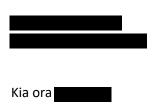


7 February 2025



## 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: <a href="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</a>
- WRLC Housing Data: https://wrlc.org.nz/reports/housing-data
- Housing | Stats NZ: https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/housing
- <u>Indicators of Homelessness Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga Ministry of Housing and Urban</u>
  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 <a href="https://swdc.govt.nz/consultation/spatial-plan/">https://swdc.govt.nz/consultation/spatial-plan/</a>
- Featherston Master Plan https://swdc.govt.nz/consultation/featherston-masterplan/
- Future Development Strategy WRLC <a href="https://wrlc.org.nz/future-development-strategy">https://wrlc.org.nz/future-development-strategy</a>

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

Wairarapa Housing Strategy Group - <u>Wairarapa Times-Age article: https://times-age.co.nz/infrastructure/collaboration-seeks-to-future-proof-housing/</u>

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

Other providers in the wider district include: <a href="https://trusthouse.co.nz/homes/">Trust House: https://trusthouse.co.nz/homes/</a>

Currently, there are no Kainga Ora homes in South Wairarapa (Masterton only) and a plan to expand to the district was announced in 2022: <a href="https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en">https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en</a> 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 <a href="https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/">https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/</a>, 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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint">https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a>

Nāku noa, nā

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