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Official information Request: Housing needs and developments

I am writing to you in response to your request received on 6 January for information.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide the following response to your questions:

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

The following information is publicly available:

- [Public homes - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development: https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/the-government-housing-dashboard/public-homes](https://www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/the-government-housing-dashboard/public-homes)
- [WRLC Housing Data: https://wrlc.org.nz/reports/housing-data](https://wrlc.org.nz/reports/housing-data)
- [Housing | Stats NZ: https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/housing](https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/housing)
- [Indicators of Homelessness - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [Update on Wairarapa housing data — Planalytics](#)

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

Please refer to the following publicly available links:

- Spatial Plan - <https://swdc.govt.nz/consultation/spatial-plan/>
- Featherston Master Plan - <https://swdc.govt.nz/consultation/featherston-masterplan/>
- Future Development Strategy WRLC - <https://wrlc.org.nz/future-development-strategy>

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

Wairarapa Housing Strategy Group - [Wairarapa Times-Age article: https://times-age.co.nz/infrastructure/collaboration-seeks-to-future-proof-housing/](https://times-age.co.nz/infrastructure/collaboration-seeks-to-future-proof-housing/)

At this time, we do not have any other information available regarding the Wairarapa Housing Strategy Group.

Other providers in the wider district include: [Trust House: https://trusthouse.co.nz/homes/](https://trusthouse.co.nz/homes/)

Currently, there are no Kainga Ora homes in South Wairarapa (Masterton only) and a plan to expand to the district was announced in 2022: <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en/NZ/news/return-of-kainga-ora-public-housing-to-wairarapa-and-tararua/>

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Gardner', with a small dot at the end.

Paul Gardner
General Manager, Corporate Services