

Urban Growth Agenda - Progress update for DEV 23 October

Successful cities are important for New Zealand

We want our cities to provide affordability, mobility, good access and quality, while functioning within environmental constraints and responding to changes in demand.

Cabinet has previously agreed..

The main objective is..

to improve housing affordability, underpinned by affordable urban land

..supported by wider objectives to...

improve choices for the location and type of housing

improve access to employment, education and services

assist emission reductions and climate resilience

enable quality built environments, while avoiding unnecessary urban sprawl

To achieve this we need to shift our cities to...

...make room for growth by removing unnecessary restrictions to allow growth up and out

...better understand the true costs of growth and improve the tools to plan, fund and finance infrastructure

...invest in transport to drive more efficient and liveable urban form

Since March 2019 the UGA has...

The UGA is set to...

Infrastructure funding and financing

Enabling a more responsive supply of infrastructure

Developed an **alternative infrastructure funding and financing model**

Engaged with stakeholders on existing infrastructure funding tools to inform options analysis

s 18(d)

Progress options analysis and test early thinking about options with stakeholders

Urban planning

Removing constraints to quality intensification and expansion

Publicly consulted on the **National Policy Statement on Urban Development**

Have an independent **technical advisory panel peer review** submissions analysis, s32, cost benefit analysis, regulatory impact statement and recommendations on National Policy Statement on Urban Development before **final ministerial decisions**

Spatial planning and urban growth partnerships

Developing stronger partnerships between central and local government and mana whenua on spatial planning and growth management

Agreed the **Auckland Housing and Urban Growth Joint Programme** with Auckland Council and held the inaugural meeting

Established **New Zealand's first inter-regional growth partnership for the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor** (the first between the Crown, iwi and local authorities) and agreed a statement of **Shared Spatial Intent and a joint Housing and Urban Growth Programme**

Initiated the development of a **joint spatial plan with Queenstown Lakes District Council**

Agree an **approach to urban development in priority areas**, including s 9(2)(f)(iv) a delivery partner for Auckland Light Rail and a s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Have a **joint spatial plan and implementation programme** for the Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan area, and the River Communities, launch **new intercity passenger services** and complete business cases for sub-regional three waters and intercity connectivity initiatives.

Sign a new Terms of Reference with Queenstown Lakes District Council to **establish an urban growth partnership** and establish a joint spatial plan and investment plan

Explored Urban Growth partnership proposals for **Tauranga - Bay of Plenty, Wellington Region and Greater Christchurch**

Transport pricing

Using demand management tools to promote efficient use of infrastructure networks

Progressed work investigating congestion pricing leading to an update to the Minister of Transport and Mayor of Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Complete background material for the Congestion Question phase 2 report outlining potential network and social impacts, and implementation implications of congestion pricing options for Auckland

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Legislative reform

Ensuring the system's legislative settings support a more responsive approach to urban growth and development. Developing approaches to identify, measure and attribute the costs and benefits of growth

Progressed the **Spatial Planning Frameworks** project as part of the comprehensive review of the resource management system

Commissioned a **comprehensive report on the costs and benefits of urban development**

Include spatial planning in the Resource Management Review Panel's Issues and Options paper

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Ensured alignment between UGA pillars and with wider system reforms

Aligning the UGA with wider work programmes will help achieve the UGA objectives

For the UGA to have the impact needed, other opportunities and constraints on urban growth need to be considered, including:

- having institutions with the right incentives – across roles, accountabilities, and funding – to respond to urban growth and development
- the impact restrictive covenants can have on housing supply
- the government's role in catalysing development and shaping market expectations of more competitive land prices
- ensuring that the necessary tools are in place at the right times
- understanding the contribution that the built environment can have on emissions reduction.

Therefore, the UGA will feed in to the Government's wider reform programme, including:

- the comprehensive review of the resource management system
- Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities
- the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport
- the Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development
- local governance for community wellbeing
- the Building System Legislative Reform Programme'
- Three Waters Review
- Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Several of these work programmes have Cabinet milestones coming up over the next few months