

KĀINGA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

a plan to improve housing outcomes for Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau

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Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui o te tau e tū mai nei.

Thanks for participating and contributing to the *Kāinga strategic action plan* development, and welcome to the first in a series of updates on progress in 2019.

The Board responded to the call for an action plan at the Auckland Māori Housing Summit in April 2018 and have since facilitated the development of this plan guided by the following objectives drawn from the summit:

- To have an inclusive process to fast-track and complete the plan by December 2018
- To achieve **government endorsement** by the end of the year
- To create a meaningful action plan based on:
 - Strengthening outcomes for iwi
 - The concept of Kāinga and targeting **improved housing outcomes for whānau**.

Quick - The Board endorsed the plan in December 2018. The plan draws together the interests of iwi and hapū, whānau, marae, housing providers, and others to seed and promote alignment.

Government endorsement - The government responded firstly in November with announcements made at the National Māori Housing Conference which delivered on actions in the plan, and then in December with a letter to the Board outlining a response to every action relating to government.

Outcomes for Māori – We're actively working through the government response to (independently and with government) to shift thinking and action over and above these initial positions.

We are engaging directly and regularly with Māori including marae and talking with the community housing sector (both at sector level and with providers) who also deliver outcomes for Māori whānau, to continue building our collaboration for Māori - whānau - kāinga outcomes.

We are also working with Auckland Council and Panuku to affirm their support for relevant actions.

What's next? On-going activity with project stakeholders and action owners to maintain and build our community of interest through on-going communications, workshops for sharing, identifying and promoting new ideas, and public communications and events, including:

- A series of workshops on subject matter drawn from the action plan
- A second Auckland Māori Housing Summit (May, date to be confirmed)
- Participation in the Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) conference – *The Shift* 2019

Some key issues and questions we are thinking about as we progress the plan:

- Do we need a National Housing Strategy & how would it help deliver Māori outcomes?
- If there is such a thing as *the New Zealand Housing System*; what is it & is it working?
- How could an Auckland Māori Housing Commission work & what would its role be?
- What is Community Development regarding housing & what does it mean for Māori?
- How do we build secure tenure for vulnerable whānau?
- How do we reduce transitional housing demand & invest in more sustainable solutions?