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**For:** Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing

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### Purpose of the Meeting

1. You have lodged a Cabinet Paper on *Urban Growth Partnerships in Queenstown Lakes and Wellington-Horowhenua*, to be considered by the Cabinet Economic Development (DEV) Committee on 2 June 2021.
2. This paper provides you with suggested talking points to address the DEV Committee on your Cabinet Paper.

### Background

3. The Cabinet paper seeks endorsement for three key items:
  - a. **The Crown joining the Whaiora Grow Well Partnership for the Queenstown Lakes** - endorsement is sought for you and Hon Minister Stuart Nash to sign the Terms of Reference and represent the Government on this partnership.
  - b. **The Crown joining the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee for the Wellington-Horowhenua region** - endorsement is also sought for you and Hon Minister Michael Wood to sign the Terms of Reference and represent the Government on this partnership.
  - c. **Government support of the draft joint spatial plan for the Wellington-Horowhenua region (subject to alignment with the UGA objectives)** - the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee will finalise the joint spatial plan following public engagement.

### Talking Points

#### Urban growth partnerships have been progressed as part of Urban Growth Agenda

4. I would like to take this 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. Urban growth partnerships have been progressed as part of the UGA to improve co-ordination and alignment between central and local government and mana whenua in New Zealand's high growth urban areas.
6. These partnerships aim to improve alignment and outcomes around housing, land use and infrastructure planning.

#### Established partnerships, joint spatial plans and work programmes

7. Partnerships have been successfully established in Auckland, the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor and Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty.

8. Cabinet has already agreed the strategic priorities of joint spatial plans for the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor, Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan area, Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty and Queenstown Lakes.

### **Partnerships help build spatial planning capability and inform investment decisions**

9. Work on the joint spatial plans is helping to build spatial planning capability across government agencies and councils. This improved capability will assist in successfully implementing the Resource Management Panel's recommendations around legislating regional spatial planning as well as meeting the National Policy Statement-Urban Development (NPS-UD 2020) requirements.
10. These place-based urban growth partnerships so far have allowed Government to make better investment decisions to help unlock housing and urban development opportunities (i.e., NZ Upgrade Programme, shovel ready projects and specific budget bids to support delivery of large-scale development). We are looking to leverage these partnerships through the programme path within the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund to ensure project bids are aligned with our strategic objectives.

### **Decisions**

11. Today I am seeking three key decisions:
  - a. Establishing two new partnerships for the Queenstown Lakes and Wellington–Horowhenua area; and
  - b. Agreement to the strategic priorities that underpin the Wellington Regional Growth Framework (joint spatial plan).

### **Endorsement for Crown to join Whaiora Grow Well Partnership (Queenstown Lakes)**

12. For the past 24 months, we have been working with the Queenstown Lakes District Council and Kāi Tahu to establish a long-term and sustainable approach to growth management as part of the UGA.
13. Following excellent engagement with local government, iwi leaders and community, we have now developed a draft joint spatial plan for the area. The plan promotes a consolidated approach to growth that will improve outcomes across housing affordability, mode-shift, economic development and tourism.
14. I now propose that we formalise the urban growth partnership with the Queenstown Lakes District Council and Kāi Tahu. I'm proposing that Hon Minister Stuart Nash and I represent the Crown on the partnership as it finalises the spatial plan and shifts focus towards delivery of a shared work programme.

### **Endorsement for Crown to join Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (Wellington-Horowhenua region)**

15. For the past 18 months, we have been working with 10 councils and seven iwi groups in the Wellington-Wairarapa-Horowhenua region to develop the region's first Growth Framework (joint spatial plan).
16. I now propose to formalise the urban growth partnership that will adopt the joint spatial plan and oversee its implementation. The partnership will be formally called the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (Joint Committee) and it is proposed that Hon Minister Michael Woods and I represent the Crown on this partnership.

### **Endorsement of Wellington Regional Growth Framework (draft joint spatial plan)**

17. The joint spatial plan for Wellington-Horowhenua focuses on coordination and integration of housing and infrastructure over the next 30-years. It sets out how the area can accommodate an additional 200,000 people and 100,000 jobs in a way that is well aligned with the

government's priorities across housing, infrastructure, including transport and emissions reduction.

18. All 10 councils and their seven mana whenua partners in the Wellington-Horowhenua region have already endorsed the draft plan.
19. Central to the draft spatial plan are common **strategic priorities** which give effect to the Government's UGA objectives. I propose the plan can be finalised by the Joint Committee after public engagement; however, it must remain consistent with the following strategic priorities which were approved by Cabinet in August 2020:
  - a. Identifying areas to be protected from urban development and spatial constraints on development (including hazards) and seeking to avoid or moderate any future urban development in relation to these;
  - b. Ensuring the impacts of climate change are considered and mitigated where possible;
  - c. Identifying strategic infrastructure corridors or sites that may be required over the long term;
  - d. Locating all future development at scale around a new or strengthened rapid and/or frequent public transport network;
  - e. Setting out a range of appropriate future growth opportunities through both urban intensification and expansion that are well-connected to public transport and active modes appropriate for the scale and location of development;
  - f. Supporting "well-functioning urban environments" as defined by the NPS-UD 2020; and
  - g. Providing sufficient capacity over the next 30 years to meet expected demand as defined in the NPS-UD 2020.