings together a toolkit of development powers and puts Māori, councils, developers and diverse communities at the heart of development.

A thriving town centre with the shops, community facilities, infrastructure and social services that the community wants and needs

It is important that communities are shaped by the vision of those living in them. Kāinga Ora will involve communities in developing the objectives of a project and shaping the project’s development plan. This will provide opportunities for the community to enhance what they love and get what they need.

A mixture of housing that meets the needs of the community

Different people have different housing needs. A thriving community needs housing of all sizes, tenures, and price points that has easy access to shops, employment opportunities, and transport. Kāinga Ora can override Resource Management plans and plan across the whole project area to ensure that land is used for the right purposes and types of buildings, including a mixture of public, affordable and market housing.

Access to better transport choices

People need to get to school, work and play and want options that fit their needs. Kāinga Ora will consider what transport connections are needed, including modes and routes for different people and purposes.

Improved water and transport infrastructure

Thriving communities need infrastructure in the right place that meets the needs of the community now and into the future. Kāinga Ora will be able to create and upgrade infrastructure and will be able to use a range of tools to fund infrastructure and development activities.

Access to green space that provides recreational opportunities and enriches the community experience

Communities need more than just housing. Having access to parks, reserves, rivers and other green spaces to play in and enjoy is important to communities. Kāinga Ora will be able to change and create reserves to provide for this need alongside the community spaces, infrastructure and facilities that are needed.

This diagram is illustrative of the kinds of benefits possible. For more information please visit the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development website.

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