



Urban Development Authorities

To deliver more dynamic and successful cities that better meet the needs for housing, employment and amenity, the Government is proposing that major urban development projects are able to be built more quickly. New legislation is being considered that will enable local and central government to:

- empower nationally or locally significant urban development projects to access more enabling development powers and land use rules; and
- establish new urban development authorities to support these projects where required.

MBIE is currently undertaking public consultation on the content and extent of this proposed legislation.

This proposal is likely to be of interest to a range of audiences, technically minded and general public alike. Therefore, we've provided both an easy-to-understand introduction for the general reader (section 1) and more in-depth information for those who want a more detailed discussion (sections 3-8).

- Section 1 of the discussion document provides a short summary of the proposal
- Section 2 outlines why we need new legislation to support urban development projects
- Sections 3 and 4 set out the proposals for the framework and processes of the new legislation, and for urban development authorities
- Sections 5 – 8 detail the proposed powers relating to land assembly and reserves; planning, land use and consenting; infrastructure; and funding and financing. A summary of the proposed changes can be found at the end of each of these sections.
- Section 9 recognises and discusses Māori interests in the proposals
- Section 10 describes other matters that do not currently form part of the proposal, but that the Government would like to seek your views on.

Stakeholder Guides

MBIE has prepared the following guides for key stakeholder groups to provide tailored information on the urban development authority proposals. The guides are not intended to replace the discussion document, but provide an extended summary highlighting specific points that may be relevant to the selected stakeholders.

[A. Residents, business owners and tenants \[PDF 281KB\]](#)

[B. Infrastructure and utility providers \[PDF 237KB\]](#)

[C. Regional councils \[PDF 414KB\]](#)

[D. Territorial authorities \[PDF 318KB\]](#)

[E. Developers \[PDF 240KB\]](#)

Out of scope

The following topics will not be considered in this Discussion Document or during the further development of this proposal:

- the planning and consenting system as a whole
- any ability for urban development authorities to access powers under the Building Act 2004 and the Building Code.

Analysis of options

A consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to explain the analysis supporting the proposals in the discussion document.

The RIS provides an analysis of options to improve urban development outcomes in New Zealand and assesses the case for enacting legislation that provides a wide range of powers to support nationally or locally significant urban development projects.

Your feedback on the proposals in this discussion document will inform the finalisation of the RIS.

The draft consultation RIS is available above.

Further information

Read an overview of the proposed legislation, view a diagram of the proposed processes, read frequently asked questions, and view the Cabinet paper and other official information that supported the Government's proposals in the [Urban Development Authorities section of this website](#).

How to Make a Submission

The Government invites written comments on the proposal by 5pm on 19 May 2017.

You are welcome to make submissions on some or all of the questions set out on page 10 of the discussion document. You can choose which proposals to submit on. You do not need to respond to all of the specific proposals.

Any person or organisation can make a submission. Your submission may incorporate any relevant material.

A submission may range from a short letter on one of the proposals to a substantial response covering multiple proposals. Please include your name, organisation (if relevant) and contact details. Please also provide relevant facts, figures, data, examples and documents where possible to support your views. We appreciate receiving an electronic copy of posted submissions, preferably in Microsoft Word or searchable PDF format.

You can provide feedback in the following ways:

- Write a submission and return it to us via email at: UDAConsult@mbie.govt.nz.
- or post it to:
Construction and Housing Markets, BRM
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
15 Stout Street
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140
Attention: Urban development authorities consultation
- Have you got 10 minutes? If you don't have time to write a submission, you can still give us your thoughts by completing a short online survey. Answers from this survey will help to refine and improve any proposed new legislation for Urban Development Authorities (UDAs). Kings Cross in London or Barangaroo on the Sydney waterfront are two good examples of how UDAs have transformed an urban space. This fresh approach can combine office space, housing, community centres, parks and local industry in particular areas.
Your feedback is important to help shape proposed legislation to enable a similar process, here in New Zealand.
 - [Contribute by completing this short online survey](#)

You can request a hard copy of the discussion document by emailing your name and postal address to: UDAConsult@mbie.govt.nz.

Your submission may be made public

MBIE intends to post its report on public submissions on its website at www.mbie.govt.nz except for material that may be defamatory. We will consider that you have consented to this unless you clearly specify otherwise in your submission.

Submissions may be the subject of requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please set out clearly in your submission if you object to the release of any information in the submission and, in particular, which part (or parts) you consider should be withheld together with your reasons for withholding the information. (Examples could include that you have provided commercially sensitive material, or you have privacy concerns.) MBIE will take such objections into account when responding to requests under the OIA. Any decision to withhold information requested under the OIA can be reviewed by the Ombudsman.

Any personal information you supply to MBIE in the course of making a submission will be used by MBIE only in conjunction with matters covered by this document. Please clearly indicate if you do not wish your name to be included in any summary of submissions that MBIE may publish.