

KĀINGA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

A plan to improve housing outcomes for Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau

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| Climate emergency – Tāmaki Makaurau

What is it?

On 11 June Auckland Council's Environment and Community Committee unanimously passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency in Tāmaki Makaurau:

"Auckland Council declares a climate emergency and commits to -

- continue to robustly and visibly incorporate climate change considerations, in practical terms, into council work programmes and decisions*
- continue to provide strong local government leadership in the face of climate change, including working with local and central government partners to ensure a collaborative response*
- continue to advocate strongly for greater central government leadership and action...*
- continue to increase the visibility of our climate change work*
- continue to lead by example in monitoring and reducing council's greenhouse gas emissions"*

Relationship to the Kāinga strategic action plan

Through the plan's dual lens this declaration raises issues around the sustainability of housing and kāinga for Aucklanders, and the way in which the declaration can pave the way for a new level of partnership between Māori and council in Tāmaki Makaurau.

In a more specific way, the Kāinga plan looks toward the urban intensification of Auckland not as negative outcome but as something Māori can and must have the opportunity to participate in. However Auckland's Unitary Plan, which Auckland Council controls, does not currently provide for inclusionary zoning – a key tool to support intensification and spread the cost of affordable housing.

At a large scale, intensification supports Auckland to reduce our carbon pollution and supports population level behaviour change away from high pollution transport.

A more detailed issues paper on this subject is available here: www.imsb.maori.nz

| Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities Bill

What is it?

The Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities Bill is a government bill introduced into parliament in May and now before the Environment Select Committee.

This bill once in force will create the Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities 'Kiwi-inc' urban development authority (UDA). The bill promises to merge relevant services and entities as a precursor to establishing a range of new powers, to be provided for in a separate bill.

Relationship to the Kāinga strategic action plan

There are many interesections between this bill and the Kāinga plan, including call for more stringent Treaty obligations on state service leaders, for co-governance in the future UDA, and for a robust mechanism to ensure future outcomes for whānau and iwi Māori.

There is an underlying expectation the bill would include a clear statement of Treaty obligations, and given the touch point on housing it is important the proposed Act elevates and delivers on our human rights obligations – the universal right to a reasonable house.

How did they match – how does the bill reflect Māori aspirations?

The bill falls short in regard to most of these links with the Kāinga strategic action plan, and a submission has been made to the select committee on those matters.

[The Board's submission will be made available at a later date.](#)

| Kāinga strategic action plan – project update

The Kāinga plan makes a commitment to considering the kaupapa of kāinga through the lens of Te Tiriti, and kāinga. The plan sets out six Key Targeted Directions:

1. [Reflecting Te Tiriti and expressing partnership with ngā iwi and hapū and with Māori](#) – Structures, systems, policies and outcomes that reflect and express Te Tiriti
2. [Whānau focused strategies, navigators and brokers promoting kāinga outcomes](#) – Services to support whānau, navigate systems and process, and access resources in accordance with kāinga
3. [End homelessness as a critical kāinga outcome](#) – Ending inequity in inadequate housing outcomes and Māori over-representation in homelessness, based on a Te Tiriti o Waitangi and human rights based approach to strategy and related approaches, and reflecting the principle of *kāinga*
4. [Skilled professionals with expertise in facilitating and achieving housing outcomes for Māori](#) – Supporting iwi and whānau and others through professional standards and a training curriculum relating to housing and housing outcomes for Māori
5. [Tailored housing and finance products meeting the needs of Māori whānau](#) – Shared equity, progressive ownership models resourced and fit for purpose for Māori
6. [More Auckland Council land and Crown land for kāinga opportunities](#) – Utilised for quality and accessible affordable housing in which whānau experiences of kāinga can be promoted

Since the summit in May key activities have included feeding back to attendees on outputs from the summit, making a submission on the Kāinga Ora Bill, and taking a moment to set new priorities for the second half of 2019. On the basis of the scale of impact and scanning for near and mid-term opportunities the following priorities consistently emerge (not ordered):

1. Leveraging and optimising [Associate Minister delegations](#) relating to housing
2. Seeding the development of a [National Housing Strategy](#)
3. [Inclusionary zoning](#) – inserting inclusionary zoning into the Auckland Unitary Plan
4. Home ownership for Māori – [tools, processes, options, products, relationships](#)
5. Tracking and creating opportunities to contribute to the [Government Policy Statement](#)
6. Continued engagement on [Ministry Māori Housing Unit work programme](#)
7. [Auckland Māori Housing Commission](#) and commissioner

These are a guide only for us and the plan overall remains a high priority across all kaupapa. As an outcome of this process we will be looking more carefully at actions that might be effectively led by others. The intention is to focus on real opportunities, while still progressing the plan as a whole.

[We welcome your feedback and comments on prioritisation: patai@imsb.maori.nz](mailto:patai@imsb.maori.nz)