

LGNZ Presents

Community boards: 30 years later

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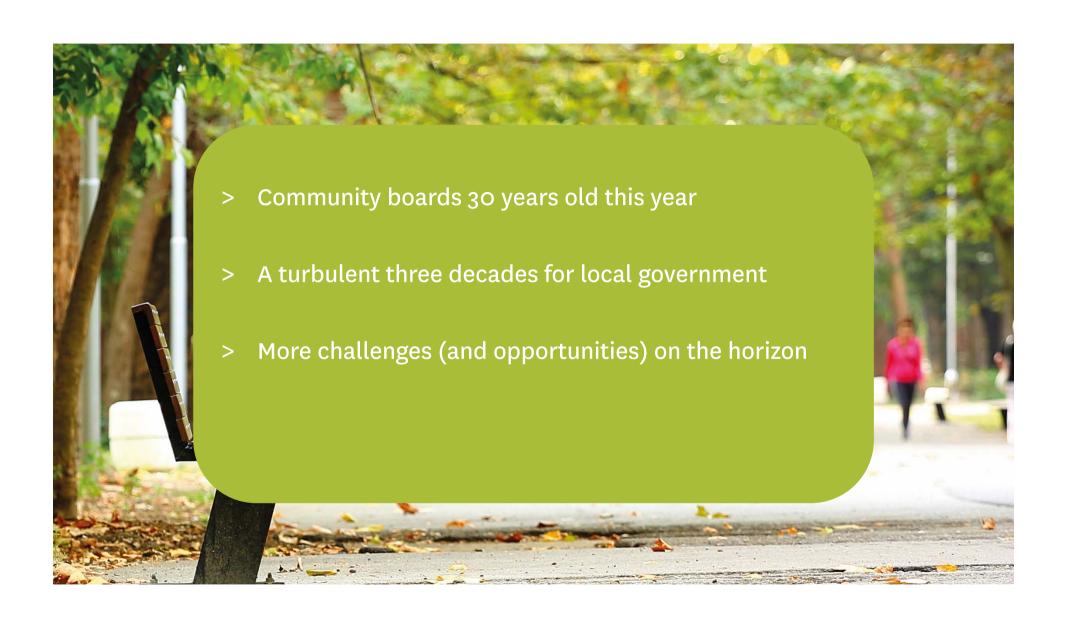
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Community boards in a time of change



Where we started

	Pre 1989	
Local bodies		828
	Post 1989	
Community boards		159
Territorial authorities		74
Regional councils		13

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Some unique roles

Voice

> Democracies only work if citizens and communities are able to express their needs and preferences – their voices. This is a critical function you play.

Neighbourhood governance

> Neighbourhoods matter. Community boards are not only the voice of neighbourhoods but you mediate between your communities and your councils

Stephen Goldsmith, a former mayor of Indiana, described one of his challenges as "reawakening the power in his city's neighbourhoods".

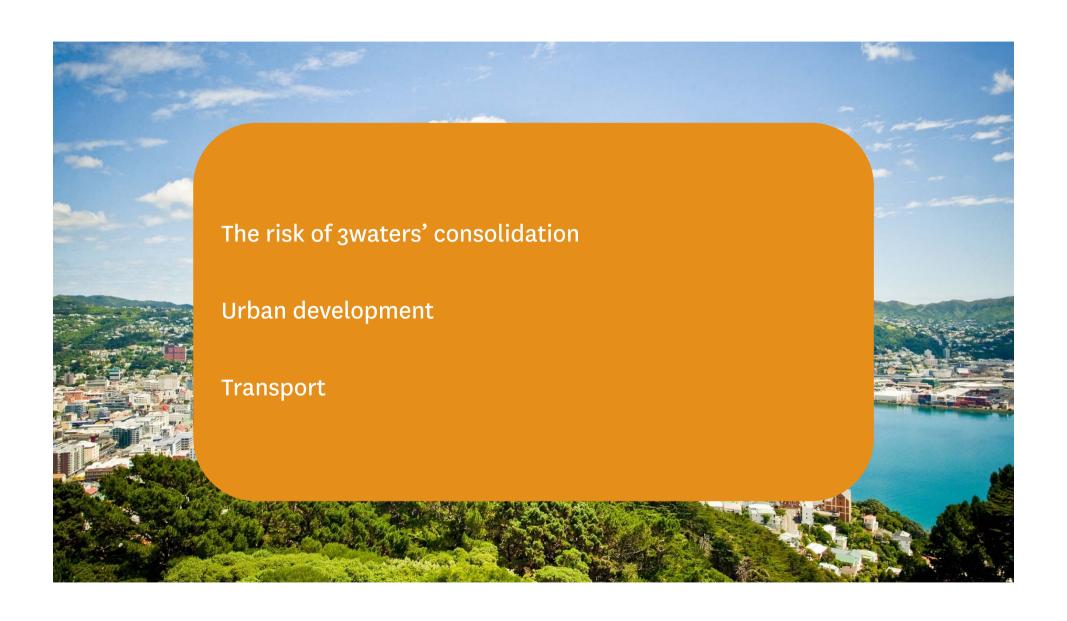
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...to deliver services better, to make government work better, to be more efficient, more responsive, to figure out what people in the communities want and need, (is) of course, crucially important.

But implicit in the idea of consultation with communities is another more demanding, more ambitious, you might say idealistic, dimension of democracy, and that has to do with promoting, fostering a richer kind of citizenship and of civic engagement (Michael Sandel)

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The challenges ahead The threat of further centralisation





3 Opportunities for community boards

