



MANIFESTO

TAKING ACTION, A TOOL KIT APPROACH TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

For New Zealand cities to grow and prosper there must be a vision, a plan, and a way forward that reflects the specific needs and aspirations of a city's inhabitants.

Healthy, sustainable, affordable residential housing is crucial.

The Residential Development Council's Manifesto is that vision, guidance and thought leadership, and the tool kit we need to follow when creating vibrant, enduring cities both now and in the future.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS: TAKING ACTION, A TOOLKIT APPROACH

SMARTER REGULATIONS

- Enable a range of housing development typologies to meet demand requirements and provide greater economic and social accessibility and choice.
- Meet the changing needs of residents to facilitate economic growth and businesses expansion, which allows for communities and cities to remain attractive and dynamic.
- Better land use regulation and removal of unnecessary barriers to provide greater transport network optimisation, accessibility and connectivity.

INCENTIVE BASED APPROACH

- Incentivise housing developments that are affordable, are above minimum building code requirements, reflect the typology needs of the community and are located near key transport routes.
- Give developers access to an efficient, fast, and consistent development process.

THE PLANNING AND REGULATORY SYSTEM

- Robust cost-benefit analysis by councils before imposing regulatory limits and lifting limits if they cannot demonstrate the perceived benefits outweighing the costs.
- Streamlining of council consenting and development processes to ensure minimal delays, reduced red tape and compliance costs and inefficiencies.
- Greater national direction and leadership from central government. This direction must outline a strategic vision as to how our cities can be more economically and socially prosperous.
- Central government and councils undertake a collaborative review of the RMA, LGA and LTMA.

CONSTRUCTION CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY

- Support flexible visas for skilled migrants in the construction sector that enable them to work across industries and regions.
- Central government and councils support of international building products, which meet or exceed New Zealand standards.
- Central government undertakes structural and regulatory reform that enables housing development at scale to support a more competitive industry.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION AND FUNDING

- Central government provides a knowledgebase, leadership, and capability for councils to utilise a range of funding mechanisms that best suit their needs.
- Councils share in the revenue with central government linked to economic activity to help pay for infrastructure and services.
- The establishment of a Board of Infrastructure Development with a mixed governance structure that includes central and local government and private sector representation.

COORDINATION IS VITAL

- Regional spatial plans initiated that set out social, economic, environmental, and cultural objectives.
- Central government, councils and the private sector working together in building the housing, economic and social amenities, and infrastructure our communities and cities need through a best practice approach.

