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Kainga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill Submission

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Community Housing Aotearoa made an oral submission to the Environment Select Committee last week on the Kainga Ora-Homes and Communities Bill. CHA was represented by Paul Gilbert (Housing Foundation), Garry Moore (Community Housing Trust), Roine Lealaialoto (Penina Health Trust) and Marc Slade (CHA). Our comments were well received by the Select Committee members.

Productivity Commission releases Draft report – local government funding

Our submission was one of several including from our colleagues at; Infrastructure NZ, NZ Property Council, NZ Institute of Architects, Te Matapihi, and Habitat for Humanity. We all spoke to the need for collaboration and referred to our support for each other's views. There was a strong alignment across all the submissions and the Chair of the Select Committee commented that all the submitters clearly knew, liked and worked well with each other – sending a strong message, alongside the remarkable alignment of our submissions, about our ability to collaborate.

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A common theme expressed by CHA and the other submitters was the importance of Kainga Ora delivering place-based, community enhancing, developments. The submissions also emphasised the importance of good planning and design, and the need for intergenerational thinking delivering long term outcomes for communities.

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There was also a strong degree of alignment between all the submissions on the importance of encouraging genuine partnership and collaboration and not having the Government do everything itself. The entire Select Committee acknowledged that the community sector has something that they simply cannot buy. Select Committee members across all parties recognised the presence of the sector, and our contribution in delivering local, community-based housing solutions, in each of their respective electorates.

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We also made the case for how the community housing sector captures, retains and recycles capital in a unique and community enhancing way. We will have to hope that this positive message finds its way into an amended Bill to ensure that Kainga Ora – Homes and Communities can enable a broad diversity of responses to New Zealand's housing crisis that best serves the needs and aspirations of our communities.

Click to see a copy of our written [submission](#) or to see the full Bill click [here](#)

Productivity Commission releases Draft report – local government funding

The Productivity Commission released a draft report on the funding and financing system for local government on July 4.

It is the most in-depth look at local government funding and financing since the 2007 Shand report.

The Commission found the current funding and financing framework is broadly sound, but councils need **new funding tools** to address key cost pressures. New tools are required for four key areas:

- Supplying enough **infrastructure** to support rapid urban growth;
- Adapting to **climate change**;
- Coping with the **growth of tourism**; and
- The **accumulation of responsibilities placed on local government** by central government.

The next step is to test the ideas, conclusions and recommendations contained in this report. We invite you to [review the report](#) and share your feedback.

Submissions are invited by **29 August 2019** via this link [make-a-submission](#).

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GRAND OPENING! - Monte Cecilia Housing Trust

30 x 2 Bedroom Apartments.

We are so excited our office facility and apartments are to be opened on **Friday 6 September at 9 am.**

We hope you will join us at 30 Windrush Close, Mangere.

You are one of our valued supporters and we would welcome your attendance.

G.I.F.T Giving it Forward Together - Miramar & Strathmore Community Event

We have organised hair dressers & barbers for free hair cuts, massage therapists for a free massage, a free sausage sizzle, free hot soup and hot drinks, mental health and cultural workers, Bee Healthy dental care education, free clothing, free food to take home (bread, apples, tinned food), community constables and we are waiting to confirm more!

We are not affiliated with any organisation - we are just a couple of local mums who were inspired by the event in Invercargill and wanted to implement something similar for our own community.

Date: Sunday 28th July 2019

Time: 1 pm to 4 pm

Venue: Scots College Hall. 1 Monorgan Road, Strathmore Park, WELLINGTON.

Free Haircuts & Other Services (for those in need)

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