

# The Government Policy Statement of Housing and Urban Development

The Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS) will communicate the Government's long-term vision for the housing and urban development system, building consensus on what New Zealand wants for the future and aligning the different players to ensure we get there.

## Why do we have one?

- The challenges New Zealand is facing with housing and urban development are complex and systemic. To improve outcomes for New Zealand we need the different players in the system to pull in the same direction – and that means spelling out where we are headed.

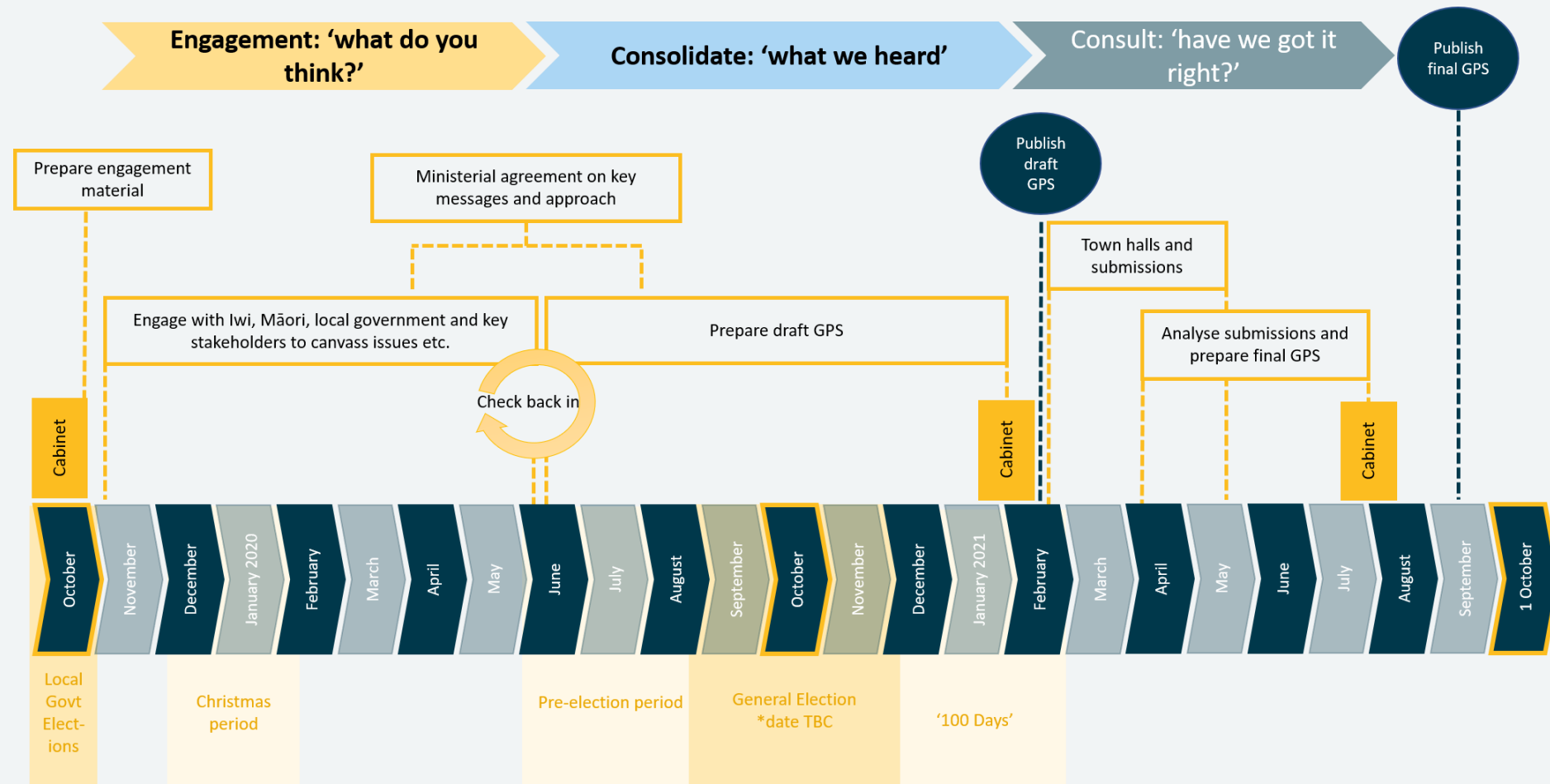
## What does it cover?

- An articulation of the long-term (wellbeing) outcomes sought for housing and urban development, and how the system should deliver them.
- The Government's priorities and work programme, and how this will support achieving the vision.
- Specific (binding) direction to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and broad (non-binding) expectations on other government agencies.
- Clear, consistent information about the Government's approach to support the decisions and investments of other actors in the system – e.g. iwi, local government, development sector.

## When will it be published?

- The inaugural statement needs to be published by October 2021. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development will be engaging with partners, stakeholders and the public at different stages beginning in late 2019.

## Timeline for delivering the GPS



## What outcomes will be achieved this term?

- We will engage with a range of partners and stakeholders (including iwi and Māori, and local government) to build an understanding of what they want for the future of housing and urban development, how the GPS can help deliver this, and discuss the themes and key content that the GPS could include. This will also help partners and stakeholders to understand the GPS and what it could mean for them, ensuring it is an effective, enduring strategy.
- This engagement may also uncover some issues or opportunities we could address in the short term, without waiting for the GPS to be published.

## What will occur next term?

- We will bring together the learnings that emerge from the pre-election engagement, previous research and the priorities for next term into a draft GPS to formally consult on.
- The final GPS will be published before October 2021.**