



**Local Government NZ  
2020 Housing Symposium  
Wellington**

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# Outline

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- **Background**
- **The Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanga**
- **Housing system – agency interfaces**
- **Infrastructure & urban development**
- **Infrastructure Needs Assessment**
- **30 year Strategy**



# Background

## **NZ Treasury definition:**

fixed, long-lived structures that facilitate production of goods & services: transport, water, energy, social assets & telco networks.

## **Consultation in 2018 found:**

- lack of integrated investment decisions across central & local government
- lack of project visibility, pipeline & scale
- focus on building new assets vs outcomes
- lacking procurement capability
- Infrastructure gap



# NZ Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanga

**Role: to lift the quality of NZ's infrastructure planning, procurement and delivery**

Autonomous Crown Entity. Independent board

Advisory only, with information gathering powers. Decisions with Ministers

Four key outputs:

- 30-year infrastructure strategy
- Quarterly pipeline
- Procurement support
- Advice to Government on specific initiatives



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# Current focus and major opportunities

## 1. Ministerial direction to review:

- Upper North Island Supply Chain management
- Opportunities for use of public private partnerships (PPPs)
- Future of NZ port sector

## 2. Major Project support portfolio

## 3. Also taking an interest in:

- Auckland Light Rail
- Review of RMA
- Infrastructure Funding & Financing and Urban Development legislation
- Three waters review

These will inform our 30-year strategy and consideration of systemic issues.



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# Infrastructure in urban development

## Integrated strategy & planning – much to do

- Infrastructure strategies first made part of Council LTPs in 2015. Shift from 10 yr to 30 yr view.
- 2018 Office of Auditor General questioned the realism & affordability of many infrastructure strategies.
- Lack of integrated investment planning across central & local government (2018 Cabinet Paper)
- Integrated strategic planning is key to sequencing development with critical enabling infrastructure. (Urban Growth Agenda focus area)



# Housing system –interfaces

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- Construction Accord
- Procurement Rules & guidance
- Urban Growth Agenda
- Infrastructure Funding and Financing
- Resource Management reform
- Three waters review
- Supporting high growth council infrastructure programmes



# Infrastructure Needs Assessment

- Priority for 2020 – building evidence base on current state, performance, resilience, gaps, service outcomes
- Information gathering and consultation
- Highlight opportunities and constraints to central govt
- Leads to policy/regulatory recommendations



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# Strategy development priorities and next steps

What	Calendar Year
Infrastructure needs assessment	Q1 2020
Consult on needs assessment	Q3 2020
Consult on strategic recommendations document	Q4 2020
Consult on draft strategy	Q2 2021
Consult on final strategy	Q3 2021
Deliver final strategy to Minister, then on to Parliament	Q3/4 2021