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Tēnā koe

Letter of expectations from New Zealand's community housing sector

Each year Government Ministers provide their respective agencies with a letter of expectations detailing the priorities for delivery.

As a sector made up community housing providers already delivering good quality affordable homes for thousands of New Zealanders, here's our letter of expectations to you.

If you are successful in forming a government following the September general election, we will be looking to you to take the bold, innovative action needed to provide everyone in New Zealand with a good quality home they can afford. Our country's response to COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of housing to public health; having safe places to shelter and to self-isolate with whānau has been essential.

We believe housing needs to be at the heart of our economic and social recovery. Everyone should have an affordable home that's safe, warm, dry and liveable in neighbourhoods where they can thrive. Having a good home provides a foundation for a good life, but too many people are missing out. We need to turn this situation around to prevent hardship for future generations of New Zealanders.

We can help you make a difference. We can partner with you and the private sector to provide many more homes. We have the experience, the expertise and the connections with communities. We're in this housing situation together, and it's only by working together that we'll be able to fix it.

We're asking you to:

1. Increase the supply of affordable homes for all New Zealanders, including affordable rental homes, social homes and progressive home ownership.
2. Build capacity within Māori and Pasifika housing providers in order to build and/or deliver homes appropriate to Māori and Pasifika communities.

3. Enable the community housing sector to provide many more social and affordable homes; good homes in places where people can thrive.
4. Provide security of tenure for all New Zealanders.
5. Create the legislative and regulatory environment to enable a supply of affordable homes.
6. Recognise housing as a fundamental human right and take the necessary actions to implement that right for all New Zealanders.

As community housing providers, we know the difference having a good home can make in people's lives. Don't just take our word for it – see first-hand in our case study videos how good, affordable homes provide hope, connection and stability:

- Alex <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZiMialQR0Q&feature=youtu.be>
- Joan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6CtVoqoIL4&feature=youtu.be>
- Mau and David <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Pm0Ff7hJ3g&feature=youtu.be>
- Christine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTFy79WgNWI&feature=youtu.be>
- Rozeena <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuITXPshH0A&feature=youtu.be>

We're New Zealand's community housing providers and we're doing all we can to provide people with somewhere decent to live that they can call home.

Give us a call – we're keen to talk.

Kind regards,



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