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Bronwyn Hokianga

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Dear Bronwyn Hokianga

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987

We refer to your request dated 5 January 2025 for Information. We will answer each of your questions in turn.

1.Data on local housing demand, including any assessments of homelessness or housing shortages in the area.

Council's assessments on local housing demand are based on external data provided by Sense Partners. Projections for housing demand and capacity over the next 30 years is available through Council's Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment: https://wrlc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/HBA3-CHAPTER-3-Hutt-City_16.02.24.pdf. It should be noted that this only deals with future demand, not existing shortages.

Further Census data on severe housing deprivation in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt can also be viewed via the following link: [Aotearoa Data Explorer • Severe housing deprivation estimate and ethnicity for the census usually resident population count, \(RC, TALB, Health\), 2018 and 2023 Censuses](#).

2.Updates on regional housing development plans and initiatives aimed at addressing housing affordability.

The Regional Housing Action Plan can be found on the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee website <https://wrlc.org.nz/project/rhap>

3. Insights into local partnerships or programs to address housing challenges.

A number of programmes are underway to address housing challenges. Hutt City Council is about to start community engagement (on 7 February) on a new District Plan and Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 – both of which have a strong focus on housing and supporting infrastructure.

An early version of the Growth Strategy can be found at pages 89 to 182 of the Council agenda for 4 December 2024 [Agenda of Hutt City Council – Tuesday, 10 December 2024](#). Our Council-controlled organisation Urban Plus Limited continues to deliver affordable market homes, rental homes for the elderly and housing stock for Community Housing Providers <https://www.urbanplus.co.nz/>

We are also keeping a keen eye on the central government “Going for Housing Growth” programme led by the Ministry of Housing and Development <https://www.hud.govt.nz/our-work/going-for-housing-growth-programme> and on Kainga Ora Homes and Communities social housing projects <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/urban-development-and-social-housing/social-housing/our-approach-to-delivering-social-housing/>

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Yours sincerely

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