



Briefing

Draft Cabinet paper on Urban Growth Partnerships in Queenstown Lakes and Wellington-Horowhenua			
Date:	22 April 2021	Security level:	In Confidence
Priority:	Medium	Report number:	BRF20/21040929

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Megan Woods Minister of Housing	Agree to the actions sought in this briefing	

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Other agencies consulted
Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, Ministry for the Environment, the Department of Internal Affairs, Kāinga Ora, the Treasury, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Te Puni Kōkiri and Kiwi Rail

Minister's office to complete

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Purpose

1. This briefing asks you to review and approve the draft Cabinet paper on Urban Growth Partnerships in Queenstown Lakes and Wellington - Horowhenua for ministerial consultation from 26 April to 10 May 2021.

Recommended actions

2. It is recommended that you:
 1. **Note** the attached draft Cabinet Paper on Urban Growth Partnerships in Queenstown Lakes and Wellington – Horowhenua is planned to be taken to 19 May DEV Committee meeting
 2. **Note** the key decisions sought through this Cabinet paper are *Noted*
 - 2.1 The Crown formally joining the Whaiora Grow Well Partnership for the Queenstown Lakes area; and
 - 2.2 the Crown formally joining the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee for the Wellington-Horowhenua area; and
 - 2.3 endorsing the Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework as the draft joint spatial plan for the Wellington-Horowhenua area *Noted*
 3. **Agree** to review and approve the attached draft Cabinet paper for ministerial and departmental consultation from 26 April to 10 May 2021, with the intention of lodging it for presentation to the 19 May DEV Committee meeting. *Agree / Disagree*

Rebecca Maplesden
Manager, Places and Partnerships

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Hon Megan Woods, Minister of Housing
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Background

3. At the Urban Development Ministers Group meeting on 17 March 2021 it was requested a paper be prepared to present to Cabinet seeking approval for the Crown to formalise urban growth partnerships in the Queenstown Lakes and Wellington-Horowhenua.

Draft Cabinet paper

4. The attached draft Cabinet paper presents an opportunity to update Cabinet on the urban growth partnerships programme and associated joint spatial plans that have been advanced over the past 24 months.
5. Government officials have been working collaboratively with councils and mana whenua in both the Queenstown Lakes and Wellington-Horowhenua areas over the past 24 months to develop draft joint spatial plans. These plans establish a long-term framework for the development of an area, identifying how and where growth will be accommodated, and the enabling infrastructure needed.
6. The paper now seeks Cabinet approval for the Crown to formally join urban growth partnerships in the Queenstown Lakes and Wellington Horowhenua that will support the implementation of the joint spatial plans. This will involve Crown representation in the governance of the partnerships, and continued work by officials on progressing key initiatives that will implement the spatial plans.
7. The agreements to formally establish the partnerships are attached to the Cabinet Paper (Appendices B and C). These set out the details of governance arrangements, such the terms of reference of committees. The wording of the agreements have been approved by officials from the council and iwi partners.
8. The paper also seeks Cabinet endorsement of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework as the draft joint spatial plan for the Wellington-Horowhenua area. This plan sets out how the area can accommodate an additional 200,000 people and 100,000 jobs in a way that is well aligned with government priorities across housing, transport and emissions reduction. A summary of the framework is attached to the paper (Appendix D)
9. The draft spatial plan for the Queenstown lakes has been previously agreed by Cabinet in August 2020 (CAB-20-MIN-0375), and therefore endorsement by Cabinet is not sought in this paper.
10. Central government agencies that have been consulted on the draft paper (and changes incorporated where necessary) include Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, Ministry for the Environment, the Department of Internal Affairs, Kāinga Ora, the Treasury, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Te Puni Kōkiri and Kiwi Rail.

Next steps

11. We recommend the attached draft Cabinet paper (with any additional changes incorporated) be sent out for ministerial consultation from 26 April to 10 May, with the intention of lodging it to be presented at the 19 May DEV Committee meeting.

Annex A: Draft Cabinet paper: Urban Growth Partnerships in Queenstown Lakes and Wellington - Horowhenua