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Tēnā koe Minister,

Relocation of the Rotorua Court House to support our Inner City Revitalisation

I am writing on behalf of Rotorua Lakes Council in regard to our Inner City Revitalisation project and planned redevelopment of the Rotorua District Court.

Our council is asking you consider our proposal to move the Rotorua Court House to a more suitable location within the inner city to support inner city revitalisation, and drive economic growth in Rotorua.

Along with achieving strategic outcomes, this proposal will give the Ministry of Justice the opportunity to build New Zealand's first wooden Court House through a partnership with Te Arawa Lakes Trust.

Please find attached a proposal memorandum outlining how an 'All-of-Government' approach achieves a number of strategic outcomes for both Central Government and Rotorua. I have discussed this proposal with Hon Stuart Nash, the Minister of Economic and Regional Development and Minister of Forestry, to further support an 'All-of-Government' approach.

Thank you for considering this information,

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

Memorandum

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In line with the Rotorua Climate Change Action Plan⁴, RLC is focused on supporting a walk-and-cycle friendly

⁴ <https://letstalk.rotorualakescouncil.nz/mahere-tauhohe-huarere-rotorua-climate-action-plan/widgets/308606/documents>

environment and decreasing the cars and car parks within the inner city. To bring the inner city to life, we are looking to develop special character precincts. The area between Arawa Street and Haupapa Street (currently where the District Court is located), is proposed as the future Arts precinct. As this is the nexus between the north-south link- along Tūtānekai Street, and the east-west 'park-to-park' link, we are proposing this area to be developed as civic plaza. It is further proposed that the dining precinct (which includes Eat Street) from Whakaue Street and Arawa Street, and focus on a retail precinct between Haupapa Street and Amohau Street (including the night market on Thursday and Farmers Market at Te Manawa on Sundays).

For more information on our Inner City Revitalisation Plan Development, please refer to our engagement presentation in Appendix 2.

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Minster Nash's vision for a wood-based government procurement focus, aligns with the strengths of Rotorua in relation to the timber industry and the "Wood First" policy, therefore we propose the new Court House be developed using locally sourced New Zealand timber. As part of RLC's "Wood First" policy review and leadership in this area, RLC will use this build as a flagship inner city revitalisation project, which will equally serve as a detailed case study in relation to implementing the policy.

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- The achievement of EDS Action 11.2, which is for RLC to partner with Central Government to ensure investment supports city vibrancy and resilience.

OTHER INNER CITY PROJECTS

If the Court House is successfully relocated a space will become available on the former courthouse site that would assist the RLC in establishing the proposed civic plaza and provide a site for further Government

building development.

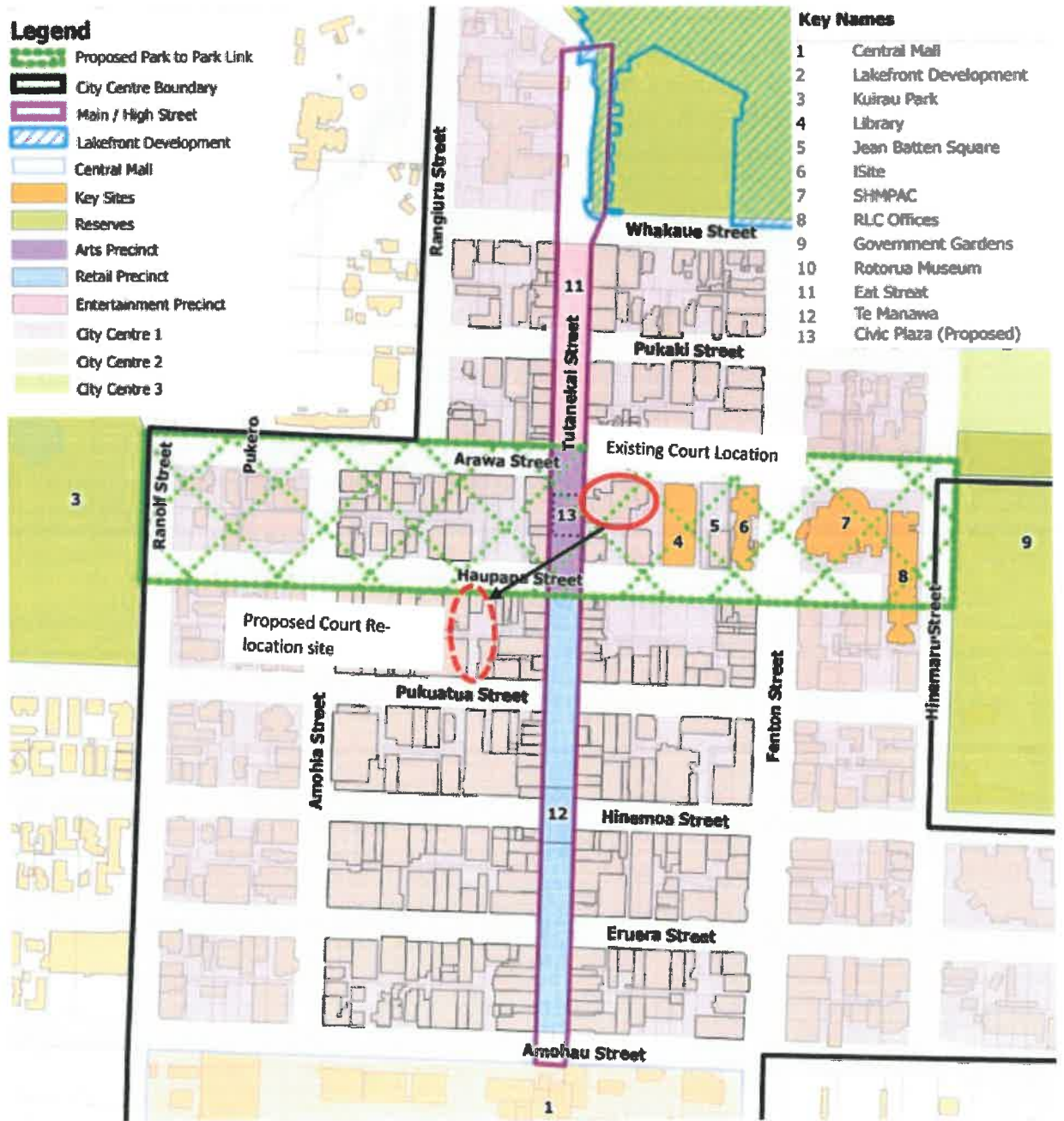
The civic plaza has been conceptualised as a public space where the citizens of Rotorua can connect, play and be entertained. With the support of RLC, the community will contribute to the design and development of the space, events will be run and a new sense of community ownership will be ideally develop. We have pitched to Hon. Minister Nash the vacant space would make an ideal choice a future 'Ministry for Tourism', further supporting regional development and driving economic growth.

6. TE ARA KAI MUA WAY FORWARD

The next steps are proposed as follows:

1. MoJ enters into commercial negotiations with Te Arawa Lakes Trust – support from RED, if required. This may include developing a holding strategy on the proposed new site.
2. RLC continues Inner City Revitalisation Plan work and works with MoJ and any consenting requirements and street development requirements to support future operations on the site.

APPENDIX 1

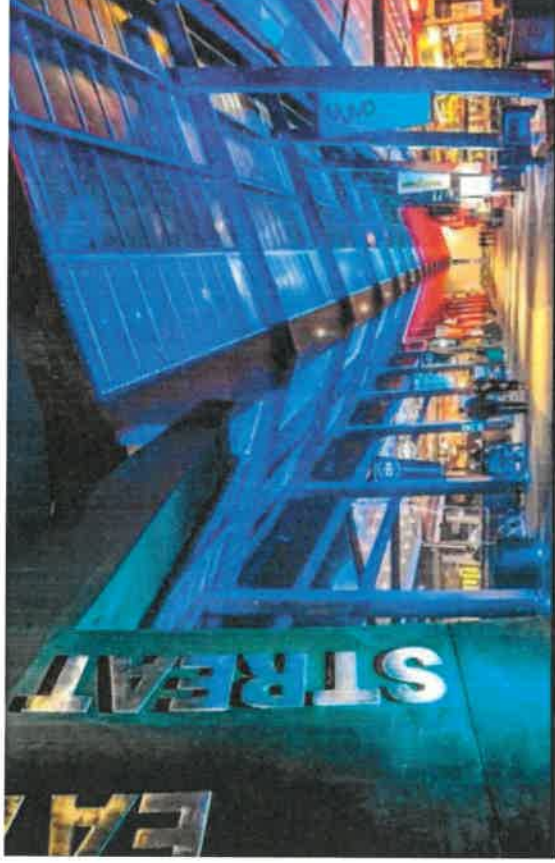


APPENDIX 2



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Inner City Revitalisation Plan Development



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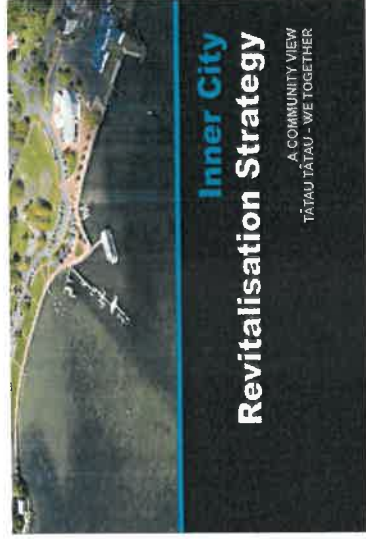
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Direction is set by key work completed to date

Vision 2030 Strategy (2013)



Inner city revitalization strategy (2015)



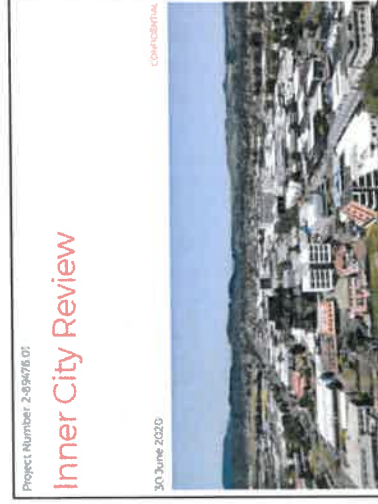
RED sector groups (2020)

Plan	Activate	Invest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for vibrancy / exec summary • Cultural design - Ngāiwi Whākehe involvement • Develop design guidelines • Correct green corridor • Policy changes that reduce CBD core and increases spread, increases density and encourages mixed use developments, creates new precincts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takawa champions (retail support activation strategies and CBD management partnership) • Eight boating hearts (provide significant attractions in CBD) • Amplify existing activity (omnis strategy) • Create distinct precincts • Increase paving / landscape width 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court • Encourage inner city living / residential development (feasibility study) • Incentives and policy • Limit the size of the CBD • Select a panel to oversee design guidelines • Collate current data for the CBD including occupancy, value, cost, capacity, transport, activity, retail spend, population and safety



DCA stock take (2020/21)

Inner city transport network review (2020)



DCA Stock Take/ Previous City Centre

Initiatives

- Key recommendations for next steps:
 - Delivery of a clear strategy & vision
 - Delivery plan with short-term actions
 - Identification of key moves/ long-term projects to enable change.
 - Focused & coordinated approach – Return of the main/ high street concept- Tūtānekai Street as the



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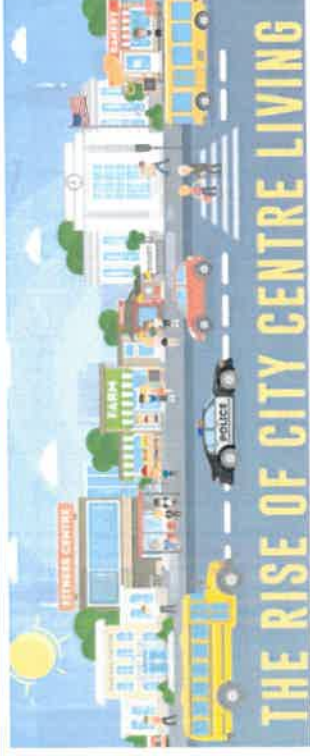
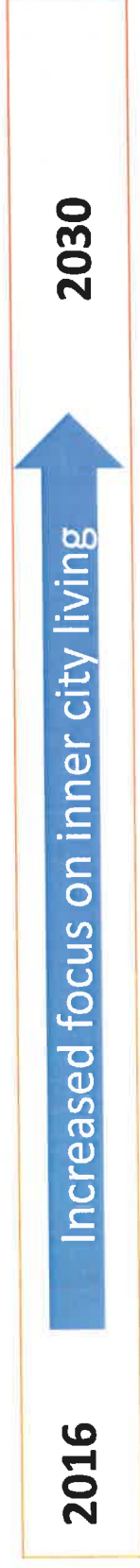
REVIEW OF
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INITIATIVES
2006-2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Carnival float, Tūtānekai Street, 1930

Revitalisation Focus on Inner City



Vision: “To establish a vibrant and safe inner city known for its rich heritage, city living, entertainment and as a great place to work”



The Inner City broadly showing area of revitalization focus

High Level Outcomes

Outcome 1:

A greater number of apartments are developed increasing access to a broader variety/ diversity of housing typologies in the District

Outcome 3:

The inner city is vibrant, thriving, prosperous and accessible



Outcome 4:

The inner city streets, public spaces and new developments are distinct, well designed and reflects our unique Te Arawa culture and natural identity



Outcome 2:

District Land and resources are used efficiently while reducing our impact on the environment



Outcome 5:

The inner city supports a healthy, safe and connected community



Focus on key Corridors

- Tūtānekai Street natural main street- the key N-S link btwn the lakefront & the Central Mall
- Park to Park Corridor is a proposed 'green' connection.
- Connects the Government Garden reserve with the Kuirau Park Reserve
- Maori stewardship & the environment, climate change awareness, sustainable living & promoting wood first



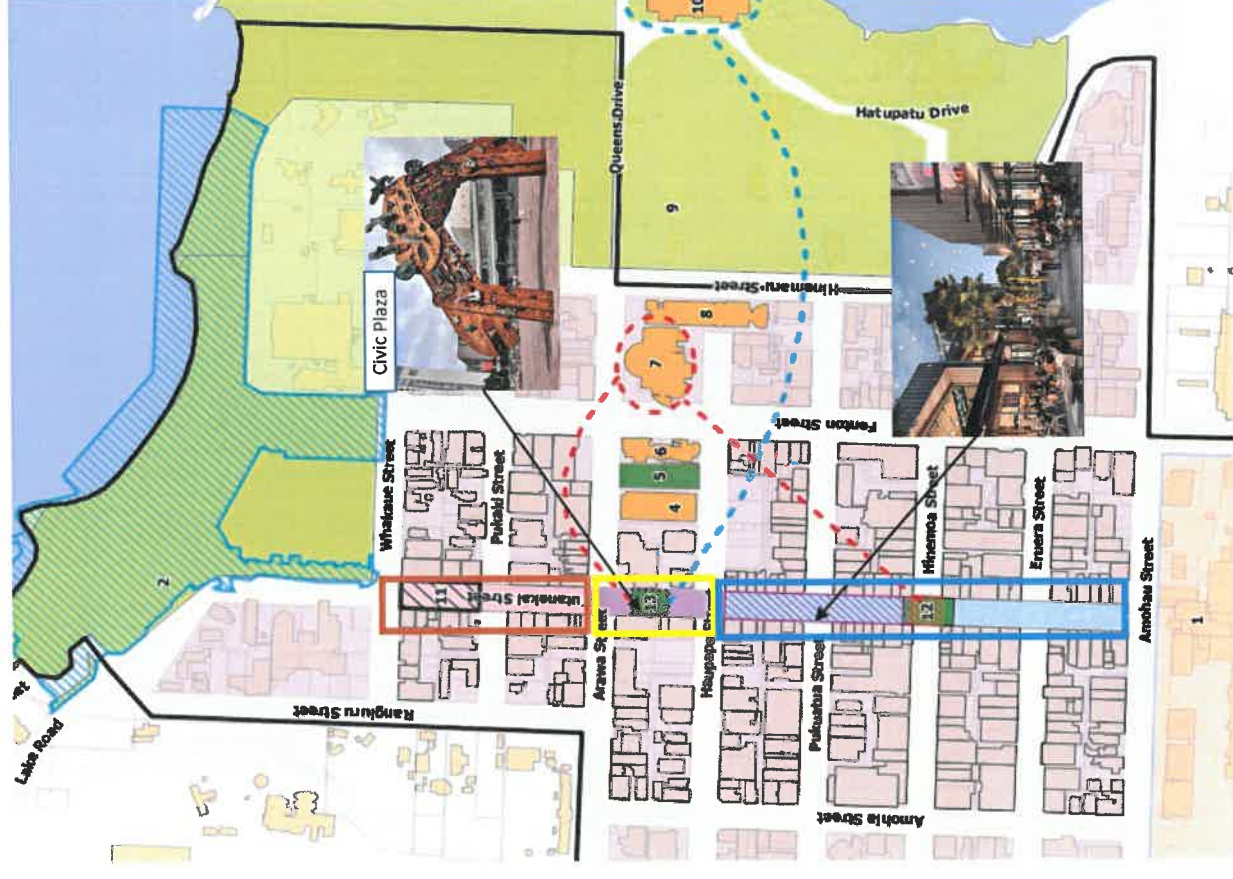
Character Precincts & Civic Plaza

Development of special character precincts:

Dining precinct btwn Whakaue St & Arawa St. - includes Eat Street

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Retail precinct btwn Haupapa St. & Amohau St. - incl. the night market and Farmers Market at Te Manawa
Creation of a Civic Plaza- inner-city arts events in tandem with a potential destination attraction (E.g. Public Sculpture)



Limit the size of Inner City & Residential Intensification

Limit on the size of the inner city to focus on change (inner city living) either side of the main street

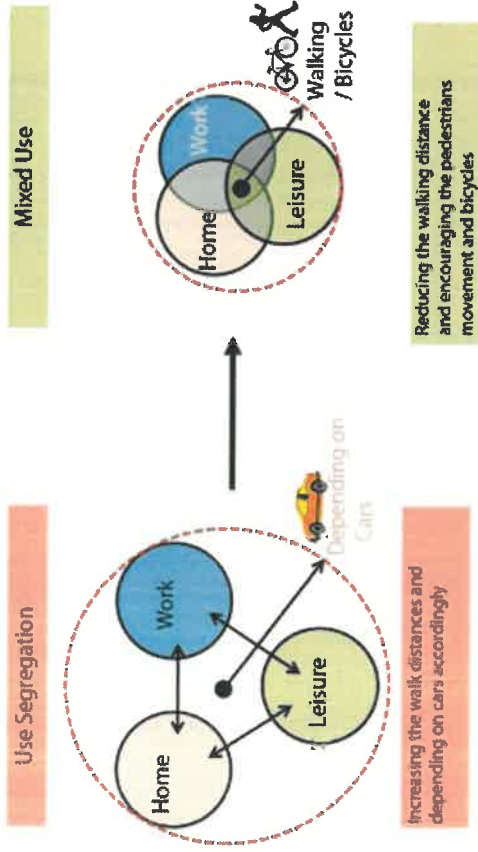
Incentivise mixed used development along main street (residential & tourist accommodation with commercial)

Residential development (e.g. apartments) resulting in intensification- yellow blocks



Develop an Incentives Policy

- Incentives e.g. rates remission to encourage mixed use development & residential intensification in the inner city



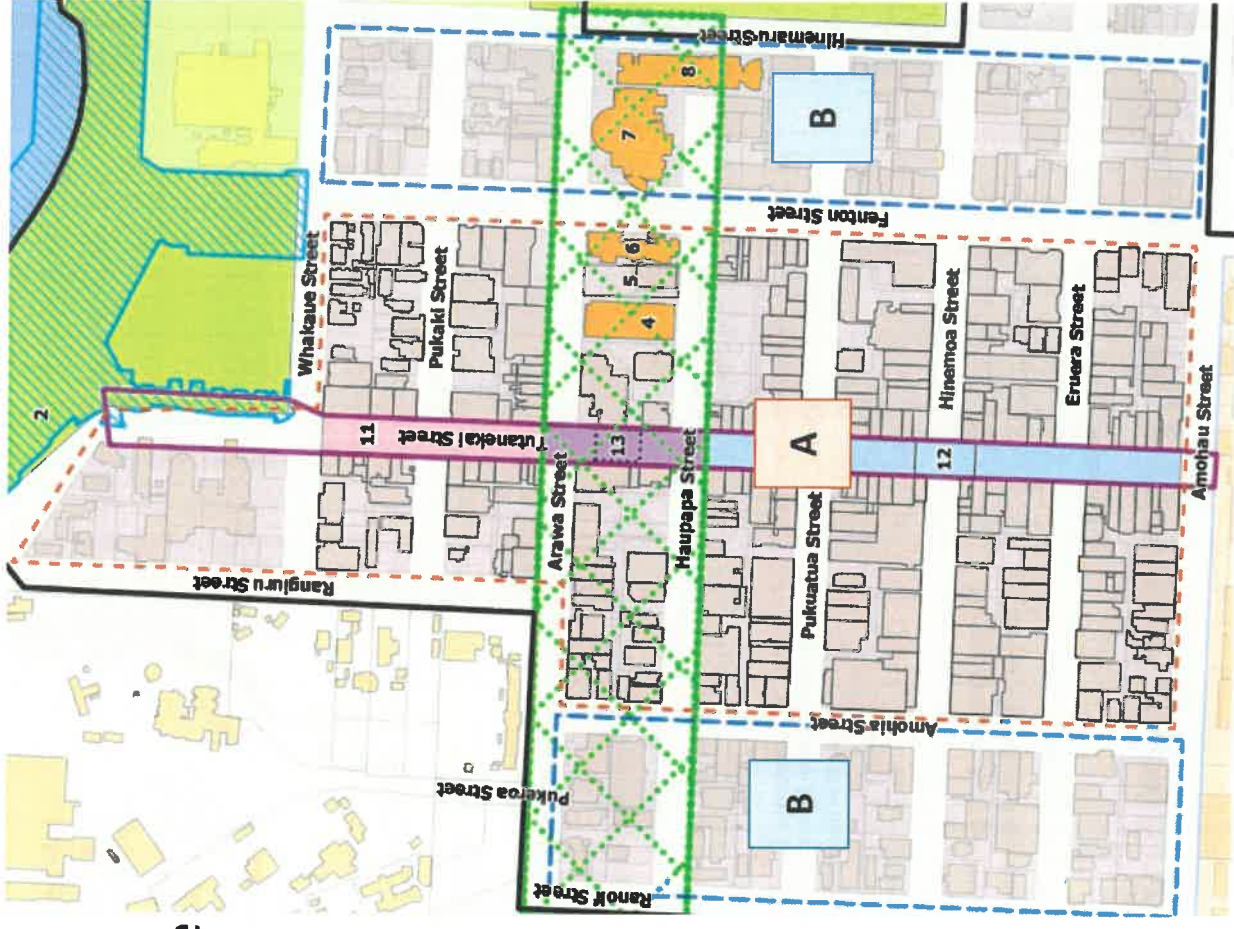
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Policy Area A

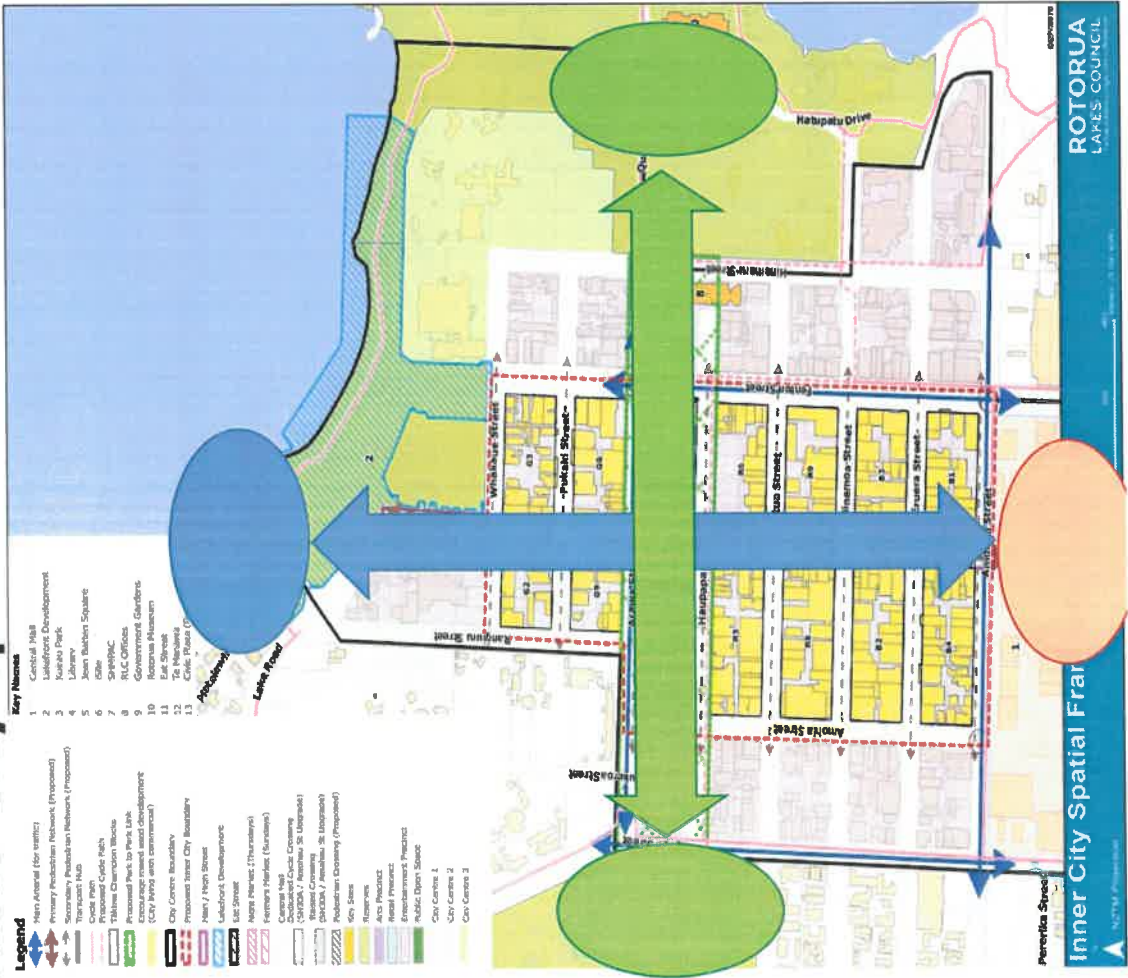
Incentivise office and residential apartments & accommodation- e.g. residential apartments & tourist accommodation

Policy Area B

Incentivise residential accommodation only



Inner City Spatial Framework (with Tūtānekai Street at the Centre)



Legend

- Main Arterial (for traffic)
- Primary Pedestrian Network (Proposed)
- Secondary Pedestrian Network (Proposed)
- Transport Hub
- Cycle Path
- Proposed Cycle Path
- Takiwa Champion Blocks
- Proposed Park to Park Link
- Encourage mixed used development (City living with commercial)
- City Centre Boundary
- Proposed Inner City Boundary
- Main / High Street
- Lakefront Development
- Eat Street
- Night Market (Thursdays)
- Farmers Market (Sundays)
- Central Mall
- Dedicated Cycle Crossing (SH30A / Amohau St Upgrade)
- Raised Crossing (SH30A / Amohau St Upgrade)
- Pedestrian Crossing (Proposed)
- Key Sites
- Reserves
- Arts Precinct
- Retail Precinct
- Entertainment Precinct
- Public Open Space
- City Centre 1
- City Centre 2
- City Centre 3

Key Names

- Central Mall
- Lakefront Development
- Kuirau Park
- Library
- Jean Batten Square
- iSite
- SHIMPAC
- RLC Offices
- Government Gardens
- Rotorua Museum
- Eat Street
- Te Manawa
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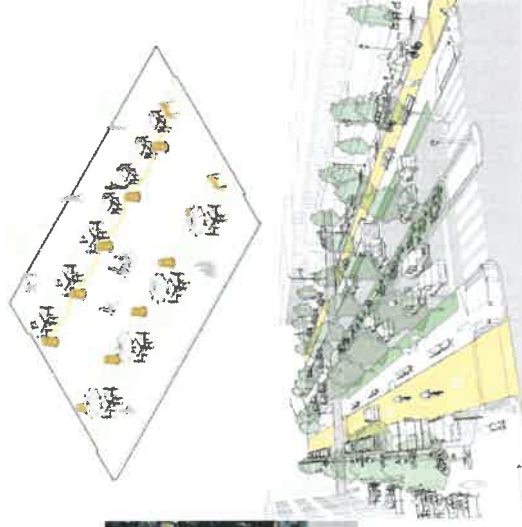
Defined Urban Outcomes in a Design Guide

- Retain & promote our unique cultural and natural heritage
- Improves perception, image and visual quality of inner city
- Unifies development proposals (public & private)
- Helps achieve a high quality urban environment
- Develops line of sight & the consent planners a reference point



Spatial Containment on Main Street

- Spatial containment along main street
- Outside the golden ratio of street width to building height
- Wide streets in relation to building height- streets feel open and empty even when busy
- Strategies to be considered to create a sense of containment



Marketing and Investment

- 'City as a destination' Investment Promotion Plan & Marketing Strategy – focused on inner city
- Activation Plan (incl. tactical urbanism initiatives) with a calendar of events to influence vibrancy
- Aligned to emerging Rotorua place brand and investment approach, Destination Management Plan and Events Strategy



A Comprehensive Response

What does the Revitalisation Plan look like:

1. A Spatial Framework with a Vision- Define a 3, 10 and 30 year picture of change
2. Redefined Inner City Extent- Consolidate Change & maximise impact
3. Renewed focus on Key Corridors- Enable & Sustain Change
4. Established Network of Public Spaces and Places
5. Develop Thematic Character Precincts- Focus change & stimulate vibrancy
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8. Urban Design Guide- Establish Cultural Foundations and desired urban outcomes
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11. Key packaged Projects- short, medium & long (key moves)
12. Indicators to Measure Change (Profile)

Next Steps

- Engagement on Spatial Framework with Partners & Stakeholders-
Underway
- Develop Cultural Foundations & Design Guide-*Underway*
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- Develop Draft Inner City Revitalisation Delivery Plan
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In line with the Rotorua Climate Change Action Plan⁴, RLC is focused on supporting a walk-and-cycle friendly

⁴ <https://letstalk.rotorualakescouncil.nz/mahere-tauhohe-huarere-rotorua-climate-action->

environment and decreasing the cars and car parks within the inner city. To bring the inner city to life, we are looking to develop special character precincts. The area between Arawa Street and Haupapa Street (currently where the District Court is located), is proposed as the future Arts precinct. As this is the nexus between the north-south link- along Tūtaneke Street, and the east-west 'park-to-park' link, we are proposing this area to be developed as civic plaza. It is further proposed that the dining precinct (which includes Eat Street) from Whakauke Street and Arawa Street, and focus on a retail precinct between Haupapa Street and Amohau Street (including the night market on Thursday and Farmers Market at Te Manawa on Sundays).

For more information on our Inner City Revitalisation Plan Development, please refer to our engagement presentation in Appendix 2.

ROTORUA DISTRICT COURT PROPOSAL

RLC understands MOJ is considering options on the future of the Rotorua District Court buildings with a business case being developed over the remainder of the year in preparation for a cabinet decision early 2022.

Te Arawa Lakes Trust owns the sites located at 1188 – 1196 Haupapa Street through to 1191 Pukuatua Street. The Pukuatua street property is currently vacant and Te Arawa Lakes Trust via their commercial entity Te Arawa Management Ltd have been investigating options to sell or redevelop the site.

RED has discussed the proposed site with MoJ and outlined the potential opportunity to Te Arawa Management Ltd. RED has been trying to facilitate commercial engagement between the two parties, however limited progress has been realised to date. There is an increasing risk that the site may be lost due to other development opportunities, and the potential benefits outlined in relation to this proposed relocation will be lost.

Minster Nash's vision for a wood-based government procurement focus, aligns with the strengths of Rotorua in relation to the timber industry and the "Wood First" policy, therefore we propose the new Court House be developed using locally sourced New Zealand timber. As part of RLC's "Wood First" policy review and leadership in this area, RLC will use this build as a flagship inner city revitalisation project, which will equally serve as a detailed case study in relation to implementing the policy.

This proposal will deliver the following outcomes:

- A new fit-for-purpose Rotorua District Court House in an ideal inner city location, through existing government funding.
- New Zealand's first 'Wood First' Court House, an exemplar development bordering the Rotorua inner city 'green' corridor – supporting Minister Nash's Wood-Based Government Procurement programme and 'Future of Forestry' vision;
- An opportunity for Central Government to enter into a commercial relationship with Te Arawa which help Māori achieve their commercial aspirations.
- The achievement of EDS Action 11.2, which is for RLC to partner with Central Government to ensure investment supports city vibrancy and resilience.
- Support RLC to deliver EDS Action 6.0 and 6.1, which is to review RLC Wood First Policy to look at how we incentivise the utilisation of wood products and work at a national level to advocate for increased domestic timber use through reference sites and case studies.

OTHER INNER CITY PROJECTS

If the Court House is successfully relocated a space will become available on the former courthouse site that would assist the RLC in establishing the proposed civic plaza. The civic plaza been conceptualised as a public space where the citizens of Rotorua can connect, play and be entertained. With the support of RLC, the community will contribute to the design and development of the space, events will be run and a new sense of community ownership will be ideally develop.

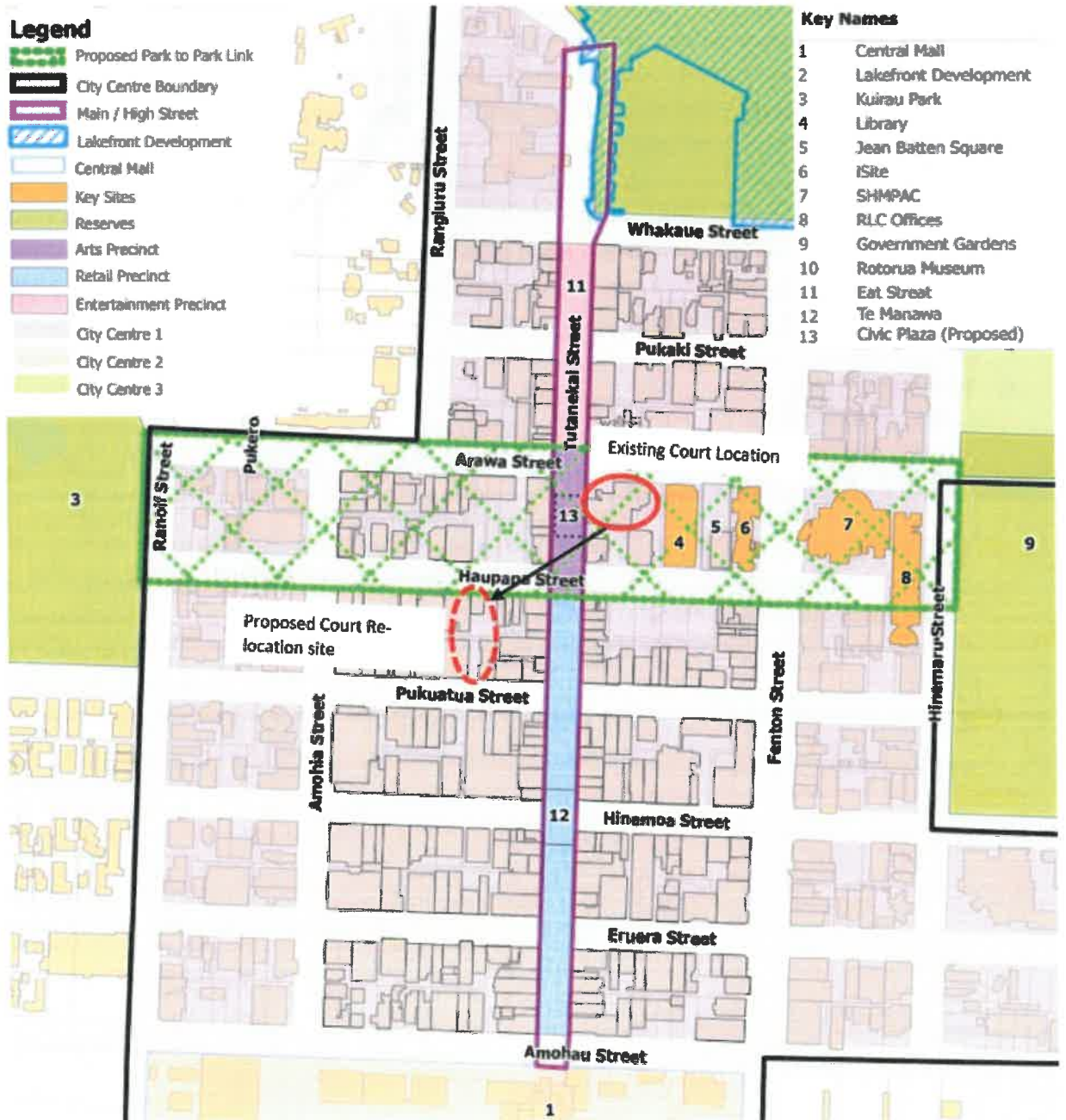
It would also provide a site for further Government building development. With Rotorua being the birthplace of tourism, the first bilingual city in New Zealand, Te Ao Māori part of our DNA, we believe Rotorua and this vacant space, would also make the ideal choice for a future 'Ministry for Tourism', further supporting regional development and driving economic growth.

6. TE ARA KAI MUA WAY FORWARD

The next steps are proposed as follows:

1. RLC obtains agreement from the Minister Faafoi (Minister of Justice) to move forward with the proposal with support from Minister Nash. This may include developing a holding strategy on the proposed new site.
2. MoJ enters into commercial negotiations with Te Arawa Lakes Trust – support provided by RED, if required.
3. RLC continues Inner City Revitalisation Plan work and works with MoJ and any consenting requirements and street development requirements to support future operations on the site.

APPENDIX 1



APPENDIX 2



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Revitalisation Plan_5

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 14 June 2021 11:23 am
To: 'Hannah Lee'
Cc: Trish Solomon
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Excellent thanks Hannah

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From: Hannah Lee s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Monday, 14 June 2021 11:19 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Kia ora Debbie,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

A light lunch would be lovely. Minister Sepuloni will be attending with her Ministerial Advisor, Tele'a Andrews.

Neither of them have any dietary requirements.

Warm regards,
Hannah

Hannah Lee | Senior Private Secretary
s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, Minister for Social Development & Employment, Minister for Disability Issues, Minister for ACC and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

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From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 14 June 2021 10:43 AM
To: Hannah Lee s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Cc: Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Kia ora Hannah

Just following up on my email below. Can you confirm if the Minister would like to share a light lunch with Mayor Chadwick in her office on Thursday. If so does the Minister have any dietary requirements?

Also can you advise if anyone else will be accompanying the Minister?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 9:31 AM
To: 'Hannah Lee' [s7\(2\)\(a\) LGOIMA](#)
Cc: Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Kia ora Hannah

Mayor Chadwick would be delighted to meet with Minister Sepuloni ,11.45am – 12.15pm next Thursday 17 June.

Given that the meeting is around noon. Would the Minister like to share a light lunch with Mayor Chadwick in her Office?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 11:39 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Perfect, thank you Debbie.

Hannah Lee | Senior Private Secretary
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From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 11:27 AM
To: Hannah Lee [s7\(2\)\(a\) LGOIMA](#)
Cc: Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Kia ora Hannah

Great to hear from you, Mayor Chadwick is out of the office for the rest of the day, but we will check with her asap and get back to you.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 11:21 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: Catch up with Mayor and Minister Sepuloni

Kia ora Debbie,

Minister Sepuloni is due to be in Rotorua briefly for an event next Thursday 17 June to do some regional visits. She would like to catch up with the Mayor while she's there, if possible.

Can you please confirm the Mayor's availability for a catch up from 11.45am – 12.15pm next Thursday 17 June?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,
Hannah

Hannah Lee | Senior Private Secretary
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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 10:40 am
To: Steve Chadwick; Stavros Michael
Subject: FW: Rotorua LC imposing a targeted lump sum rate is causing trauma and threatening vulnerable from their homes
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick to s7(2)(a) re Tarawera Sewerage Scheme - 15 June 2021.pdf

Kia ora korua

Fyi from the PM's office.

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From: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 10:11 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: FW: Rotorua LC imposing a targeted lump sum rate is causing trauma and threatening vulnerable from their homes

Kia ora Debbie

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, to thank you for sending her a copy of the letter from Mayor Chadwick responding to the email from s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

It is appreciated

Kind regards

Dinah

Dinah Okeby
Office of the Prime Minister

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 June 2021 2:27 PM
To: J Ardern (MIN) <j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Rotorua LC imposing a targeted lump sum rate is causing trauma and threatening vulnerable from their homes

Tēnā koe Prime Minister

Please find attached, for your information, a letter from Mayor Chadwick responding to the email below from s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 1:55 PM

To: J.Ardern@ministers.govt.nz

Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: Rotorua LC imposing a targeted lump sum rate is causing trauma and threatening vulnerable from their homes

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

J.Ardern@ministers.govt.nz

cc. Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz

11 June 2021

Rotorua LC imposing a targeted lump sum rate is causing trauma and threatening vulnerable from their homes

Firstly I'd like to thank you for being such an outstanding PM at this time; it gives me much pride to be a New Zealander.

At Lake Tarawera, 450 property owners received a letter from Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) detailing the need for a sewerage scheme (to collect, pump and transport sewage to the city sewers) and asking residents to sign an agreement supporting the building of new infrastructure and commitment to a considerable lump sum payment towards the scheme (letter attached). The scheme is supported by a majority of residents, but unlike other lakeside communities upgraded in the past, the sum to be invoiced is open ended, already more than double any other past contributors, and payable only as a lump sum with two years notice. It was estimated by council to be around \$33,000 each (though likely much more, as contractors are now overloaded with work and are hiking their quotes) with no add to rates or other payment options offered. We also have for years been paying rates contributing to Rotorua's sewerage infrastructure.

A neighbour approached RLC outlining financial hardship affecting a number of residents but was told by council staff the current effluent systems will soon be illegal (including recently installed systems) and if they cannot meet the financial obligation of the sewerage upgrade, they'd best sell up and move to Rotorua.

This council's bullying (though legal) approach is causing a lot of outrage and trauma for many of the residents of Lake Tarawera. It also raises questions as to how NZ councils will in future meet the outstanding burden of infrastructure upgrades that have long been ignored by previous governments. It does raise questions as to how far councils will go billing individual residents for infrastructure upgrades and the lack of fairness in targeting smaller groups with no recourse available. As an example, clearly Wellington City Council could not survive the democratic process if they imposed a lump sum payment of \$33,000 or more on all their ratepayers to remedy their outstanding infrastructure problems.

The Lake Tarawera Rate Payers Association (LTRA) has repeatedly supported a sewerage scheme, although we'll be paying for a pipeline we don't own and one that will permit further subdivision we generally do not support. The LTRA requests for a fair apportionment of costs with an add-to-rates option available for those unable to pay a lump sum has so far fallen on deaf ears. The RLC's current approach is causing a lot of harm in the community.

Practical and fair limits to targeted rates need to be set to protect citizens well being.

Best regards

s7(2)(a) LGOIMA



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s7(2)(a)

By email: s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Copied to: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Tēnā koe s7(2)(a)

RE: Lake Tarawera Reticulation Sewerage Scheme

I write in response to your email to the Prime Minister (11 June 2021), regarding your concerns about the options and costs of the Tarawera Reticulation Sewerage Scheme, as detailed in a letter you received from Council on the 3rd February 2021.

As you may know, Councillors considered recommendations on the Lake Tarawera Reticulation Sewerage Scheme at a Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting 17th/18th May as part of the Long Term Plan deliberations.

The report that Councillors considered at the meeting acknowledged the requests from Tarawera ratepayers 'for Council to explore potentially more flexible funding options to mitigate the initial net capital cost burden on the local ratepayers'.

Amongst the 6 resolutions considered, it was agreed that:

- 1. That the committee recommends to Council that a Tarawera sewerage scheme sub-committee is set up, consisting of council officers, Lakes Community Board members and appropriate representation of local residents of Tarawera to jointly develop a set of criteria that lays out clear guidelines on identifying those ratepayers that are not able to provide lump sum repayments at the completion of the scheme and develops viable repayment options. Modelling the repayments has been based upon 75% residents being able to pay upfront. The outcomes of the sub-committee's work are reported to Council before adoption into the scheme's capital funding plan.**

All six resolutions will go to a full meeting of Council to adopt the Long Term Plan 2021-31, on the 28th June.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

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Cc: Steve Chadwick
Subject: Urgent letter to Ministers re Rotorua Crankworx event 2021
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick to Ministers Nash, Faafoi and Hipkins re Crankworx Rotorua Immigration Process 2021 - 13 July 2021.pdf; Appendix 1. Challenges re Rotorua Crankworx 2021.pdf; Crankworx Rotorua Immigration Process 2021.pdf

Tēnā koutou

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Chadwick relating to the Rotorua Crankworx event 2021 and urgent immigration issues that are putting the event in jeopardy.

An appendix of information on specific challenges and the document that is sent to attendees of the event are also attached.

Thank you for your consideration of the letter and information.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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13 July 2021

Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Chris Hipkins
Hon Stuart Nash

By email: k.faafoi@ministers.govt.nz; c.hipkins@ministers.govt.nz; s.nash@ministers.govt.nz

Tēnā koutou

Re: Crankworx Rotorua Immigration Process 2021

I am writing with urgency and seeking your support to address some immigration issues that are having a serious impact on the viability of the Rotorua Crankworx Festival 2021.

The Crankworx festival has been successfully run in Rotorua since 2015 (6 years) and has a license to continue to be held here until 2027. The event is financially supported by Rotorua Lakes Council and NZ Major Events (MBIE) in recognition of the significant social, economic and cultural benefits it brings to Rotorua and New Zealand. This year's festival is due to take place in November, rather than March as in previous years, due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

I am advised by the Crankworx Rotorua Event Director that the event has been well supported by NZ Major Events in terms of increasing funding for this year's event and acting as a facilitator between the Crankworx Rotorua event organisers and Government departments. I understand that, over the past 18 months NZ Major Events have facilitated introductions to senior staffers from MoH, Worksafe, and Toi-Te Ora when required and in each case the senior person has taken time to understand the event, and with their in-depth knowledge of their organisational policy, has helped guide the Crankworx team through the many challenges they have faced.

The Event Director has sought similar support from MIQ and Immigration officials, but unfortunately this has not eventuated and there is significant confusion from international attendees around understanding immigration policy and MIQ processes. There is now a small window of time for international athletes, media and support crew to commit to Rotorua Crankworx 2021 and take advantage of the limited spaces in MIQ facilities secured for the event. Without the commitment of the international attendees this year's event is in jeopardy.

I understand the huge challenges that immigration and MIQ staff are currently dealing with, but the Crankworx Rotorua organisers are in desperate need of support from a dedicated senior staff member who is knowledgeable about MIQ and Immigration policy and able to support the transition of international attendees to the event.

Thank you for considering this urgent request. Please find attached a paper detailing the immigration/MIQ challenges facing the Rotorua Crankworx Festival 2021.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

Appendix 1. Context provided by the Crankworx Rotorua Event Director Ariki Tibble on 12 July 2021

Please note that the points raised below are not criticisms of NZ Major Events. Over the past 18 months NZ Major Events have facilitated introductions to senior staffers from MoH, Worksafe, and Toi-Te Ora. In each case the senior person has taken time to understand our event, and with their in-depth knowledge of their organisational policy, has helped guide us through the many challenges that we had run into while dealing with frontline staff in the same organisations.

This is not the experience we have had with MIQ or Immigration and I am concerned that we do not have the support we need to navigate these next timelines, or if we do, that we have the support to navigate the processes that will follow.

Background:

- *We were asked in late 2020 to provide MIQ with a list of international attendees who came to Crankworx Rotorua in 2020. We provided an initial list of approximately 1100. We were informed by way of a response that this quantity would not be possible in 2021 under our NZ Major Events umbrella, and that MIQ would not be able to receive or consider an actual request until late March 2021 (once RWC commitments had been worked through). After this, we began working on a conceptual critical list. In April, we were notified to submit this list which included approx. 185 people.*
- *In May 2021, we were informed that 70 MIQ spots had been secured for Crankworx and that combined with increased capacity in the MIAS system, this would be sufficient for our 185 to get into NZ for the event. This prompted a series of questions from us back to Immigration/MIQ/MOH relating to how the process would work, what assistance would be available (for us and the athletes), what we can and cannot say and how best to say it. On several occasions we were simply pointed to the government website which had information we found vague or confusing. We have found the process (from our perspective) complicated, confusing, rigid and at times vague.*
- *Given the complexity of the process and the significant barriers in place for the attendees, we set the objective of communicating the process to our list of 185 as concisely and simply as possible. A timeline was set based on dates/timelines provided by MIQ and Immigration for the timely processing of MIQ bookings, Critical Worker applications and Critical Visa applications. We have dedicated a staff member to facilitate the attendees (via communications, questions, and by supporting the MIQ and Immigration process directly).*
- *While we continue to have questions for Immigration and MIQ even now, our assessment of timelines necessitated that we communicate to the 185 by early July about the key timelines and the process as best as we could. By the time we felt we had sufficient understanding of the process (and notwithstanding the fact that we did not have all the answers that we felt we needed) we only had 14 days to get the 185 to commit and had no choice but to send out the information (see attached) or miss the window of opportunity entirely.*
- *Currently, the 185 people who have been identified initially as critical attendees for Crankworx have had one week to read, digest, and understand the commitment required to compete at Crankworx Rotorua in November and currently have until this Friday (23rd July) to book their MIQ spots and flights through the public MIAS system. After this time, timelines become too short to guarantee that there is enough runway to complete all steps required for their arrival.*

- *The complexity and costs of the process for the attendees is significant and whilst we have streamlined the process as much as we can for the 185 (with a staff member administering the MIQ bookings on their behalf), a lot is still being asked of them (the process is outlined in the document attached FYI).*

Present Situation:

- *The response from the 185 based on the information sent out and communicated via private meetings in the past week, has not been very encouraging. The main issues seem to be:*
 - *Other MTB events around the world- EWS/CWX/UCI World Cups/FMB- are consuming much of the targeted attendee's attention right now. This is not ideal with the tight timeframes that MIQ/Immigration have given us. (This is not an MIQ/Immigration issue as such, except that the delay in getting the information we have needed has severely shortened our window to effectively communicate).*
 - *The MIAS system (which supposedly has plenty of capacity) is being monitored hourly by our staff member and they are struggling to find spots – anything that has been found is gone before they can make a move to secure the space (even if the attendee has their details drafted into the MIQ system and all that needs to be done is date selection) and we are aware that this is apparently a worldwide issue (based on articles in the NZ Herald etc).*
 - *Despite our best efforts to simplify and communicate the process of getting into NZ, it remains complicated and quite overwhelming. Without a dedicated Immigration Specialist who understands both the Crankworx Rotorua event and provide customised support from an Immigration/MIQ perspective, we have not been/are not equipped to arrange answers for Immigration/MIQ related queries in a timely manner which is detrimental to our progress with assuring attendees of how to secure their plans within specified timeframes.*
 - *For international attendees to warrant coming to NZ, paying \$5,520 for MIQ, and spending two weeks in quarantine, many are expecting to be able to stay on to compete in other events and to participate in other projects (some of which may require further visas). Unfortunately, for those activities for which a second visa will be required, these cannot be applied for until they are in NZ.*
- *We sent a planned burst of communications to all 185 attendees to reiterate the urgency of decisions required. This was sent out on Friday 9th July.*
 - *NOTE: The communication of the urgency of this decision generated further questions/concerns around the Visa process.*

The issues:

- *The process of getting people in is confusing and complicated. Information from Immigration/MIQ has been vague and slow in coming.*
- *Each conversation we seemingly have with Immigration/MIQ seems to need us to restart the dialogue with an explanation of the event, what it is and what we are trying to do.*
- *185 attendees must book MIQ and flights before knowing if they will be accepted as "critical" by Immigration NZ (committing upwards of \$7000NZD).*
- *We have found the process for getting into NZ is complicated and challenging to understand and even more so, to communicate effectively. We feel we have been squeezed into a window to communicate that is so tight that the viability of the event has become threatened.*

- *Attendees want to know what they can and cannot do when they are in NZ **before** they commit to MIQ/Flights etc. The current visa process means they will not know what they can and can't do after attending Crankworx Rotorua whilst still in NZ until they have received a response to their second visa application.... which they can only apply for once they are in NZ. This removes any ability to make an informed decision about their plans before they commit.*
- *Other NZ events and partners intend to be able to leverage the international attendees whilst they are here, as competitors in other MTB events, or as subjects in promotional photos/video shoots. These are benefits for NZ Inc, and it seems absurd that we are not able to provide any commitment to help incentivise these personnel to overcome the barriers to entry.*

In summary, our experience with the MIQ and Immigration process has been that it is impersonal and the people we are dealing with do not understand the event and the challenges we are facing. While we desperately need support to help us with navigating the policies and processes successfully, it has felt like a relationship where MIQ/Immigration have continually pointed out what the barriers are without helping to provide solutions to our challenges and to help us explore possibilities.

We believe that if Immigration/MIQ is able to dedicate a senior staff member to work with us, who is knowledgeable about MIQ and Immigration Policy and Major Events and who is given capacity to understand our event and support the smoothest possible transition of the 185 critical attendees, then we would be confident that every possible avenue is being explored.

Moving Forward:

- *Once the current window (23rd July) passes, according to the information we have received from MIQ and Immigration NZ, our ability to bring in 185 attendees becomes greatly reduced to the 70 reserved spots that MIQ has given us.... we will have just one week to execute a back-up plan to lock in up to 70 people through these reserved MIQ spots.*
- *If Immigration/MIQ could commit to dates rather than broad timelines then we could work to those rather than having to work to vague timelines and for which we find ourselves having to build in additional buffer.*
- *If the critical worker visa for Crankworx Rotorua attendees could have an extended scope that would allow them to participate in related events (ie. other mountain bike events over the summer such as the proposed Summer Series and others), or promotional projects (such as with Destination Rotorua or other RTOs) while in NZ or/*
- *If attendees could apply for a second visa to allow them to compete in related events or promotional projects while in NZ immediately upon receiving their Critical Work Visas (but before they get to NZ).*

Ngā mihi,

Ariki



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Entry into New Zealand

Crankworx Rotorua is set to be the Grand Final of the Crankworx World Tour for 2021 and we cannot wait to welcome you all to the shores of New Zealand again! It has been a long time coming and we understand that this time around, getting here and competing looks a little different to previous years.

Nevertheless, we're here to explain the process, assist in getting you into the country and to make sure that your experience in our little slice of paradise is as good as ever!

This document has been compiled with the intention of explaining all parts of what entering New Zealand will look like for you. There are a few components that make up the process, some of which are completely new and some of which will be familiar from previous years. All measures taken are to ensure that your health, safety, and enjoyment are at the forefront of any decision to enter the country in these unusual times.

We're looking forward to seeing you all for competition in November!

This information is true and correct as of Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 3:53 pm NZDT.



Overview of New Zealand Quarantine and Immigration Process for 2021

Entry into New Zealand comes with a mandatory requirement for all citizens, permanent residents, and visitors to quarantine in a facility upon arrival to the country for a minimum of 14 days, unless you are coming from a QFT (Quarantine Free Travel) country.

As New Zealand borders are currently closed to almost all travellers to help stop the spread of COVID-19, there is a new process that must be followed to gain access to the country for any purpose.

This process includes the below steps for each individual travelling to New Zealand:

1. Secure a space in a Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) Facility.
2. Secure Critical Worker Status.
3. Secure Critical Worker Visitor Visa.

Crankworx Rotorua will be managing most of the process for you as it involves a few different steps that can be confusing, especially if you haven't lived in/travelled to NZ since COVID-19 took hold of the world.

Our aim is to make the process as simple as possible, below is how we've divided responsibility between Crankworx Rotorua and you as an individual, to ensure that getting you here is as efficient as possible:

CRANKWORX ROTORUA:

1. Booking individual into the MIQ System
2. Entering Flight Details into the MIQ System
3. Submitting Critical Worker Status Application

ATTENDEE (YOU):

1. Providing details for MIQ System
2. Booking flights + providing flight details
3. Applying for Critical Worker Visitor Visa

The MIQ system is the most difficult part of the process to navigate so we'll look after that for you, and as the organiser of the event, we'll also submit an application to support your intentions of being in New Zealand.

All we'll need you to do is submit two forms to us (explained below), take care of booking flights that suit your travel plans and as always, when entering New Zealand, you're required to hold a Visa which is your individual responsibility to source – we'll explain more on this at a later stage.



General Information

Below is important general information that will help with answering some of the initial questions you may have, before explaining Step One of the New Zealand Immigration process for 2021.

Recommended Dates of Travel

Crankworx Rotorua 2021 officially begins on the 1st of November 2021. You will need to have completed a full 14-day quarantine period by this time to compete in the festival. However, we recommend allowing at least three to four days prior to the 1st of November; to ensure that you have adequate time to get to Rotorua (if required), situate yourself and ensure you are appropriately prepared for competition in any way you need to be.

With that in mind, our recommended deadline for travel to New Zealand is as follows:

1. Flight arrives into New Zealand **no later than 23:59pm** on the **12th of October 2021**.
2. Completion of mandatory 14-day quarantine stay by the **27th of October 2021**.
3. Arrival in Rotorua by the **27th of October 2021** – leaving you with a maximum of four days to prepare before official festival start date on 1st November 2021.

Please note that if you test positive for COVID, or cases are identified within a managed isolation facility you are located in or there is a breach of MIQ rules, your stay in Managed Isolation could be extended.

Cost of coming to New Zealand

Coming to New Zealand will involve a few different costs to enter the country. These are separated into the Cost of Managed Isolation and the Cost of a Critical Worker Visitor Visa. They are broken down for you below:

Cost of Managed Isolation in New Zealand:

New Zealand Citizens and Permanent Residents:

\$3,100 NZD for the first or only person in the room

\$950 NZD for each additional adult (up to 3 extra adults)

\$475 NZD for each additional child (3-17 years old, inclusive – up to 3 extra children).

Critical Worker Visa Holders:

\$5520 NZD for the first or only person in the room

\$2290 NZD for the second adult in the room

\$1610 NZD for a child (3-17 years inclusive)

Please note that all MIQ rooms have a maximum of 4 people in each (can be comprised of adults and/or children).

You will receive an invoice for your MIQ stay, **with 30 days to make payment** from when your MIQ stay finishes.

These facilities will take care of the below for you during your stay:

- Accommodation
- Food
- Transport, operational and support costs.

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If you would like a more detailed breakdown of the room costs for MIQ, please click the link below:

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/being-in-managed-isolation/charges-for-managed-isolation/room-configurations-and-charges/>

Cost of Critical Worker Visitor Visa:

The cost of applying for the Critical Worker Visitor Visa is \$246 NZD per person.

These fees are non-refundable regardless of the outcome of your Visa application. More information will be provided on this in Step Three of this process.

Arrival in New Zealand

When you arrive in New Zealand you will be transferred from the airport, directly to your accommodation. Your accommodation will be in one of the following cities:

- Auckland
- Hamilton
- Rotorua
- Wellington
- Christchurch
- You will not be able to select which city you complete your MIQ stay in. They are allocated randomly.

Special Circumstances

Quarantine Free Travel Countries:

At the time of writing this, there are a small number of countries from which people entering New Zealand are exempt from completing the mandatory MIQ stay (also known as having a travel-bubble with NZ).

Quarantine-free travel (QFT) is conditional upon meeting a set of criteria that has been mutually agreed by the New Zealand Government and the Government of those countries participating in the QFT arrangements.

For all information that applies to attendees travelling from a QFT Country, please click [here](#).

All other countries:

All other countries are considered high-risk or very high-risk to New Zealand border controls and have travel restrictions placed on them that are specific to each category. If you are travelling directly from one of these countries and/or are transiting through one of these high-risk or very high-risk countries, there are strict criteria that you must meet to be granted permission to enter New Zealand.

For all information that applies to attendees travelling from any country that is not involved in QFT with New Zealand, please click [here](#).

Pre-Entry Requirements from Crankworx Rotorua

Crankworx Rotorua is committed to protecting the health and safety of all event attendees, event staff and the wider community of New Zealand against COVID-19. As a result, we expect the following to be met to enter New Zealand and compete in Crankworx Rotorua 2021:

- **Each individual is expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by one of the approved vaccines available.** *Please be aware that you may be required to show proof of this to the Crankworx Rotorua Management Team at any point.*
- **Each individual must return a negative COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours before their first international flight, regardless of which country they are coming from (this means that even if you are travelling from a QFT country, you will be required to return a negative test within the given timeframe).** *Please be aware that you may be required to show proof of this to the Crankworx Rotorua Management Team at any point.*

This information is true and correct as of Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 3:53 pm NZDT.



Quarantine and Immigration Process – Step One

Secure a space in a Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) Facility

The Managed Isolation Allocation System is a secure portal through which the New Zealand Government requires you to enter details about yourself, your travel details, and your intentions behind coming to New Zealand. Due to the complexity of this system, the Crankworx Rotorua team will be making the booking on your behalf.

However, to do so, we will require you to provide us with the information that this system will need us to enter for you. This information will be gathered in two parts:

Part A – Personal Details:

Complete the [Crankworx Rotorua Immigration New Zealand Form](#) to hold your MIQ space.

Part B – Travel Details:

Once we have received and entered the information from Part A into the MIAS (Managed Isolation Allocation System) system, we will directly email you the form for Part B, which pertains directly to your flight(s) to New Zealand.

Upon receiving this form, you will have 24 hours to book and confirm your flight details to us via this form.

We strongly recommend that you book flights that are flexible/transferable/refundable across different dates due to the nature of travel around the world.

Crankworx Events Inc. uses Gordon Sagar from Corporate Traveller, he is available to assist you if required. To get in touch with him, please click [here](#).

Once Part B has been completed and we have entered the details into your MIAS application, your MIQ space will be secured.

Important Notes:

- Each individual entering New Zealand must complete both of these forms (including a form for infants/toddlers).
- Only one person can enter their details on a single form.
- You may not fill these forms out as a family, a team, a group of friends or any other combination of two or more people.
- You may fill these forms out on behalf of someone, provided they are a minor or a dependent.
- **Managed Isolation Spaces booked through the process above can be cancelled at any point up until you arrive in New Zealand, without incurring any costs.**

For us to assist with booking you a space in MIQ, we will require your details to be submitted no later than 5:00pm NZDT on 16th July 2021 / 7:00am CEST on 16th July 2021 / 10:00pm PDT on 15th July 2021.

Please note there is no guarantee that we will be able to ensure your place in MIQ to be able to compete in the event, but we will do everything we can to increase the chances of a successful placement.

Next Steps

Following on from the completion of Step One, we will be in touch with further instructions around Step Two and Three to continue the Immigration Process. This is to ensure that we are not overloading you with too many instructions at once and is the simplest way for you and us to work together to secure your entry into New Zealand in 2021.

This information is true and correct as of Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 3:53 pm NZDT.



Frequently Asked Questions

We have done our best to anticipate some questions that you may have, however, if we still haven't answered something, please get in touch with us!

What happens if I am required to complete my MIQ stay in a city other than Auckland or Rotorua?

If you are in a facility in a different city to the one you arrived in or to your final destination (Rotorua), the New Zealand Government will arrange transport back to the airport you arrived at, if you wish, unless you indicate otherwise. Transport back to that airport could be by bus or plane, depending on the distance of your MIQ facility from your originating airport. It is recommended that you do not book onward travel from the originating airport until you get to your MIQ facility or booking a flexible fare if you need to make the onward travel plans before arriving in New Zealand.

What if I cannot confirm my travel plans before the 16th of July 2021?

We may still be able to help! Please contact our Admin Support/Local Athlete Coordinator – Sydney Carroll, at sydney@crankworx.com and she will step you through some different options.

What happens if my Critical Worker Status is declined?

If your Critical Worker Status is declined, you will unfortunately not be able to enter New Zealand for Crankworx Rotorua 2021, while the border controls remain as they are currently. While you may have been accepted into a MIQ facility in the country, you have not been deemed critical to the event by the New Zealand Government and this is non-negotiable. This means that we will need to work with you to see if it is possible to secure refunds on fees that you may have already paid. *Please note, there is no guarantee on refunds, but we will do our best to assist where we can.*

What happens if my Critical Worker Visitor Visa is declined?

If your Critical Worker Visitor Visa is declined, you will unfortunately not be able to enter New Zealand for Crankworx Rotorua 2021, while the border controls remain as they are currently. While you may have received an invitation to apply for the Critical Worker Visitor Visa, the New Zealand Government have made the decision to not grant you a Visa and you therefore are unable to travel into the country. In terms of securing any refunds (if possible), the fee of \$246 NZD that you paid to apply for your Visa is **non-refundable** as mentioned, however if there are any other refunds, we can assist with then we will do our best.

Do I need to provide the same information in each step for infants/toddlers/children?

We will require you to fill out the same forms from Part A and Part B for each person coming to New Zealand. If you have a minor joining you, we will require you to fill both forms for them as an individual, in the same way that you will fill one out for yourself. If you have any further questions around this, please feel free to let us know.

How do I go about bringing a support person(s) (family, mechanic, photographer etc)?

If you originally indicated that you were looking to bring a support person(s) to Crankworx Rotorua 2021, back in March/April, you are welcome to get them to complete this process in the same way you will. As they would have been indicated on our original submission to the New Zealand Government, they have a higher chance of being accepted (still no guarantee though).

If you did not originally indicate that you were looking to bring a support person(s) to Crankworx Rotorua 2021 back in March/April, you are welcome to get them to complete this process as well, but there is no guarantee that they will be accepted into the country as we do not know how Immigration New Zealand will handle any 'new' additions to the critical worker application.

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 9:40 am
To: Savannah.smith [§7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: FW: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Savannah

I am just following up on this request. I have just realised that I never received an email acknowledging receipt of the request so I just wanted to check it got through?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*
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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 10:51 AM
To: 'Megan Woods (m.woods@ministers.govt.nz)' <m.woods@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Tēnā koe Minister Woods

I am writing on behalf of Mayor Chadwick, Tamati Coffey and Rotorua Lakes Council CE Geoff Williams.

They would like to request a meeting via Zoom with you as soon as possible to discuss the report you have received from MHUD today about expanding the role of Rotorua's Housing Taskforce and budget bid.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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LAKES COUNCIL



Christopher Luxon
Spokesperson for Local Government
Authorised by Christopher Luxon, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

10 September 2021

Mayors of all Territorial Authorities
By email

Dear Mayors,

Three Waters Reforms: National's position on the water entity model

I am writing to set out the position National is taking on the Three Waters Reforms and the reasons we do not support the proposed model of four water entities, in light of developments since I last wrote to you on 12 July and spoke at the LGNZ Conference on 16 July.

It is clear that only a small number of your councils have explicitly supported the proposals, while the vast majority of you remain either opposed or uncommitted.

National supports the calls many of you have made for the Government to halt the process, in order for you to have the opportunity to digest the detail of the proposals and properly consult your communities. We believe the Government's consultation timeframe is poor and unreasonable, particularly in light of the missing detail and information that several of your councils are still requesting.

National opposes the water entities model for several key reasons:

- We believe the touted scale benefits as well as the financial assumptions and cost savings are unclear and have not been properly explained.
- We are concerned that ratepayers will end up cross-subsidising neighbouring communities.
- Our greatest concern is that the entity model will in effect be a power grab that will remove local control from communities. We are concerned by the convoluted structure of the proposed water entities and the distance this structure will create between decision-makers and the ratepayers to whom they are accountable. We fail to see how accessibility, accountability and democracy will be enhanced by the addition of several layers of representation, governance and management in the new model. We view the entity model as reflecting a continuation of the Labour Government's desire for greater centralisation and a shift of decision-making away from communities.

National's approach

1. We do agree with the Government that there are some improvements needed in our water management, but the problems are not uniform across the country – some councils manage their water services extremely well. A one-size-fits-all solution is therefore

inherently unfair. For example, while the Government has estimated a \$185 billion cost over the next 30 years, after the Havelock North water contamination, the Hastings district spent only around \$80 million to upgrade its water infrastructure.

2. We fully support Taumata Arowai, the new water regulator. New Zealand has never had a body to both set and – importantly – enforce drinking water standards. We believe this will be a game-changer and a very important organisation going forward.
3. We believe there are a range of options and actions available when councils fall short of the standards Taumata Arowai sets, such as:
 - Co-investment and joint funding partnerships between central government and local councils to fix specific water infrastructure challenges. This could be through the creation of a National Infrastructure Bank as National proposed at the 2020 election, or as happens today through well-established funding mechanisms for transport projects, for example.
 - Some councils may choose to collaborate with other neighbouring councils to pool their water management resources and capabilities, and others (as they already do today) may contract high-performing councils with good water management practice to manage their assets for them.

I hope this letter provides you with a good understanding of why National is opposing the Three Waters Reforms. I am always happy to have a discussion with you about our position on the reforms or any other matters relating to my role as National's Local Government spokesperson, so please feel welcome to contact me at any time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Luxon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Christopher Luxon
National Party Spokesperson for Local Government

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 1:25 pm
To: Anna Barry
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Thanks for your call, as I mentioned the only iwi representative attending the meeting is Judge Louise Bidois. He is attending in his capacity as Chair of Pekehaua Puna Reserve Trust (Taniwha Springs). The iwi is Ngāti Rangiwewehi.

I am waiting for a short biography to come through which I will send on to you.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*
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From: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 11:01 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Mōrena Debbie

Could I please clarify which of the below attendees are the iwi representatives, and which iwi they are representing?
Are there any left out from that list?

Ngā mihi
Anna

From: Anna Barry
Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 5:22 PM
To: 'Debbie Cossar' <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Debbie

Thanks very much for sending this letter through and for letting me know who will be attending the meeting.

Ngā mihi
Anna

From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 3:07 PM
To: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Please find attached the letter to Minister Mahuta I mentioned yesterday.

Also, our Rotorua Lakes Council and Iwi representatives who will be attending the meeting are as follows:

Mayor Steve Chadwick
Geoff Williams (CE, Rotorua Lakes Council)
Judge Louis Bidois
Gina Rangi (DCE, Te Arawa Partnership, Rotorua Lakes Council)
Stavros Michael (DCE, Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Rotorua Lakes Council)

If you need any further information prior to the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2021 3:31 PM
To: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Absolutely. I was planning to send it straight to you, but should I send it to the Minister's email as well?

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*
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From: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2021 3:28 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Thanks for confirming Debbie, and when you send through the letter tomorrow can you please cc me in.

Ngā mihi
Anna

From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2021 3:21 PM
To: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Yes, everything Mayor Chadwick wants to speak to Minister Mahuta about is in relation to the 3 Waters.

I will be sending you a letter from Mayor Chadwick tomorrow with more detail on what they are wanting to discuss with the Minister and also the names of our meeting attendees.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*
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From: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2021 2:26 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Debbie

Could I please check with you that the meeting on Friday between the Minister and the Mayor is principally about three waters? I note that when you clarified what the Mayor would like to discuss, you said 'the position of council and Iwi on the 3 Waters reforms *and also, more broadly, the partnership mechanism between local and central government*'. Is the latter still in relation to three waters?

Ngā mihi
Anna

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Friday, 10 September 2021 11:15 AM
To: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]; Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Yes, have checked and that change will still work with our diaries.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Anna Barry [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Friday, 10 September 2021 10:38 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]; Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Debbie

Unfortunately 9am next Friday is no longer going to work for the Minister, I apologise for this! Would 3:30pm – 4pm on Friday work? Otherwise there are a couple of other times that afternoon.

This will be a zoom meeting, and I can send you the details.

Ngā mihi

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]

Sent: Friday, 10 September 2021 9:57 AM

To: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom s7(2)(a) LGOIMA; Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Many thanks for confirming Mayor Chadwick's meeting with the Minister 9am – 9:30am next Friday 17 September.

That works very well for us. Can you confirm that this will be a Zoom meeting and let me know if you will be sending the Zoom details or if you would like us to arrange from our end?

We are arranging who the iwi representatives will be today and I will get back to you on Monday with the names of attendees.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*

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From: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Sent: Thursday, 9 September 2021 4:45 PM

To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>

Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Debbie

I am delighted to let you know that the Minister would like to meet with Mayor Chadwick and iwi representatives to discuss the three waters reforms and partnership mechanisms between local and central government.

Would the Mayor and other attendees be available at 9am – 9:30am next Friday 17 September?

Cheers

Anna Barry | Private Secretary – Local Government | Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 11:30 AM

To: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Many thanks Anna and Fergus

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*

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From: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 11:24 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>; Fergus Broom s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Hi Debbie

Thanks for getting back in touch and providing this detail. Myself or Fergus (cc'd) will be back in touch to let you know if the Minister is able to meet, and then we can go from there with organising a suitable time.

Ngā mihi

Anna Barry | Private Secretary – Local Government | Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 9:53 AM
To: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Anna

Many thanks for getting back to me. I have checked with Mayor Chadwick and our CE Geoff Williams and have further details for you.

As noted below I understand that there was a short conversation with the Minister at the Regional Council Iwi Partners Forum a couple of weeks ago that Mayor Chadwick and Geoff would like to progress.

The topic is the position of council and Iwi on the 3 Waters reforms and also, more broadly, the partnership mechanism between local and central government. If the Minister is able to meet via Zoom, Mayor Chadwick would like to invite 1-2 local Iwi representatives to attend the meeting. If a meeting is possible I can send you the names of the 4-5 participants.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 3:05 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: Request to meet with Hon Mahuta re three waters

Kia ora Debbie

Thank you for the meeting request below. Before giving this to the Minister, could I please have a bit more detail about what the Mayor would like to discuss in particular about the three waters reforms, so that we can put an agenda together if the meeting goes ahead.

Ngā mihi

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]

Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 10:46 AM

To: N Mahuta (MIN) <n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz>

Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: Meeting request re 3 Waters Reform

Tēnā koe Minister Mahuta

I am writing on behalf of Mayor Chadwick and Rotorua Lakes Council CE Geoff Williams.

They would like to request a meeting via Zoom with you as soon as possible to further discuss Rotorua's approach to the 3 Waters reform, following your brief discussion with them at the Regional Council Iwi Partners Forum last week.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

Debbie Cossar Kaitohu

Manukura / Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support



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14 September 2021

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

By email: n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Minister

RE: Rotorua Lakes Council – 3 Waters Reforms – Views

Thank you for meeting with us on Monday 16 August. We thought it helpful to follow up with this letter to set out our thinking.

As a starting point, we acknowledge the broad drivers for the proposed reform. Those drivers do not significantly diverge from our own diagnosis of the challenges facing managers of Three Waters infrastructure: ageing physical infrastructure, a legacy of chronic underinvestment in network renewals often resulting in poor asset condition, higher standards and new regulations to better protect peoples' health and the environment, the significant growth-driven investment required to support new housing, the impacts of climate change and the forthcoming acute scarcity of a competent workforce.

The proposed reforms seek to achieve scale advantage by absorbing costs over a larger population base, rationalising and harmonising network plans and standards, pulling together a critical mass to attract, retain and develop competent staff and a more dedicated focus on managing risk. Together, these benefits of scale should logically lead to improved 3 Waters services in the long term.

Our position

Rotorua Lakes Council broadly agrees with the drivers for change and has already adopted a range of risk mitigations against those challenges in our 30-year Infrastructure strategies. We are also taking an active part in discussions and workshops with DIA and other local government agencies to help the formation of viable long-term options to address those challenges.

Nevertheless, we believe that there are fundamental gaps in the current reform proposal that must be addressed in order to strengthen the proposal and uphold the reform's underlying core intentions.

The importance of Three Waters infrastructure to local government

The purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

It is our job to ensure that the current and future needs of our communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and effective regulatory functions are met in a way that is cost-

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effective for ratepayers, households and businesses. To enable us to fulfill our purpose (and the four well-beings), we require Three Waters infrastructure that is fit for our community's needs. The case for the proposed reforms relies primarily on assumed economic benefits. But 3 Waters infrastructure assets are important not just for financial reasons, but also for the environmental, social and cultural outcomes they achieve. Our great concern is that the Entities take a regressive view that infrastructure projects are simply engineering and financial problems. They are not, they are questions of community development and growth. As such, local government can only function effectively if Three Waters infrastructure is provided in a timely and effective manner and in accordance with the unique needs and aspirations of mana whenua and the broader community.

Communities must determine levels of service

Whilst national standards will ensure some consistency in the delivery of Three Waters infrastructure, local factors will continue, ultimately, to be the overriding driver of services. To deliver on our purpose local government must, alongside mana whenua, understand and plan for growth and our communities' environmental, cultural and social wellbeing needs. To do this we must have the ability to define the infrastructure services we require. The lack of clear detail on how this will occur gives local government (and our communities) legitimate cause for concern.

Currently much remains uncertain.

- How will the Entity's operating model ensure consistent and reliable responses to our community's needs?
- What are the processes that will ensure that territorial authorities, as lead local agencies and in partnership with mana whenua, are able to set and define the outcomes and expectations to be delivered by the Entity?
- How can our community ensure that the Entity delivers outcomes *at least* as good as already established?

It seems highly possible that the economic benefits of scale could easily be offset by dis-benefits, including a loss of the community voice in the clutter of a much larger population base served by the Entity. Moreover, in the absence of a clear mechanism to ensure the leadership role of local government is maintained, there is real potential for a siloed, assets-based management approach that is unresponsive to the unique needs of iwi and the community.

It's also important to understand that those operational relationships are often with hapū and Māori land owners (who often have legal ownership and kaitiaki responsibilities for land underlying infrastructure assets). The complexity of those rights and interests is not currently reflected in the proposals.

We have learnt from experience of the importance of working with local communities in the initiation and design of services. We have also learnt from experience that the successful delivery of infrastructure projects depends on developing long-term (not just project-based), sustainable and productive operating relationships. We simply cannot see how the Entities can viably develop those community relationships across super-regions, and believe that this will limit the ability to design locally-influenced solutions (as we have done in numerous occasions) based on the needs and values of local communities.

Te Arawa partnership

Our Council, faithful to its partnership with Te Arawa, has in July 2021, resolved to establish a joint committee to consider the impacts of the Three Waters Reform on our partnerships with mana whenua and to make recommendation to the full Council and to mana whenua on the same. The Committee acts as a forum for governance oversight, to identify and develop shared concerns and aspirations, to understand the effects on relationship agreements, and to ensure well-informed, coordinated decision-making of the parties.

It is important that these discussions are had with both Council and mana whenua, so that your officials (as well as Council and mana whenua) fully understand the practical complexities and impact of the proposed reforms, and so that we ensure a robust, well-informed and coordinated approach to decision-making by Council and by mana whenua entities.

We also reiterate and support the calls from iwi that the proposals have not adequately addressed the effect of the reform on existing Treaty settlements obligations. We are concerned that the proposed reforms must both protect existing settlements, as well as ensure that the Crown (and local government and the Entities) continues to have the ability to continue to put right historic wrongs.

The solution

The Council (with our iwi partners) is the best-placed organisation to continue to define a set of unifying and aspirational objectives for the district, to articulate complex community issues and to lead the collective response to those issues and outcomes. We have a unique leadership role and the necessary institutional competence to do so. Furthermore, that leadership role and competence cannot be readily replicated by a single-purpose agency. We are of the strong view, that any attempt to do so would be naïve, ineffective and will create an unnecessary burden of resource duplication.

We agree that it is not always necessary for the Council to directly deliver the work programmes required to achieve the desired community outcomes. However, in partnership with iwi, we are the only organisation in the district able to monitor the attainment of and be accountable for such outcomes.

Ensuring the Entities deliver on community outcomes

Concerns regarding the reforms could be allayed by establishing early agreements between each of the councils, their respective mana whenua and the Entity (or its Transitional Authority). Those agreements should set out the detail of how we will work together to ensure democratic local decision-making is upheld, and that our communities receive the economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes that they need and deserve.

The direct link with Council and mana whenua could be achieved on the following basis:

Setting the strategy

1. A 3-Waters Strategy with clear outcomes for Rotorua is agreed between the Entity, RLC and mana whenua. The strategy would include (but not limited to):
 - a. Future growth, urban intensification and land use aspirations
 - b. Partnerships with mana whenua
 - c. Mana O Te Wai objectives
 - d. Social and cultural objectives
 - e. Climate change mitigation and resilience

2. The Entity commits to giving full effect to the outcomes and the objectives of the agreed Rotorua 3 Waters Strategy in a manner that enables local decision-making, reinforces relationships with iwi and discharges both the Crown's Treaty obligations and our partnership responsibilities.

Agreeing on delivery

3. The Entity agrees to work jointly with RLC to structure a Business Plan (to be received and endorsed by Council and mana whenua) that clearly articulates the methodology by which the outcomes and the objectives of the 3 Waters Strategy will be pursued for the district.
4. The Entity agrees to work together and in partnership with RLC and mana whenua to give effect to the future needs of Rotorua. The partnership should be defined by a recognition that the Entity has subject matter expertise, while iwi and Council have much greater knowledge of local needs and values.

Monitoring outcomes

5. The Entity will report regularly to RLC (in partnership with mana whenua) on progress against the agreed Business Plan and the progress towards the evolving LTP objectives, including the status and health of relationships and partnerships with the communities and specifically with mana whenua.
6. The Entity agrees to report to RLC (in partnership with mana whenua) against investment in local employment, the development of skills and capability in the district.

Conclusion

Our clear intention is to be supportive and constructive in the effort towards a viable and sustainable new 3 Waters management framework, and we hope our letter contributes to the further development of the reform proposals. We would be happy to discuss further these views as required.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Chadwick', written in a cursive style.

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021 10:04 am
To: Anna Barry
Subject: RE: Further information for the meeting between Minister Mahuta and Rotorua Lakes Council

That's great Anna, apologies again for the delay in getting it to you.

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From: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021 9:58 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Further information for the meeting between Minister Mahuta and Rotorua Lakes Council

Mōrena Debbie

Thanks for this biography, it is very helpful.

Ngā mihi
Anna

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 8:34 PM
To: Anna Barry s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: Further information for the meeting between Minister Mahuta and Rotorua Lakes Council

Kia ora Anna

Apologies for lateness this has just come through.

Nga mihi
Debbie

Judge Bidois is chair of the Puna a Pekehaua Trustees.

The trustees are owners of a Māori land block that contains springs (te puna a Pekehaua, also known as Taniwha Springs).

The springs were taken by the Crown in 1966 under the Public Works Act and vested in Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) for the supply of drinking water.

In 2007 RLC applied for a 25 year resource consent to continue taking water from the spring. The Environment Court held that taking the water had a significant adverse effect on Ngāti Rangiwewehi's identity, and consent could only be granted for a further 10 years to enable alternatives to be put into place.

Ngāti Rangiwewehi raised the taking of the springs in their Treaty settlement. As a result, in 2012, the Crown provided RLC with a grant of \$1.075 million to assist with establishing an alternative.

In 2015 RLC returned ownership of the land to the original Ngāti Rangiwewehi owners (the Puna a Pekehaua Trustees).

The trustees have granted RLC an easement to access the land, and the trustees and RLC are now joint consent holders for the water take consent.

We believe this is the first and only example of a Council and Māori land owners being joint applicants for a consent. It required significant work from both parties to develop a strong operational relationship, recognising the authority and mana of the trust, its owners and Ngāti Rangiwewehi.

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Hon David Parker BCom, LLB

Attorney-General
Minister for the Environment
Minister for Oceans and Fisheries
Minister of Revenue
Associate Minister of Finance



12 October 2021

Dear Mayors, Chairs and Chief Executives

Establishment of the Local Government RM Reform Steering Group

I am writing to confirm that the Local Government RM Reform Steering Group (Steering Group) has been established. Local government obviously has a key role in the resource management system.

The Steering Group will be a key point of contact between central and local government during the reform. It will provide a forum to contribute local government expertise and perspectives to the development and implementation of RM Reform policy advice.

The Group's membership reflects the range of New Zealand's councils and include members from metro, regional, provincial and rural councils. The appointments were approved by the Secretary for the Environment, following discussion with chief executives, Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā.

The Steering Group is not expected to be unanimous and will be able to provide diverse perspectives directly to ministers and to officials. Members of the Steering Group are not representative of their councils – each member brings their own experience and perspective to the work of the Steering Group. The Steering Group can also provide advice on the Government's wider engagement with local government on RM Reform.

Importantly, the Group will bring an implementation lens to its work. Getting implementation right, across the entire resource management system, is key to ensuring a workable, enduring new system.

The Steering Group is co-chaired by Mayor Toby Adams and Janine Smith, Deputy Secretary, Ministry for the Environment.

Officials will also continue to engage with technical experts from local government to test policy, drawing on their crucial expertise relevant to the reform. The Steering Group will have oversight of this and provide advice to officials.

I am looking forward to meeting with the Steering Group and have been briefed on their initial meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

CC Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government
Stuart Crosby, President, Local Government New Zealand
Susan Freeman-Greene, Chief Executive, Local Government New Zealand

Appendix 1 - Local government membership of the Steering Group

- Toby Adams – Mayor of Hauraki
- Rachel Reese – Mayor of Nelson
- Sam Broughton – Mayor of Selwyn
- Bill Cashmore – Deputy Mayor of Auckland
- Arama Ngapo – Councillor, South Waikato
- Shaun Clarke – Chief Executive, Far North District Council
- Aileen Lawrie – Chief Executive, Opotiki District Council
- James Palmer – Chief Executive, Hawke’s Bay Regional Council
- Stefanie Rixecker – Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury
- Mike Theelen – Chief Executive, Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Megan Tyler – Chief of Strategy, Auckland Council
- Wendy Walker – Chief Executive, Porirua City Council

Appendix 2

Terms of Reference – Local Government RM Reform Steering Group

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Tuesday, 19 October 2021 9:02 am
To: Sandy Grove
Cc: Trish Solomon
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Sandy

Attendees from rotorua lakes Council are as follows:

Mayor Steve Chadwick
Geoff Williams (CE, Rotorua Lakes Council)
Gina Rangi (DCE, Te Arawa Partnership, Rotorua Lakes Council)
Jean-Paul Gaston (DCE, District Development, Rotorua Lakes Council)

Tamati Coffey will also be in attendance.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Monday, 18 October 2021 4:33 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce
Importance: High

Hi Debbie

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner regarding this meeting.

Yes the meeting is still going ahead. It will most certainly be via zoom.

Please provide me with a list of all those who will be in attendance. **We will be operating a “zoom waiting room” meaning only those on the list will be admitted to the meeting.**

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Any questions please give me a call.

Kind regards,

Sandy Grove

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Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 9:17 AM

To: Sandy Grove **§7(2)(a) LGOIMA**

Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Sandy

I am just contacting you to confirm Mayor Chadwick's Zoom call with Minister Woods, Wednesday 20th October, 3.30-4.00pm, Via Zoom?

It has been a while since we have been in contact so I thought it best to double- check.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

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From: Sandy Grove **§7(2)(a) LGOIMA**

Sent: Monday, 27 September 2021 9:52 AM

To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Thanks Debbie.

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From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Monday, 27 September 2021 9:13 AM
To: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Cc: Kim McGrath <Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz>; Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Sandy

I apologise for the delay in getting back to you as I was on leave last week.

I have checked with my colleagues and the Mayor and can confirm that Wednesday 20th October, 3.30-4.00pm, Via Zoom works for us.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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Cc: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce
Importance: High

Hi Debbie

Unfortunately something has come up that means Minister Woods is no longer able to meet with members Rotorua Council as planned on **Thursday 30 September 2021 at 4.15pm**

As an alternative I can offer you the following date/time:

Date: Wednesday 20th October 2021
Time: 3.30-4.00pm
Venue: Via Zoom

Please advise if this new date/time works for you.

Once I have confirmation I will forward through the zoom details.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021 1:47 PM

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Cc: Kim McGrath <Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Sandy

I am here until the end of this week and then Kim will be the contact person for all of next week (20th-24th). We already have a Zoom meeting confirmed with Minister Woods for Thursday 30th September at 4.15 – 4.45pm, so I was just supplying Kim's details in case you needed any more information from our end or you needed to change the meeting time/date.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

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From: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021 12:44 PM

To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>

Cc: Sandy Grove s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Importance: High

Hi Debbie

Sorry it is taking a little longer than I thought – realistically I won't have an answer until Monday next week so if you could give me another contact that would be most helpful.

Kind regards,

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Kia ora Sandy

I am going to be on leave next week so thought it best to give you another contact person in case you have any questions for us while I am away.

Kim McGrath, copied above, is our CE Geoff Williams EA and will be able to assist you with any queries.

Ngā mihi
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Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

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From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 5:45 PM
To: Megan Woods (MIN) <M.Woods@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]; Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Kia ora Sandy

I can confirm that our Mayor and CE are both available on Thursday 30th September at 4.15 – 4.45pm to attend the Zoom meeting with Minister Woods and Tamati Coffey.

I look forward to receiving the Zoom details from you.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Megan Woods (MIN) <M.Woods@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 4:04 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce
Importance: High

Good afternoon Debbie

On behalf of Hon Dr Megan Woods thank you for the request for a meeting between Minister Woods, Tamati Coffey MP, Mayor Chadwick, and Rotorua Lakes Council CE Geoff Williams to discuss a report received from MHUD about expanding the role of Rotorua's Housing Taskforce and budget bid.

Please accept my sincere apology for the time it has taken to respond to this request. However, I am now in a position to confirm that Minister Wood and Tamati Coffey are available to meet as follows:

Date: Thursday 30 September 2021
Time: 4.15-4.45pm
Venue: Via Zoom

Once the above date / time is confirmed by you I will send through zoom meeting details.

Kind regards,

Sandy Grove
Senior Private Secretary, Office of Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources | Minister of Housing |
Minister of Research, Science & Innovation | Associate Minister of Finance |
Member for Wigram | [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]



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Sent: Monday, 23 August 2021 10:51 AM
To: Megan Woods (MIN) <M.Woods@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: INV21-826: Meeting request re Rotorua Housing Taskforce

Tēnā koe Minister Woods

I am writing on behalf of Mayor Chadwick, Tamati Coffey and Rotorua Lakes Council CE Geoff Williams.

They would like to request a meeting via Zoom with you as soon as possible to discuss the report you have received from MHUD today about expanding the role of Rotorua's Housing Taskforce and budget bid.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 3:00 pm
To: d.parker@ministers.govt.nz
Subject: Request for a meeting with Minister Parker on behalf of Mayor of Rotorua, Hon Steve Chadwick

Tēnā koe Minister

Mayor Chadwick and Taa Toby Curtis, Chair Te Arawa Lakes Trust are hoping to secure a meeting with you as soon as possible in regard to your decision on the Freshwater Improvement Funding for reticulation of the Tarawera lakeside community and its impact on our district.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 3:11 pm
To: Megan Woods (MIN)
Cc: Sandy Grove; tamati.coffey@parliament.govt.nz; Todd McClay
Subject: Letter from Mayor Chadwick re meeting with Minister Woods
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick to Minister Woods re Rotorua Housing - 27 October 2021.pdf

Tēnā koe Minister

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Chadwick following your meeting last week.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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27 October 2021

Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Housing
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Wellington 6160

Mail to: m.woods@ministers.govt.nz

Cc: tamati.coffey@parliament.govt.nz; todd.mcclay@parliament.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Minister

Re: Rotorua Housing

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our Rotorua Lakes Council team last week. Having the chance to speak directly with you and Tamati about the challenges our district is facing with housing and also being able to share our perspective on the good work that has been achieved so far through the inter-agency housing taskforce was extremely valuable to us.

I was equally encouraged by the subsequent announcement of the *Housing Supply Bill* by yourself and the Leader of the Opposition. The Bill is another signal to local government that central government recognises the acute need for housing across Aotearoa New Zealand and that with the changing composition of households, there is a growing need for smaller and low-maintenance type homes in medium to high density areas.

Since the announcement our DCE District Development, Jean-Paul Gaston has been carefully reviewing the Bill and is encouraged that as a Tier 2 council, there is an opportunity for Rotorua to make a case to Government under this legislation to enable intensification ahead of the plan changes that our council currently has in development. In addition to our interest in being involved, we will be looking to make a submission on the Bill.

I appreciate your ongoing support on what is a very complex, but I believe solvable situation in Rotorua.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 3:19 pm
To: Libby Crysell; san
Cc: Andrew Wilson
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora korua

In terms off invited guests, Mayor Chadwick will be hosting:

Tamati Coffey
Jean-Paul Gaston – DCE District Development, Rotorua Lakes Council
Andrew Wilson – CE – Rotorua Economic Development
John McRae – Chair - Rotorua Economic Development

With yourself Libby and the Minister, the total number of people attending will be 7.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Libby Crysell [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 2:45 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Andrew Wilson <Andrew.Wilson@rotoruaNZ.com>
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Thank-you Debbie,

I will be attending along with the Minister.

Ngā mihi,

Libby



Libby Crysell
Private Secretary –Tourism

Office of Hon Stuart Nash

Minister for Economic and Regional Development | Minister for Small Business
Minister of Tourism | Minister of Forestry

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From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 2:38 PM

To: Libby Crysell [REDACTED]; san [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrew Wilson <Andrew.Wilson@rotoruaNZ.com>

Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora korua

I can confirm that the topics that the Mayor would like to cover include the delivery of Rotorua's Destination Management Plan. I understand that more detailed information on the Plan has already been provided by Rotorua Economic Development.

The Mayor would also like to discuss broader economic development projects. These have been discussed with the Minister previously, so at the dinner the conversation will be focused on solutions where his assistance would be very much appreciated.

Names of guests still to come, but can I confirm that the Minister will have an advisor attending the dinner with him?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Libby Crysell [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 12:53 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Thank you Debbie,

Did the Mayor have any particular topics she would like to discuss with the Minister?

Ngā mihi,

Libby



Libby Crysell
Private Secretary –Tourism

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From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 12:28 PM
To: san [REDACTED]
Cc: Libby Crysell [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora Paula

I am still awaiting information on who will be attending the dinner on the 3rd from our end although Mayor Chadwick is confirmed as the hosting the dinner.

I can confirm that we have booked a private dining room at Peppers on the Point for 6pm.

Peppers on the Point
214 Kawaha Point Road
Rotorua
P: +64 7 348 4868

I am not sure if you have already booked accommodation for the Minister, but the lodge manager has told me that they can offer media/government rates if needed.

We are expecting that the Mayor will be hosting 5 to 7 guests. I have told my managers that you need the guest list asap today and I think they are working on it now so shouldn't be too long.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Paula James [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA] **On Behalf Of** san
Sent: Friday, 29 October 2021 10:15 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Libby Crysell [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora Debbie

Just following up on the upcoming dinner on Bibiana's behalf.

Would it be possible to have a list of the attendees and location details as soon as possible please (and anything else that we may need to know prior to the event). This will enable us to finalise the Minister's diary for next week.

Apologies if you have already sent this information through.

I look forward to hearing from you. 😊

Ngā mihi

Paula James
Private Secretary (Executive Support) to Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development | Minister of Forestry | Minister for Small Business | Minister of Tourism
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From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 4:04 PM
To: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

I'll be working from home so if it's urgent call me on [s7(2)(a)]. But I do hope you actually get to have your day off!

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From: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 3:59 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Thanks so much Debbie – you too! Although I'm sure we will likely be in touch tomorrow 😊

Bibiana Marsh | Senior Private Secretary
Office of Hon Stuart Nash | MP for Napier
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Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 3:58 PM
To: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Ok cool, have a great weekend.

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From: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 3:52 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Thanks so much, Debbie – I am on leave tomorrow but will be monitoring my emails and am available on my mobile if you need anything from my end.

Ngā mihi nui,
Bibiana

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Office of Hon Stuart Nash | MP for Napier
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Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 3:51 PM
To: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Excellent, we are on a roll. I should have everything confirmed by tomorrow.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Bibiana Marsh [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 3:05 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora Debbie

Many thanks for touching base, it was great to speak to you and many thanks for confirmation of dinner on Wednesday, 3 November.

That is correct that the Minister will be undertaking a few other engagements including the ones you have mentioned below. We haven't yet confirmed him for the Crankworx dinner on Tuesday night – I still need to check this with him but I'm sure he will want to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you with further details on the dinner once available (confirmation of timing, location and attendees would be great please) but, in meantime, please don't hesitate to give me a bell if you need anything from my end.

Thanks so much again for all your help.

Ngā mihi,
Bibiana

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Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 2:09 PM
To: Bibiana Marsh s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: Minister Nash's visit

Kia ora Bibiana

Nice to speak with you. Just following on from our conversation Mayor Chadwick would be delighted to host Minister Nash for a dinner on Wednesday night (3rd). I will send you further details asap.

Also just confirming your information that the minister is attending a Crankworx function/dinner on Tuesday night , visiting Te Puia on Wednesday and attending a Chamber of commerce breakfast Thursday morning?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 29 November 2021 11:29 am
To: tamati.coffey@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Letter to Minister Sepuloni
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick and Monty Morrison to Minister Sepuloni.pdf

Kia ora Tamati

Letter from the Mayor and Monty to the Hon Carmel Sepuloni as discussed.

Ngā mihi
Deb

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not have the wrap around support services that are provided in the MSD contracted motels. We fear that the current system is enabling a tsunami of at best anti-social behaviour in our community.

Our community is suffering due to drug use, violent behaviour, vandalism and other anti-social behaviours that they are seeing on a daily basis, in the proximity of the motels providing emergency housing. The perception is that those living in emergency accommodation are destroying our city and its reputation.

Many of the motels and backpacker's that are accepting vouchers are unsuitable for medium-term accommodation and are certainly not appropriate for MSD clients with multiple dependencies, poor health outcomes and little or no control of their circumstances.

We are also extremely concerned that this accommodation is fundamentally unsuitable in a Covid environment, particularly given that our itinerant population is also less likely to be vaccinated. As Rotorua prepares to welcome visitors here again under the traffic light system we can only see this community anxiety and anger escalating. We also fear that we may have a serious outbreak of Covid in our emergency housing motels.

Rotorua requests a change to the voucher system to one that provides management and appropriate wrap-around support to all clients alongside the system currently available to families in contracted motels.

Can we also ask for your assurance that people are not being actively sent here and that given the scale of our problem, MSD be directed to consider other communities for locating emergency housing clients.

It is very obvious that Rotorua is suffering terribly from the impacts of Covid and we are bearing the brunt of the housing crisis.

We appreciate your support in reducing the risks to our community.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor



Monty Morrison
Kaumatua, Ngāti Whakuae

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Rotorua Lakes Council submission to the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Amendment Bill.

Rotorua Lakes Council wishes to be heard on the submission.

Rotorua Lakes Council supports the need to increase housing supply and choice to increase the wellbeing of individuals, whānau and communities. We therefore support the Bill, correspondingly our Council has **resolved unanimously to request inclusion of the Rotorua urban area (Tier 2)** in its provisions.

We appreciate the bi-partisan desire to move at pace to implement the NPS-UD and this reflects the necessity to address a housing crisis affecting the country and individual local communities.

Council is appreciative of the close working relationship we have with Government, particularly the support Council has received from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry of Social Development and Kāinga Ora. A whole-of-Government approach being taken by Government and the direct working relationship with Council and Te Arawa provides an effective mechanism to address short-term problems and establish the groundwork for longer-term transformation.

Rotorua has acute housing needs and this Bill provides another opportunity for Te Arawa, Council and Government to build on existing initiatives to more quickly provide sufficient homes in our community.

Government is to be congratulated for the progress being taken to accelerate the development of housing, of all types, in communities.

For matters relating to this submission, please contact Jean-Paul Gaston, Deputy Chief Executive – District Development – jean-paul.gaston@rotorualc.nz



Geoff Williams
Chief Executive

Submission of the Rotorua Lakes Council on the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

Summary

Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) supports the need to increase housing supply and choice to increase the wellbeing of individuals, whānau and communities. We therefore support the intent of the Bill.

Rotorua has acute housing needs that must be addressed as quickly as possible.

The use of a large number of local motels as emergency housing cannot continue for an extended period as it will create long-term social and economic damage to our community.

The opportunity for Rotorua, as a Tier 2 urban area, to be included within the Bill offers a significant opportunity to more rapidly enable housing development across the city.

Background

Housing is one of the biggest issues facing the Rotorua community.

The city's housing and homeless challenges were not created overnight. Since 2014 Rotorua has experienced strong population growth which has created significant pressure on the housing market (median rents up by 54% and house prices by 84%). Those pressures include an ongoing shortage of affordable housing, a shortage of rental properties, and a shortage of state or community housing. All of these factors have been amplified by the effects of COVID-19, which created a need to urgently house hundreds of people who needed to safely isolate during the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown in New Zealand.

The Rotorua urban area (city and Ngongotahā) is classified as a Tier 2 urban area under the NPS-UD.

Rapid growth has exacerbated underlying problems that existed in our community. Income levels are lower than the average for New Zealand, and higher unemployment and benefit dependency have created high levels of housing poverty as rent and home prices have rapidly shifted.

The impacts and housing shortage was identified in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) place-based assessment undertaken for Rotorua in 2019. This highlighted a housing deficit of approximately 1750 homes.

Initiated by RLC, Rotorua's *He Papakāinga, He Hāpori Taurikura Te Pouou Rautaki – Homes and Thriving Communities Strategic Framework* was completed in 2020 and directly reflects identified focus areas as established in Council's current Spatial Plan, adopted in 2018. Subsequently, RLC committed to progress critical workstreams within its 2021-2031 Long-term Plan. Progression of these workstreams continues in partnership with Te Arawa, Government, and community providers. Ongoing analysis has defined the drivers to the acute housing issues being experienced within Rotorua.

A Taskforce of government agencies, iwi and RLC was established in March 2021 to provide better support and outcomes for people living in emergency housing or at risk of homelessness.

The Taskforce brings together RLC, the Ministry of Social Development, Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Te Puni Kokiri alongside Te Arawa partners and social service providers.

The aim of the Taskforce is to develop immediate short-term solutions to improve the environment for whānau in emergency housing and the wider community, while more permanent housing solutions that require more time to develop are delivered.

The Taskforce moved quickly to develop recommendations for a number of actions that were presented to Ministers Megan Woods and Carmel Sepuloni. Those recommendations were approved by Ministers in May 2021.

The approved recommendations set out a number of actions to relieve short-term housing issues and ensure whānau with children in need of stable housing are well-supported and have access to the facilities they need.

Those actions included:

- Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development contracting suitable motels specifically for emergency accommodation with an initial focus on whānau with children;
- Wrap-around social support services for whānau and children in contracted accommodation, and improved support for people in motels with emergency housing grants;
- A new Te Arawa-led housing hub – Te Pokapū – including collective social services, iwi and agencies to holistically support and place people in need of housing;
- Short-to-medium term housing supply solutions.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has contracted 12 suitable motels that now provide dedicated housing for about 200 whānau with children. These have facilities that meet whānau needs, such as safe sleeping space, laundry and kitchen facilities and outdoor spaces for tamariki.

Rotorua-based social service providers WERA Aotearoa, Visions of a Helping Hand and Emerge Aotearoa are managing this contracted accommodation and are supporting whānau to access the help and services they need.

A Te Arawa-led housing hub - Te Pokapū – provides holistic support and places people in need of housing, based on a kaupapa Māori approach. Led by Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakāue, supported by the Ministry of Social Development, it involves a collective of local providers and agencies working together.

The use of a large number of local motels as emergency housing cannot continue for an extended period as it will create long-term social and economic damage to our community.

As required under the NPS-UD, Council is completing its first Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment (HBA) and preparing, as quickly as possible, intensification plan changes for Rotorua city. These are proposed around a Priority Development Area (PDA) for the CBD and central city and wider changes to residential intensification rules in the District Plan. Decades of limited to zero growth has meant many planning provisions have been rolled over in successive District Plan reviews. These planning provisions are now too restrictive and outdated, preventing affordable housing and limiting housing typologies needed into the future e.g. smaller (1 or 2 bedroom) dwellings.

Infrastructure constraints, particularly for stormwater, create an additional challenge to infill and redevelopment and threaten the achievement of the NPS-UD objectives. The Government Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) offers an opportunity to rapidly address this infrastructure constraint and enable a rapid housing response.

The opportunity, as a Tier 2 urban area, to be included within the Bill offers a significant opportunity for Rotorua to more rapidly enable housing development across the city. The elected Council has resolved unanimously to request inclusion of the Rotorua urban area (Tier 2) in the provisions of this Bill because of the acute housing needs in the district.

Intensification Streamlined Planning Process

RLC supports the proposal to expedite the implementation of the intensification policies of the NPS-UD through the new Intensification Streamlined Planning Process (ISPP). Council is progressing the requirements of the NPS-UD and the absence of an appeals process in the ISPP will assist many.

Council is likely to need to run a narrower plan change in parallel to the ISPP to support proposed rule changes to support intensification in the CBD and central city (proposed Priority Development Area). Therefore, we suggest that the scope of the ISPP should be broadened to be available to any plan change or full district plan review that addresses the requirements of the NPS-UD.

Council notes the additional detail on this issue identified in the Taituarā submission.

Recommendations: ISPP

- 1. That the scope of the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process be broadened.**
- 2. That councils should be able to use the Intensification Streamlined Planning Process more than once to adapt to changes such as decisions on enabling infrastructure.**
- 3. That the Rotorua urban area (Tier 2) is included in the provisions of this Bill because of the acute housing needs in the district.**

Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS)

Council is supportive of the need for a significant change in what is permitted for housing across the urban area. However, Council would be keen to see further consideration of the exclusions that should be applied to its application. While accelerating housing, there is a risk this may adversely impact on the overall objectives of the NPS-UD. In particular, it may be useful to consider planned or enabling infrastructure and appropriate access.

Council has a number of cultural historical Te Arawa villages within its urban area and seeks clarification that these could be excluded.

Recommendation: MDRS

- 1. That councils be given the ability to exclude areas from the Medium Density Residential Standards that do not have existing or planned infrastructure capacity to support intensive development, to ensure there is integrated planning.**

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2021 3:02 pm
To: Sandy Grove
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021

Ok, got that thanks Sandy.

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From: Sandy Grove [REDACTED] s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2021 2:59 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021

Thanks Debbie

Change in plans Minister Woods will now be accompanied by Jo Leavesley, Ministerial Press Sec.
Both Ministers Woods and Jo will have their vaccine passes ready to show upon arrival.

Kind regards,

Sandy Grove
Senior Private Secretary, Office of Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources | Minister of Housing |
Minister of Research, Science & Innovation | Associate Minister of Finance |
Member for Wigram | [REDACTED] s7(2)(a) LGOIMA



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Sent: Monday, 6 December 2021 2:18 PM
To: Sandy Grove [REDACTED] s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021

Kia ora Sandy

I am sure your Minister and Liz travel prepared, but as I have heard that there are some differences in how Councils are interpreting the traffic light system, I thought it best to let you know that Rotorua Lakes Council now requires all visitors to show their My Vaccine Pass before entering a council site and to wear a face covering.

Entry to the Council building is through the Customer Centre as per usual. Either the Mayor, myself or one of my colleagues will be there to greet them.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2021 9:03 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021

Thanks Debbie

Minister Woods will be accompanied by Liz Banas her Senior Press Sec.

Kind regards,

Sandy Grove
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From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2021 8:28 AM
To: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: RE: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021

Kia ora Sandy

Mayor Chadwick is free and would be delighted to meet with Minister Woods.

I can confirm that our Mayor would like to meet with the Minister in her office at Council?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Sent: Friday, 3 December 2021 2:47 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Cc: Sandy Grove [s7(2)(a) LGOIMA]
Subject: MEETING REQUEST - Hon Dr Megan Woods - Thursday 9 December 2021
Importance: High

Good afternoon Debbie

Apologies for the short notice of this request.

Minister Woods is going to be in Rotorua/Taupo region next Thursday 9th December 2021 and was wondering if Mayor Chadwick would be available for a 30-45 minute meeting as per below:

Purpose: General chat regarding place based stuff
Date: Thursday 9 December 2021
Time: 10.00-10.45am

Please advise via return email if Mayor Chadwick is able to accommodate this meeting.

Kind regards,

Sandy Grove
Senior Private Secretary, Office of Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources | Minister of Housing |
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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 8 December 2021 11:45 am
To: Awhina Coffey
Subject: RE: Minister WOODS - Thursday 9th 2021

Kia ora Awhina

Could you give me a call please?

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Awhina Coffey s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Wednesday, 8 December 2021 9:55 AM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: Minister WOODS - Thursday 9th 2021

Morena Debbie,

Tāmāti has asked me to make contact with you in regards to meeting with Minister Woods tomorrow afternoon.

He is currently in a Māori Affairs Select Committee meeting and has not given me much information, just to contact you about the meeting.

Can you help please, he would obviously like to attend with the Minister.

Ngā mihi,
Awhina Coffey
Tautoko Paremata mo
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Labour



From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 13 December 2021 3:13 pm
To: C Sepuloni (MIN)
Subject: RE: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Kia ora Shahd

Thank you for getting back to me with this information.

Ngā mihi
debbie

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From: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA **On Behalf Of C Sepuloni (MIN)**
Sent: Monday, 13 December 2021 3:06 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Kia ora Debbie,

Thank you for your follow up e-mail. The formal written correspondence is currently under process. We hope to have this with you when it is finished in due course. Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,
Shahd

Shahd El-Matary | Private Secretary Executive Support

s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, Minister for Social Development & Employment, Minister for Disability Issues, Minister for ACC and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
Authorised by Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: Debbie Cossar [<mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 13 December 2021 12:43 PM
To: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Tēnā koe Shahd

I am writing in regard to the letter from Mayor Chadwick sent to the Minister on the 25th November. As yet Mayor Chadwick has not received a response from Minister Sepuloni and has asked me to follow up with your office.

I have attached a copy of the letter for your information.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Kim McGrath <Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz>
Sent: Monday, 13 December 2021 12:28 PM
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: FW: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Kim McGrath *Tīheru Ohu Toihautū* | Executive Support Officer, Chief Executive's Office
07 351 8142 | 0276288045 | kim.mcgrath@rotorualc.nz | rotorualakescouncil.nz

From: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA **On Behalf Of** C Sepuloni (MIN)
Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2021 11:04 am
To: Kim McGrath <Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Tēnā koe Kim,

On behalf of Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment, thank you for your email and letter. I will pass it on to the Minister for her consideration and response in due course.

Accessibility is important to the Minister. Please let us know if you are using a screen reader, and we will make sure your response from the Minister is sent in an accessible format.

Ngā mihi,
Shahd

Shahd El-Matary | Private Secretary Executive Support
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From: Kim McGrath [<mailto:Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2021 10:19 AM
To: C Sepuloni (MIN) <C.Sepuloni@ministers.govt.nz>
Cc: Justina Gear s7(2)(a) LGOIMA Mike Bryant s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: Continuing emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

Kia ora Minister Sepuloni

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Steve Chadwick and Ngāti Whakaue Kaumatua, Monty Morrison.

Ngā mihi

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16 December 2021

Hon Dr Megan Woods,
Minister of Housing,
Parliament Office,
Private Bay 18888,
Parliamentary Buildings,
Wellington 6160

Tēnā koe Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a more detailed proposal to the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund to enable housing in the Western and Central areas of Rotorua.

Housing is one of the biggest issues facing Rotorua and a key priority for Council.

As identified by the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development (MHUD), our district has attracted a growing population, but without sufficient homes being built to meet our changing needs, we face a severe housing shortage.

One of the biggest constraints to developing housing in Rotorua to meet current and future demand is ensuring we have the enabling infrastructure in place. Our developers (including Kāinga Ora – Home and Communities (KO)) need certainty when planning housing developments, that there will be sufficient capacity in the enabling infrastructure. Unfortunately our current stormwater assets do not provide that required level of certainty.

This uncertainty increases both cost and risk for developers and ultimately limits the viability of key potential housing developments. For those developments that do proceed, the high infrastructure costs drive up the cost, resulting in some developers opting to not develop their land, further constraining housing supply. Given the impacts of climate change and the increasing frequency and intensity of severe weather events, it is vital our stormwater assets are carefully planned and well delivered to reduce risk.

Inadequate housing supply and the lack of affordable housing affects all parts of the Rotorua community, but disproportionately affects the Te Arawa people. Rotorua Lakes Council is working through these issues in partnership with Te Arawa in the context of its Homes and Thriving Communities Strategy Framework, a co-owned strategic framework to deliver more housing and to ensure communities are supported, safe, healthy and connected, with homes that match needs and access to services and facilities.

Council has a clear history of working with the Crown to deliver on joint projects. The lakefront and Whakarewarewa Forest developments are two examples of Council implementing flagship projects through Crown funding.

Central government support for this application will put us in the position to enable accelerated housing delivery in key parts of our city. We are focussed on intensification through redevelopment and infill in appropriate locations, i.e. areas of high amenity, which aligns with the intent of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (2020). This will ensure development of well-functioning urban environments and a more efficient urban form that also supports travel mode shift.

We can't overcome our housing crisis on our own. Our all-of-government partnership approach to-date has resulted in faster improved outcomes and we thank you for your ongoing support in this regard. Partnering through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund would be another vital step forward, both in our all-of-government partnership approach and in terms of accelerating private and public housing outcomes across our district.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with Kāinga Ora on both achieving public housing outcomes and negotiating further to receive funding for our enabling infrastructure to achieve these and other housing outcomes.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Chadwick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

Hon Dr Megan Woods

MP for Wigram

Minister of Housing

Minister of Energy and Resources

Minister of Research, Science and Innovation

Associate Minister of Finance



Hon Mayor Chadwick JP
Mayor, Rotorua Lakes Council

Sir Toby Curtis
Chair, Te Arawa Lakes Trust

Te Taru White
Chair, Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board

Dear Mayor Chadwick, Sir Toby and Te Taru

Order in Council under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act

Thank you for your letter on 16 December 2021 requesting Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) be directed by Order in Council under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act (the Act) to notify an Intensification Planning Instrument (IPI) to implement the medium density residential standards (MDRS) and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD).

We agree that Rotorua is experiencing acute housing need. This is causing social harm, disproportionate impacts on Māori, and needs to be addressed. On 14 March 2022 the Governor General made an Order in Council directing you to implement the MDRS which will enable you to significantly increase opportunities for housing.

The Order in Council will enable RLC to notify an IPI which you will use to implement the MDRS and give effect to the NPS-UD and must be notified by 20 August 2022. As the IPI can include papakāinga provisions we encourage RLC to consider provisions that will enable papakāinga and additional opportunities for development where appropriate.

Officials from the Ministry for the Environment and Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development are supporting RLC staff with implementation of the Act. We have asked them to assist you in setting out engagement, timeframes and any reporting requirements for the IPI.

We are pleased to see that you can see the benefits of the MDRS and the impact it will have on addressing acute housing need in Rotorua.

Ngā mihi,

Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Housing

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 2 February 2022 9:31 am
To: 'D.Parker@ministers.govt.nz'
Subject: FW: Letter from Mayor Steve Chadwick and iwi partners
Attachments: Rotorua Recovery Plan jpg.pdf; Letter from Mayor Chadwick to Hon David Parker re Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.pdf

Tēnā koe Tracey

Thank you for the update you have provided below. We have passed the message on to Mayor Chadwick.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

Debbie Cossar *Policy Advisor, Mayoral Support*
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From: D Parker (MIN) <D.Parker@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 31 January 2022 3:45 PM
To: Moana Petre <Moana.Petre@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Letter from Mayor Steve Chadwick and iwi partners

Kia ora Mayor Steve Chadwick

Thank you for your letter requesting that Rotorua Lakes District Council be included in the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Act 2021.

As your request requires an Order in Council to be passed it may be several weeks until The Minister for the Environment can respond to your request. However, as you may be aware, Officials from the Ministry for the Environment and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development have been working with your staff to progress this request. I understand they have considered the information provided in your letter and attachments.

The Minister for the Environment has been made aware of you request and will be receiving advice from MfE shortly.

Ngā mihi

Tracey

Office of Hon David Parker

Office of Hon David Parker MP | Attorney-General | Minister for the Environment | Minister for Oceans and Fisheries | Minister of Revenue | Associate Minister of Finance

Authorised by Hon David Parker MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: Moana Petre [mailto:Moana.Petre@rotorualc.nz]

Sent: Friday, 17 December 2021 3:40 PM

To: D Parker (MIN) <D.Parker@ministers.govt.nz>

Cc: Jean-Paul Gaston <Jean-Paul.Gaston@rotorualc.nz>; Megan Woods (MIN) <M.Woods@ministers.govt.nz>; K Davis (MIN) <k.davis@ministers.govt.nz>

Subject: Letter from Mayor Steve Chadwick and iwi partners

Kia ora Minister Parker

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Chadwick and our iwi partners in regard to Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.

Please also find attached a letter of support from the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce, which is referred to in the letter from Mayor Chadwick and our Iwi partners.

Ngā mihi

Moana

Moana Petre *Tiheru Ohu Toihautū* | Executive Support Officer, Office of the CE

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16 December 2021

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Copy to: Minister of Housing m.woods@ministers.govt.nz
Minister for Māori Crown Relations k.davis@ministers.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Minister

Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

As representatives of Rotorua Lakes Council, Te Tatau o Te Arawa and the Te Arawa Lakes Trust we are following the progress of the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill with great interest. Our organisations made the decision to present as one when we made our submissions at the recent hearings because we collectively share the view that our city is suffering acute housing needs.

We can confirm that we are continuing with our individual and collective efforts to address our District's acute housing needs, working in partnership with Government agencies and other local stakeholders.

In line with this kaupapa, we would like to extend again our request that Rotorua Lakes Council, as a Tier 2 council, be included through an Order of Council for inclusion under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment, to implement the MDRS intensification plan changes in line with our NPS-UD requirements as soon as practicably possible.

As required under the NPS-UD, Council's Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment (HBA) has now been completed and we will be seeking to amend our District Plan, with the Housing Bottom Lines, which include having sufficient zoned, infrastructure-served, feasible development capacity to meet:

- in the short term (2020-2023) an additional 3560 dwellings
- in the medium term (2020-2030) an additional 6,240 dwellings, and
- in the long term (2020-2050) an additional 9,740 dwellings

The significant number of new homes required, in the short term, highlights the necessity for us to collectively support all initiatives and opportunities to boost the supply of homes in our community immediately.

Council recognises that decades of limited to zero growth has meant that many planning provisions have been rolled over in successive District Plan reviews. Planning provisions are now too restrictive and outdated, preventing affordable housing and limiting housing typologies needed into the future e.g. smaller (1 or 2 bedroom) dwellings. This planning deficit has led to an inadequate supply response to the recent major shift in demand. In addition to worsening purchase affordability there is limited availability and affordability of rentals in our community, due to the lack of supply.

While subdivision and housing development has begun to respond, it is recognised by us all that the significant deficit that currently exists has resulted in the high numbers of people being housed in motels as emergency accommodation. We agree that the fast track provisions and medium density residential standards are necessary to provide a rapid step change in development opportunities.

We are also very aware that Rotorua's challenges extend beyond simply housing, and are supportive of the views shared in a recent letter sent by the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce to Minister Woods in support of Rotorua's involvement with the Bill. We acknowledge the opportunities for sustainable business development and growth that will accrue from the building of homes and of how the improved adequacy of housing for new employees across a range of businesses, will support the growth of our local economy.

Attached is a brief annex providing further information on the scale of Rotorua's acute housing needs. Given this evidence, we strongly believe the MDRS provides the rapid step change required and that it will support other measures underway and planned.

The partnership approach that underpins the kaupapa of all working in and for Rotorua will now need to be focused on developing a new 50 year direction for the development of the city and more specifically intensification plan changes and renewed efforts to create a thriving inner city.

As a valued partner, we thank you for considering this request for Rotorua's inclusion in the provisions of the Amendment.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor



Te Taru White
Chair
Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board



Sir Toby Curtis
Chair
Te Arawa Lakes Trust

Annex 1 - Rotorua acute housing needs evidence

Evidence of acute housing needs – comparing Rotorua Lakes Council to other Territorial Authorities with data supplied by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development:

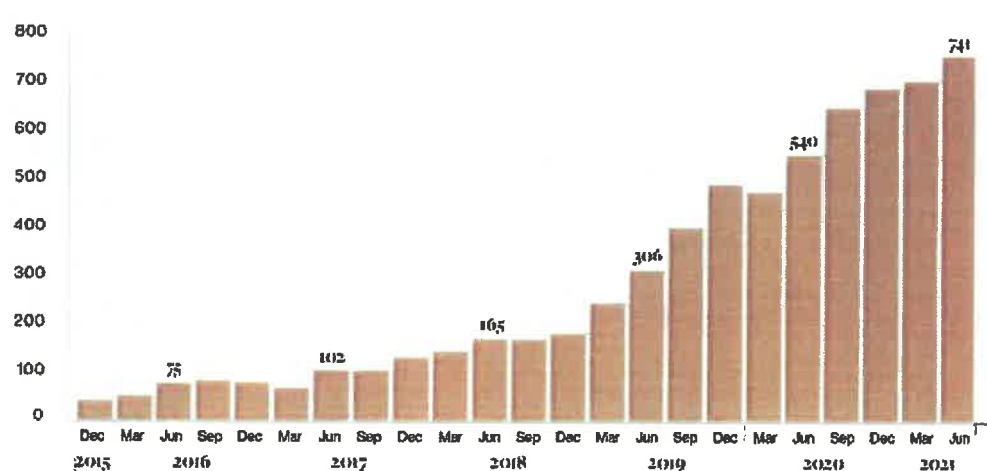
- Top quartile – 96 people on housing register per 10k pop, June '21
- Top quartile – 132 people per 10k as number severely housing deprived, Census 2018
- Top quartile – 31% of households spending over 40% on rent, Census 2018
- Top quartile – 25% of Maori in crowded households, Census 2018
- Top quartile – 32% Maori homeowners, Census 2018
- Second quartile - House sale price to income ratio, June 2021 – 8.6 – almost double the ratio of 4.4 from March 2015

In addition, fewer than 30% of Te Arawa iwi members own their home which is less than half the rate for the for the population as a whole. ¹

In addition to worsening purchase affordability the key challenge for Rotorua is the availability and affordability of rentals. This is due to the lack of supply which the outdated and restrictive planning rules have contributed to:

- Population has increased by 8,850 (12.9%) since 2013 (2013-2020), but the supply of dwellings has not responded.
- Consents per 1,000 population is one of the lowest in the country at 3.8 per 1,000 (second lowest of all Tier 2's – Dunedin 3.7).
- The shortfall of housing has contributed to the high number of applicants on the public housing register and those unable to find accommodation and living in motels (ENSNs and Contracted).

Rotorua housing register in the last six years



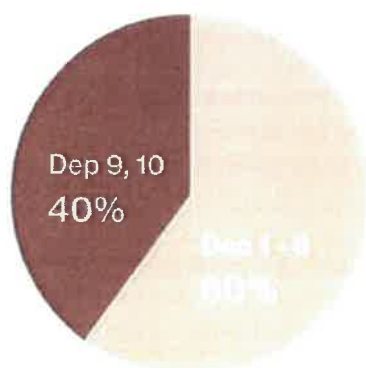
Source: Te Arawa

¹ <https://tewhata.io/te-arawa-collective/>

- A significant shortfall of smaller homes is increasing rental stress for single adults and retired renters. There are few one bed homes available for rent meaning single adults and retired renters need to share accommodation or compete with families for larger homes.
- MSD data on accommodation supplement shows there are more than 650 renting superannuitants receiving the supplement who are paying unaffordable (>30% income) rents. The number of households reaching retirement and still renting is likely to rise over time, further increasing demand for smaller affordable rentals.
- Significant deprivation and benefit levels:

Rotorua

Deprivation levels by total population

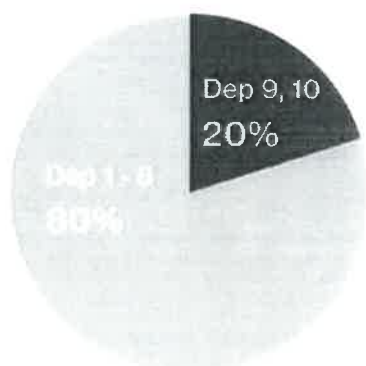


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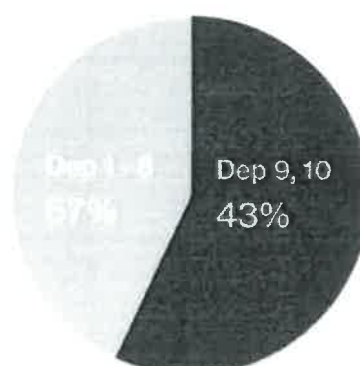


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Deprivation levels by total population



Maori deprivation levels





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Hon Dr Megan Woods
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Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor
Rotorua Lakes Council

Tena Korua Minister and Steve

Chamber Support for Major Rotorua Recovery Plan

Our Rotorua Chamber of Commerce Board met yesterday morning (Tuesday 9 November) for our monthly board meeting.

I have been asked to convey our board's unanimous and unequivocal support for the actions which are currently under discussion and development in Rotorua.

The Chamber board supports and endorses the following proactive actions to help Rotorua re-establish itself at the forefront of the NZ Tourism industry for the next fifty years:

1. The proposal to apply the proposed Tier One city medium density housing rules right across the Rotorua Urban areas, allowing three units per section.
2. The planned and controlled conversion of much of the Rotorua CBD to high density residential usage and building of new five-star hotels.
3. The establishment of Priority Development Areas (PDA's) with detailed development plans for each PDA.
4. The application by Rotorua Lakes Council to Central Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund for \$90 million of additional funding to underpin the infrastructure necessary to support items 1-3 above.
5. The need to proceed with all the above with speed and precision, to avoid further damage to Rotorua's image as a prime tourism destination and to start rebuilding our brand on a national and international stage

We are committed to supporting the moves underway to implement positive and proactive solutions and to be an active co-leader for the recovery of our beautiful city.

Whakawhetai ki a koe mo to whakaaro

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Heard', enclosed within a large, loopy, handwritten flourish that loops back to the start of the signature.

Bryce Heard
Chief Executive



From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 9 February 2022 12:09 pm
To: Stuart.Nash@parliament.govt.nz
Cc: Libby Crysell
Subject: Letter from Hon Steve Chadwick, Mayor of Rotorua re Whaka100
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick to Hon Stuart Nash re Whaka100 - 9 February 2022.pdf

Tēnā koe Minister

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Chadwick writing in support of an application from the Whaka100 mountain biking event for support through the Events Transition Support Payment Scheme.

Ngā mihi nui
Debbie

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9 February 2022

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development,
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Andrew Wilson, CE Rotorua Economic Development Andrew.Wilson@rotoruaNZ.com

Tēnā koe Minister

Re: Events Transition Support Payment Scheme – Whaka100

I am writing seeking Government's support, through the Events Transition Support Payment Scheme, to protect and secure the future of one of Rotorua and New Zealand's most iconic mountain biking events – the Whaka100.

This event had been planned to operate at Red well within the Government's Covid-19 Protection Framework, with many event organisers looking to it as not only a milestone in continuity, but setting an example of the guidelines working to help businesses operate as normally as possible.

The last minute cancellation of the Whaka-100, due to the shift to the red traffic light setting, has had far-reaching implications for the event organisers, competitors and our local business industry who are heavily reliant on visitors and continue to face astronomical challenges due to the pandemic.

Nduro Events (event organisers of the Whaka100) has been owned and managed by Tim and Belinda Farmer since 2014 when they moved from Auckland to Rotorua purely for mountain biking and bought the business. As riders themselves, the Nduro team knows what is important to riders and thinks about the little things that make a big difference for the competitors.

Over the last 15 years the Whaka100 has built the reputation of being the largest and toughest one-day mountain bike marathon in the Southern Hemisphere. This reputation is built on the back of the quality and quantity of a single track in the Whakarewarewa Forest, and the event owners focus on delivering a 'rider first' event that constantly evolves to provide a real challenge for everyone, from first timers to world champions.

It is a world class event that has created loyalty and a strong emotional attachment to the experience and to Rotorua. It is estimated that the cancelled event would have seen 8,750 competitors, support personnel, spectators, sponsors and exhibitors from across the country in Rotorua to participate.

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The event also attracts the interest and support of major national and international organisations and brings them and their marketing reach to Rotorua. These brands extend well beyond the mountain bike and sporting audiences.

Significant resources are put into leveraging and building Rotorua's brand as a destination for mountain biking and outdoor pursuits. The Whaka100's objectives cover the four capitals: employing skilled local residents, contributing to the forest's upkeep, engaging local and national businesses, all while operating as a sustainable growth business. Its economic impact has been estimated at over \$4.5m over the year (2021).

The Whaka100 could have a very promising future, with a unique position to market Rotorua and New Zealand. There are active conversations underway to host the UCI World MTB Championships in the next five years, bringing with it high value visitors, companies, and viewership in the millions. However the cancellation has now put the future of the event at stake, due to the uncertain environment in which event organisers must now operate and the significant unrecoverable costs.

Since moving to Rotorua the Farmer's have immersed themselves in our community and have added significantly to the success and vibrancy of our local mountain biking industry. Support from the Events Transition Support Payment Scheme will ensure that Nduro and this world-class event can continue into the future and grow from strength to strength.

I am fully supportive of the Whaka100 and Nduro team and would appreciate your support in ensuring their application to the Scheme is looked upon favourably.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Chadwick', written in a cursive style.

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

From: Office Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, 15 February 2022 9:45 AM
To: c.sepuloni@ministers.govt.nz
Cc: monty.morrison@gmail.com; p.williams@ministers.govt.nz; justina.gear002@msd.govt.nz; mike.bryant001@msd.govt.nz
Subject: Letter from Mayor Steve Chadwick
Attachments: Letter from Mayor Chadwick to Minister Sepuloni further to letter sent 24 November 2021 on emergency housing in Rotorua.pdf

Tēnā koe Minister,
Please find attached letter from Mayor Chadwick.

Ngā mihi

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15 February 2022

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Tēnā koe Minister

Further to letter from Mayor Chadwick and Monty Morrison (sent 24.11.21) regarding emergency housing challenges in Rotorua

I am writing regarding the letter sent from myself and Te Arawa Kaumatua Monty Morrison (24 November 2021) where we shared our serious concerns on the emergency housing crisis that has unfolded in Rotorua.

As yet, neither Mr Morrison nor I have received a response from your Ministry to the distressing information that we shared in our correspondence and the questions that we raised. This lack of communication is more than disappointing and impacts on our ability to provide the leadership that our community so desperately needs right now.

In our previous letter we highlighted that our community was suffering on a daily basis due to drug use, violent behaviour, family violence, vandalism and other anti-social behaviours in the proximity of the motels providing emergency housing. These issues have escalated over the last four months since we wrote to you.

The contracted motels are clearly showing improved outcomes but our local police have confirmed that the issues are emanating almost exclusively from the unmanaged emergency housing facilities. Crime and victimisation in and around these establishments has escalated to a point where our community has lost tolerance and good will towards all of those living in emergency housing facilities.

We have lost any community empathy and support and Council has been forced to invest in security patrols, cameras and additional cleaning and maintenance. This is not sustainable.

As we prepare to face the worst of the pandemic it is also very clear that a significant number of unmanaged motels lack the separate facilities necessary for their clients to minimise the spread of Covid. As we predicted in our letter to you in November, a number of the facilities experienced outbreaks over the December/January period. This is another factor that puts our whole community at risk and is not acceptable.

People living inside and outside of our community feel that Rotorua is bearing the brunt of the housing crisis. The crime and anti-social behaviour occurring in the vicinity of emergency housing motels is clearly visible and this is adversely impacting on our community, our economy and our reputation as a visitor destination.

This cannot go on and I ask you again to reassess the policy settings being applied through MSD on the choice applied to accommodation, as given the current situation, I have no confidence that the Housing Hub or contracted services will address the escalating safety and behaviour issues that are within and emanating from the unmanaged emergency housing motels.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Chadwick', written in a cursive style.

Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

MP for Kelston

Minister for Social Development and Employment

Minister for ACC

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Minister for Disability Issues



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Hon Steve Chadwick QSM
Mayor
Rotorua Lakes Council
c/- Kim.McGrath@rotorualc.nz

and

Monty Morrison
Kaumatua
Ngāti Whakuae

Tēnā kōe Mayor Chadwick kōrua ko Monty Morrison

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November 2021 about the emergency housing situation in Rotorua. I would also like to acknowledge the delay in my response and your follow up letter dated 15 February 2022.

You have raised concerns about the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) issuing emergency housing grants that enable clients to live in a motel of their choice, which may not have wrap-around support available. You also highlight the ongoing effects on the local community within the vicinity of some of the motels used for emergency housing in Rotorua.

I understand the concerns you have raised and am committed to supporting Rotorua in all ways available. Although the Government has an ambitious public housing programme, the supply of public and affordable housing has not yet met the demand in Rotorua. The response to emergency housing in Rotorua is complex and with the continuation of cooperation, resourcing and locally led solutions, I hope that we will be able to effectively address some of these issues. MSD will continue working to ensure that people who experience homelessness are provided with the knowledge and skills to sustain a tenancy along with financial help to access the private rental market where appropriate.

Support Services for Emergency Housing (EHSNG) in Rotorua

MSD acknowledges that there is still support needed for those in Rotorua in non-contracted emergency housing. To help to address this, MSD has extended intensive support services provided to singles and couples staying in non-contracted emergency housing in Rotorua. This uses the existing mechanisms available to MSD to provide a dedicated bespoke response while wider system changes are being explored.

This support has been co-designed with Te Arawa Whānau Ora and Visions of a Helping Hand Charitable Trust, two groups who know their communities intimately. This initiative is alongside the collective work of Te Hau Ki Te Kainga, the Rotorua Taskforce and other agencies. These services provide heightened safety and support specifically for those motels you have identified as not being managed. As well as these contracted services, MSD is working with Police, locally and at a national level to help manage the impacts of emergency housing motels and be able to respond quickly when issues do occur.

I acknowledge that anti-social behaviour may occur in our communities and that you express concern for those living in emergency housing and the wider community. Although MSD is not able to take responsibility for people's behaviours, MSD provides support to help individuals manage their journey towards sustainable housing. This includes intensive case management, housing navigators, ready to rent programmes and a housing broker service to support people into sustainable housing. Government agencies, in collaboration with Council and community providers, are working to support those whānau and individuals to support themselves with a place-based approach, of which Council has been an active part of.

Our work in Rotorua

As you will be aware, contracted emergency housing in Rotorua is in place due to the work of the Rotorua Taskforce, supported by the Rotorua Lakes Council and Iwi from Te Arawa, as well as central government agencies. In these Ministry of Housing and Urban Development – Te Tūapapa Kura Kāinga (HUD) contracted facilities, the entire facility accommodates emergency housing clients with tamariki and support/safety services are provided to all people staying in the facility.

In Rotorua, this service is part of the Te Hau Ki Te Kainga collective response to emergency housing which emerged from the Rotorua Taskforce. This partnership is unique to Rotorua and collectively the expectation is that they will help strengthen the placement and support of clients, particularly those with tamariki, in temporary accommodation. This couldn't have been achieved without the support and collaboration between all of these groups in Rotorua.

One of the goals of the Rotorua Taskforce is to achieve exclusive use of some motels for emergency housing in Rotorua to help to address some of the issues regarding housing in the region. We understand the importance of achieving more stability for those accommodation providers supporting people with temporary accommodation. MSD and HUD are working together to develop potential ways to achieve occupancy agreements or similar, to help enable exclusive use of motels for emergency housing. With the development of these agreements, MSD is working towards reducing the number of motels being used for emergency housing. The intention is that they also have robust support services in place to help provide assurance to guests, communities and the Council while providing support and safety measures to those housed in the motels.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Rotorua Lakes Council's role in hosting, and being a member of, the Rotorua Housing Taskforce. I would like to give assurance that MSD will continue to engage in these conversations and acknowledge the invaluable understanding both the Council and those providers have of their communities.

Concerns raised regarding COVID-19

I also want to address the concerns raised in your most recent letter regarding the recent cases of COVID-19 within emergency housing in Rotorua. MSD is not placing those with COVID-19 into motels providing emergency housing. However, in keeping with advice from the Ministry of Health, we may support those who test positive to stay in their current accommodation if it is deemed safe to do so. Local officials have worked closely with motel operators, community connectors, public health units and the DHBs to manage the risk associated with COVID-19 in spaces like motels and help manage any further outbreaks.

Ongoing work to address the housing situation in Rotorua

I appreciate that this does not immediately solve the emergency housing situation facing Rotorua – but it is a leap forward in the expectations set out by the Rotorua Taskforce. The work we are undertaking now and continue to develop will help achieve a more desirable state for Rotorua.

We are currently reviewing the emergency housing System, incorporating the early lessons from Rotorua as we consider the future shape of the system. This may require wider legislative change to enable the system shift.

Furthermore, Kāinga Ora is intensifying its involvement in Rotorua and is exploring and progressing several development opportunities for transitional, public, and affordable mixed-use housing.

I want to acknowledge the great work that has been done to date in partnership with local iwi, social service providers, Council and government agencies. The issues that drive and flow from homelessness are symptomatic of wider trauma for many in the community. I acknowledge that MSD alone cannot address those complexities. We need to continue to work collectively to achieve sustainable outcomes both for individual whānau and their communities.

I appreciate you writing to raise your concerns. I am committed to the Government, Council, iwi and other stakeholders continuing to work together to improve outcomes for vulnerable whānau. I have instructed officials to reach out and engage with Council to help to continue to address the concerns you have raised. I hope this information is helpful and that we can continue to have these valuable conversations to help achieve the best outcomes for the families currently in emergency housing and the communities they are a part of.

Ngā mihi nui



Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Social Development and Employment



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16 February 2022

Hon Megan Woods
Minister of Housing
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By email: m.woods@ministers.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Minister

Re: Increasing housing supply in Rotorua

I am writing to update you on the progress currently being made to accelerate housing development in the district and to signal our intention to highlight to other Ministers continuing adverse impacts in our community as we strive to recover from the double impact of Covid-19 and the housing crisis.

At the outset, I'd like to acknowledge the positive and proactive support our Council receives from officials in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

A number of work streams are progressing well:

- The reserve revocation bill has now been completed and survey plans are being created to enable it to be introduced to Parliament.
- We have begun the work to complete the housing intensification plan for the Rotorua urban area. This plan change is intended to be notified no later than August 2022, in line with the requirements of the NPS-UD.
- Council is anticipating in the drafting of the housing intensification plan change, a positive response from Government to our request to be included within the RMA medium density residential standards.
- The 13 motels for whānau contracted by MHUD are critical to improve the safety and living conditions of vulnerable families and children. I understand resource consenting is progressing appropriately for these properties. As an aside, the Police report that, from their perspective, the contracted facilities are working well with minimal adverse effects on the surrounding community.
- The housing Hub will also be important to ensure regular support to people in emergency housing.
- MHUD, Waka Kotahi and Kāinga Ora officials have been constructive partners and contributors to the development process for a Central City Priority Development Area action plan
- Planning is also proceeding for a housing symposium to engage the community more widely on the growth and development of the city. This has been tentatively set for the end of April and your attendance at some stage would be seen positively by our community and reflective of the partnership we have with Government to address our local housing challenges across both the short and longer-term horizons.
- Additional information was furnished to Kāinga Ora to support our IAF applications for the central and western parts of the city. The full amount requested is imperative if Council is to be able to effectively enable the housing infill capacity necessary to effectively deliver on the policy objectives of the NPS-UD and our housing bottom lines.

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- Kāinga Ora is actively acquiring property and there is increasing confidence that 'up to' 650 homes can be delivered. The speed of delivery remains a concern and we are keen to discuss a more rapid roll-out, clearly recognising the potential being created through the medium density residential standards and the intensification plan change to be delivered by August 2022.

Whilst good progress is being made on many fronts, there is deep and growing concern in our community that the ongoing increase in the number of people in motels outside of the contracted facilities, the lack of screening as to the suitability of the facilities being used, coupled with the lack of active management and oversight, places Rotorua in a position of being unable to resurrect an iconic tourism industry that is now on its knees.

The motels used for emergency housing in the un-managed format now appear starkly in contrast to the contracted motels by MHUD in terms of police incidents both within the associated facilities and also across the neighbouring community.

Recent Omicron outbreaks within some backpackers and motels clearly evidence the inadequacy of the current approach being taken by MSD. People should not be allowed to choose accommodation in facilities that are not safe from a Covid-19 perspective (i.e. lack of separate facilities) or provide appropriate personal safety, particularly for women. Two recent fires in emergency housing motels further highlight the importance of MSD's guidance on the appropriateness of accommodation choices.

I have written to Minister Sepuloni requesting a response to my letter sent before Christmas and again, requesting a gradual reduction in the number of motels/backpackers being used for emergency housing, but also an immediate phasing out of the accommodation that is substandard in terms of separate facilities or wider safety concerns (see both letters attached). A letter from Rotorua Economic Development will also be sent to Minister Nash seeking his support in addressing these severe and cumulative issues that are negatively impacting on Rotorua's economy and reputation.

I will be looking for your support, and the opportunity to build on the excellent work already underway around housing, as the basis of a more focused and coordinated approach to shaping a successful direction for this place.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Steve Chadwick JP
Mayor

Subject: 4pm: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March
Location: ZOOM Meeting ID: 892 1108 3909 / Password: 850549
Start: Mon 1/03/2021 4:00 PM
End: Mon 1/03/2021 5:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: Steve Chadwick
Required Attendees: Geoff Williams
Resources: The Boardroom

From: Rowan Burns <Rowan.Burns@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 February 2021 7:31 PM
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Subject: RE: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

Kia ora koutou

Thank you to all those who have been able to make yourself available to meet with the Minister of Local Government at 4pm – 5pm on Monday 1 March via zoom to discuss housing partnerships. Please find an agenda attached for your information.

The zoom details for this meeting are:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://parliamentnz.zoom.us/j/89211083909?pwd=VTBEaW1RWWVzRTRGRWVVFZ0Z2QTZuZz09>

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On 3 March the Prime Minister will be hosting a forum on housing with other Ministers and some representatives of the local government sector. The purpose of the Minister of Local Government's workshop on 1 March is to have a pre-forum conversation about some of the detail of how these partnerships are working/may work on the ground.

The Minister intends to open the workshop with some statements about what the Government is trying to achieve in the housing space, where it sees local government contributing, and the importance of place-based partnerships to achieving this. The Minister then intends to open the floor for each council to talk about what place-based partnership potential there is in their area and how Government might work with them to unlock these.

Ngā mihi
Rowan



Rowan Burns

Private Secretary – Local Government | Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP
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From: Rowan Burns s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2021 9:44 AM
To: Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March
Thank you

I am just waiting for the Minister to confirm the agenda, then I will send that out with the zoom details

Ngā mihi
Rowan

From: Trish Solomon [<mailto:Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2021 8:50 AM
To: Rowan Burns s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

Morena Rowan,
Following up if I could have the Zoom details please

Ngā mihi

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Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 5:40 PM
To: Trish Solomon <Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

Thank you Trish, I will send out the zoom details by the end of this week

Rowan

From: Trish Solomon [<mailto:Trish.Solomon@rotorualc.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 5:35 PM
To: Rowan Burns s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

Kia ora Rowan,
Thank you for the invitation to Mayor Steve and Geoff.
To confirm they are both available to attend the Zoom.

Ngā mihi

Trish Solomon

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From: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 4:54 PM

To: Office Mayor <Office.Mayor@rotorualc.nz>

Cc: Geoff Williams <Geoff.Williams@rotorualc.nz>

Subject: Fwd: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

I most certainly will be available

Please confirm along with Geoff

Steve Chadwick

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From: Rowan Burns s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Date: 17 February 2021 at 4:50:02 PM NZDT

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Cc: Warren Ulusele <Warren.Ulusele@dia.govt.nz>

Subject: Workshop with Minister of Local Government - placed based partnerships 1 March

Tēnā koutou

Hon Nanaia Mahuta would like to invite the mayors and chief executives of the Rotorua, Hutt, Napier, Hastings, Central Hawkes Bay and Wairoa councils, and the chief executive of Taituarā, to a workshop with her via zoom at **4pm to 5pm on Monday 1 March** to progress the place based partnerships conversation that you have been having with her.

Please let me know if you'd be available for this, and an agenda and zoom details will be circulated in due course.

Ngā mihi

Rowan



Rowan Burns

Private Secretary – Local Government | Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP

Minister of Foreign Affairs | Minister of Local Government | Associate Minister for Māori Development

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Local Government Agenda

Meeting with Minister of Local Government and councils regarding Housing initiatives

4pm – 5pm, 1 March 2021

Zoom

Attendees:

- Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government, and Warren Ulusele, Director – Central Government
- Campbell Barry, Mayor, and Jo Miller, CE – Hutt City Council
- Steve Chadwick, Mayor, and Geoff Williams, CE – Rotorua District Council
- Sandra Hazlehurst, Mayor – Hastings District Council
- Kirsten Wise, Mayor and Steph Rotarangi, CE – Napier City Council
- Alex Walker, Mayor, and Monique Davidson, CE – Central Hawke's Bay District Council
- Craig Little, Mayor – Wairoa District Council

Item No.	Agenda Item	Paper/Oral	Responsible Lead
1.	Minister's opening statements	Oral	Minister of Local Government
2.	Council place-based projects	Oral	All

IN CONFIDENCE

From: Amy Harrison §7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Sent: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 1:33 PM
To: toby@tearawa.iwi.nz; Te TaruWhite; Steve Chadwick
Subject: Letter from Ministers Woods and Parker
Attachments: Letter to Mayor Chadwick Sir Toby Curtis and Te Taru White - re Rotoruapdf

Tēnā koutou,

Please find attached a letter from Hon Dr Megan Woods and Hon David Parker, Minister of Housing and Minister for the Environment.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you need more information.

Ngā mihi,

Amy Harrison (she/her)
Private Secretary (Housing)

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Hon Dr Megan Woods

MP for Wigram

Minister of Housing

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Associate Minister of Finance



Hon Mayor Chadwick JP
Mayor, Rotorua Lakes Council

Sir Toby Curtis
Chair, Te Arawa Lakes Trust

Te Taru White
Chair, Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board

Dear Mayor Chadwick, Sir Toby and Te Taru

Order in Council under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act

Thank you for your letter on 16 December 2021 requesting Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) be directed by Order in Council under the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act (the Act) to notify an Intensification Planning Instrument (IPI) to implement the medium density residential standards (MDRS) and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD).

We agree that Rotorua is experiencing acute housing need. This is causing social harm, disproportionate impacts on Māori, and needs to be addressed. On 14 March 2022 the Governor General made an Order in Council directing you to implement the MDRS which will enable you to significantly increase opportunities for housing.

The Order in Council will enable RLC to notify an IPI which you will use to implement the MDRS and give effect to the NPS-UD and must be notified by 20 August 2022. As the IPI can include papakāinga provisions we encourage RLC to consider provisions that will enable papakāinga and additional opportunities for development where appropriate.

Officials from the Ministry for the Environment and Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development are supporting RLC staff with implementation of the Act. We have asked them to assist you in setting out engagement, timeframes and any reporting requirements for the IPI.

We are pleased to see that you can see the benefits of the MDRS and the impact it will have on addressing acute housing need in Rotorua.

Ngā mihi,

Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Housing

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

18 March 2022

File Ref: 69-06-080

Doc No: RDC-1205950

Hon David Parker,
Minister for the Environment,

Email: D.Parker@ministers.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Minister,

Letter to Ministry for the Environment re: NPS UD Housing Shortfall

The NPS UD¹ requires Councils to notify the Minister for the Environment of any housing shortfalls identified through their Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment (HBA).

Rotorua Lakes Council's HBA, undertaken by Market Economics, identified that there was the following housing shortfall:

- 1890 dwellings in the short term (including unmet demand of 1500 dwellings).
- 1400 dwellings in the medium term (including the unmet demand of 1500 dwellings)
- 3630 dwellings in the long term

The [HBA](#) and [supporting technical report](#) are both available on the Council's website.

The NPS UD stipulates that if the insufficiency is wholly or partly a result of RMA planning documents, the Council must change those documents to increase development capacity for housing as soon as practicable and consider other options for increasing development capacity and other enabling development.

Rotorua Lakes Council is to join the Tier 1 major urban centres covered by the medium density residential standards (MDRS) in a move that will significantly increase housing supply in the Rotorua Lakes District. This will be included in a number of changes to the District Plan that will be notified prior to 20 August 2022 (as per NPS-UD requirements).

Alongside changes to the District Plan, Rotorua Lakes Council is tracking to establish the Rotorua Future Development Strategy (FDS), a 30-year growth strategy for the Rotorua Lakes District. The outcomes of the FDS will promote long term strategic planning with a focus on a well-functioning urban environment, provide at least sufficient development capacity, support consistent planning and development decisions with infrastructure, and provide a statement for hapū and iwi aspirations of Rotorua.

Rotorua Lakes Council is expecting that there will also be several subsequent Plan Changes to address specific provisions and aspects of the district to enable further development capacity.

¹ clause 3.7

Council has also applied to the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund for government support for stormwater infrastructure capacity improvements that will help unlock development in the central and western parts of the urban area. Previous government funding is currently helping to unlock the development potential of Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands on the eastern side of Rotorua.

Finally, in the short term, Council is actively working with the development community to encourage and support the development potential of existing zoned land.

We look forward to continuing the work to enable sufficient development capacity while supporting an environment that supports the needs of the community.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Gaston', written over a large, faint circular watermark or background graphic.

Jean-Paul Gaston
Deputy Chief Executive, District Development

From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Tuesday, 3 May 2022 8:58 am
To: d.parker@ministers.govt.nz
Subject: Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group - Request for a meeting with Minister Parker

Tēnā koe

I am contacting your Minister's office on behalf of Mayor Chadwick to request a meeting between Minister Parker and the members of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group (Rotorua Lakes Council, Te Arawa Lakes Trust & Bay of Plenty Regional Council).

As there are three entities who will be represented and need to be co-ordinated, we would be grateful if you could provide us with more than one date that would suit the Minister to meet.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Monday, 23 May 2022 1:17 pm
To: k.allan@ministers.govt.nz
Subject: FW: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Tēnā koe

I understand that Mayor Chadwick's request for a Zoom meeting about Rotorua Museum progress has been transferred to Minister Allen's office.

I have been asked to follow up on the progress our request and would be very grateful if someone can get back to me with an indication on when it might be possible for the meeting to take place.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 3:36 pm
To: C Sepuloni (MIN) <C.Sepuloni@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Kia ora Shahd

Thank you for the update we look forward to hearing from Assoc Minister Allen.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

From: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA On Behalf Of C Sepuloni (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 3:12 pm
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: FW: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Kia ora Debbie,

Our office have re-considered your e-mail invitation.

We have determined the matter of the meeting will fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Associate Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage. I have therefore referred your email to the office of Hon Kiri Allan for their consideration and response to you.

Ngā mihi,
Shahd

Shahd El-Matary | Private Secretary Executive Support
s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 12:53 PM
To: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Kia ora Shahd

Apologies, I should also have said that our request is for a Zoom meeting, unless the Minister already has plans to come to Rotorua.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

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From: Debbie Cossar
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 12:41 pm
To: 'C Sepuloni (MIN)' <C.Sepuloni@ministers.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Many thanks for getting back to me so promptly Shahd. I will let Mayor Chadwick know her request is being considered.

Ngā mihi
Debbie

From: Shahd El-Matary s7(2)(a) LGOIMA **On Behalf Of** C Sepuloni (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 12:00 pm
To: Debbie Cossar <Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Kia ora Debbie,

On behalf of Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage, thank you for your e-mail. I will pass it on to the Minister. We hope to be in contact in due course.

Kind regards,
Shahd

Shahd El-Matary | Private Secretary Executive Support
s7(2)(a) LGOIMA

Office of Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, Minister for Social Development & Employment, Minister for Disability Issues, Minister for ACC and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
Authorised by Hon Carmel Sepuloni MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: Debbie Cossar [mailto:Debbie.Cossar@rotorualc.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 11:52 AM

To: C Sepuloni (MIN) <C.Sepuloni@ministers.govt.nz>

Subject: Request to meet with Minister Sepuloni re Rotorua Museum

Tēnā koe Minister

Mayor Chadwick has asked me to contact your office to request a meeting with you about Rotorua Museum progress.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Ngā mihi

Debbie

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