



# BRIEFING

## State of the City 2025 Report

<b>Date:</b>	4 July 2025	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	BRIEFING-REQ-0016985

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown <b>Minister for Auckland</b>	Note contents ahead of the launch of the State of the City report on Tuesday 15 July 2025	14 July 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
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Andy Hill	Director Auckland		

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Not required.

Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Noted

☐ Needs change

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### Purpose

This briefing provides a summary of the State of the City 2025 Benchmarking Report ahead of its public release on 15 July 2025. The report typically attracts media attention, and you may be approached for comment.

### Executive summary

The State of the City 2025 Benchmarking Report compares Auckland's performance to ten similar global cities across 140 benchmarks and 900 metrics. It highlights Auckland's continued strengths in liveability, including environmental quality, civic engagement and digital infrastructure. The city is also showing signs of renewed momentum in innovation, investment and housing delivery.

Despite these positives, Auckland faces persistent challenges. Productivity remains low, limiting wage growth and economic dynamism. Barriers to inclusion affect Māori, Pacific peoples and young people, while transport infrastructure and urban form continue to hinder mobility and access. Auckland's global visibility is also lagging, with limited cultural presence on the world stage.

Given Auckland's role in generating over a third of New Zealand's GDP, its success is vital to national progress. The report calls for coordinated Government action to address productivity, equity, transport and international competitiveness, ensuring Auckland can fulfil its role as the country's primary urban engine.

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** the contents of this report.

*Noted*

Michael Quinn  
Head of the Auckland Policy Office

04 / July / 2025

Hon Simeon Brown  
Minister for Auckland

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## Background

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Now in its third year, the Auckland State of the City report offers a comprehensive international comparison of Auckland's performance across more than 140 global benchmarks and 900 metrics. It compares Auckland to ten peer cities selected for their similar size, liveability and geographic positioning.

The report was prepared by The Business of Cities, a London-based urban research group, and commissioned by the Committee for Auckland, Auckland Council and Deloitte, with input from the University of Auckland and the Auckland Policy Office. It provides a longitudinal view of Auckland's progress and challenges, aiming to inform both local and national policy responses.

## Content of the State of the City Report

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### *Auckland's strengths*

The report notes that Auckland continues to be recognised as one of the world's most liveable cities. It performs strongly in environmental quality, civic participation and digital infrastructure. Air quality is among the best amongst its peers, and green space access is extensive and well-distributed. The city benefits from high levels of public trust in governance and good civic engagement. These attributes contribute to Auckland's consistent performance in global liveability indices and reinforce its reputation for institutional stability.

### *Signs of economic and innovation momentum*

There are indications of renewed momentum in Auckland's innovation and investment landscape. Venture capital activity has increased, with Auckland outperforming many of its peers in value created per dollar invested. The number of high-potential startups is growing, and the city is attracting international students and skilled migrants. Housing delivery has improved, with Auckland exceeding peer averages in new housing completions. Affordability has eased slightly, and the city maintains a relatively youthful population, which may support future labour force growth.

### *Persistent challenges in productivity and inclusion*

Despite these strengths, Auckland's productivity remains the lowest among its peer cities. This is constraining wage growth and overall economic dynamism. Export intensity is low, and the innovation ecosystem, while expanding, remains small and concentrated. University-industry collaboration is limited, and Auckland lags in patent output and commercialisation of research. These structural issues are compounded by a modest productivity premium over other New Zealand cities, which is significantly lower than that observed in comparable national capitals.

The report says equity and inclusion requires attention. Māori and Pacific peoples face barriers in education and employment, and the rate of young people not in education, employment or training is rising. Female workforce participation has stalled, and perceptions of inclusiveness in the labour market are weaker than in comparable cities. These disparities contribute to broader economic insecurity and low confidence in job creation and upward mobility.

### *Transport and urban form are limiting performance*

Transport infrastructure and urban form are areas of concern in the report. Auckland ranks near the bottom of its peer group for congestion and hours lost to traffic. Public transport satisfaction is low, and the city is underperforming in modal shift and transport innovation. The spatial growth model contributes to inefficiencies in mobility and access to services, with low walkability, limited mixed-use development and uneven amenity distribution. These factors are diluting the vibrancy and functionality of many neighbourhoods.

### *Auckland's global visibility is under pressure*

While Auckland continues to perform well on liveability metrics, its international brand is not keeping pace with other cities. The city is underrepresented in global cultural sectors such as music, film and sport. Visibility in international rankings and media is limited, and cultural exports are fewer than those of its peers. This poses a risk of talent and investment drifting to more prominent cities and may weaken Auckland's competitive position over time.

### *Auckland's role in national growth*

Auckland's performance has direct implications for national outcomes. The city accounts for over 38 percent of New Zealand's GDP, and its trajectory influences the country's overall competitiveness and well-being. The report notes that Auckland's challenges are not unique, but its scale and role in the national economy make them more consequential. Where policy supports Auckland, the returns are likely to be felt nationally. Where it falls short, Auckland's limited bandwidth to solve complex urban challenges may constrain national progress.

### *A city at a crossroads*

The report presents a mixed picture. Auckland remains a highly liveable and globally connected city, with strong environmental and civic foundations. It is making progress in innovation and housing, and retains significant potential for future growth. However, persistent challenges in productivity, equity, transport and international visibility require sustained attention. The report provides a strong evidence base for policy decisions and highlights the need for strategic alignment between local and central government to ensure Auckland can fulfil its role as New Zealand's primary urban engine.

## **Report launch**

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The report will be launched on Tuesday 15 July 2025 in Auckland, accompanied by media releases from the Committee for Auckland and Auckland Council. The Minister for Local Government and the Mayor of Auckland will attend and speak at the launch event.

The report (Annex B) is embargoed until Tuesday 15 July 2025.

## **Media**

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As Minister for Auckland, you might be asked for comment. We have included at Annex A suggested responses.















































































































































































## Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 23 June to Sunday 13 July 2025

Date:	11 July 2025	Priority:	Medium
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Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown <b>Minister for Auckland</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

### Contact for telephone discussion (if required)

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office	Privacy of natural persons	
Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

### The following departments/agencies have contributed content

Ministry of Transport, Department of Internal Affairs and Housing and Urban Development.

#### Minister's office to complete:

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#### Comments



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### Purpose

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To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 23 June to Sunday 13 July 2025.

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

**Note** the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

*Noted*

Michael Quinn  
**Head of the Auckland Policy Office**  
11 / 07 / 2025

Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister for Auckland**  
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## 1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
<b>Auckland Recovery</b>	
	No updates available for this report.
<b>Auckland Regional Deal</b>	
<b>Michael Quinn</b> Head of the APO Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government
<b>Auckland Transport CCO</b>	
<b>Karen Lyons</b> Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons	<b>Auckland Transport Board Meeting 24 June 2025</b>  In addition to the bylaw and CCO items discussed at the Governing Body meeting, the Auckland Transport Board also considered feedback on their Statement of Intent (SOI).  <i>Statement of Intent 2025 – Considering Council Feedback</i>  Auckland Transport has considered feedback from Auckland Council on the draft SOI 2025 – 2028.  Key comments related to the feedback include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Targets around maintaining asset condition need to be reassessed following 2026, as funding levels are not sufficient to meet them.</li><li>• Auckland Transport will continue to explore an alternative measure to ‘AT listens and responds’, as they feel results include factors outside of their control.</li></ul> Auckland Transport has agreed with Auckland Council officers to an annual patronage target of 93.9 million for the 2026 financial year, reflecting current patronage trends.



	<p><b>Auckland Council Governing Body Meeting Thursday, 26 June 2025</b></p> <p><u>Vehicle Use and Parking Bylaw: Bylaw Panel Report</u></p> <p>In October 2024, the Governing Body and the Auckland Transport Board adopted a proposal to make a new Vehicle Use and Parking Bylaw 2025. The proposal merges the previous Auckland Transport and Auckland Council Traffic Bylaws to better manage the problems vehicles can cause to public safety, travel delays, obstructions, nuisance, damage to the environment, public infrastructure and property on Council-controlled public land and the Auckland land transport system.</p> <p>The new Auckland Transport and Auckland Council Vehicle Use and Parking Bylaw came into force on 1 July 2025.</p> <p>Confidential advice to Government</p> <p><u>Council-controlled organisation Reform (CCO Reform) update and decisions to advance programme and support implementation</u></p> <p>The Governing Body agreed to the transfer of specific strategy and policy functions from Auckland Transport to Auckland Council, involving a small number of staff. This has been achieved by Auckland Transport making a delegation to Auckland Council at Auckland Council's request. Functions transferred include preparing the Auckland Council Transport Policy Statement and the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).</p> <p>In addition, Auckland Council have placed two staff members on Auckland Transport's Traffic Control Committee (TCC). This Committee consists of senior Auckland Transport managers and makes bylaw decisions by resolution, as well as other decisions on transport matters under a range of other legislation, for example in relation to traffic control devices. The TCC is a core mechanism by which Auckland Transport exercises its powers as a Road Controlling Authority.</p> <p>Once the Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill is introduced, Ministry of Transport officials will be able to engage with Auckland Council to ensure responsibilities of Auckland Council and the new Auckland Regional Transport Committee accurately reflect the draft legislation. For example, it will be the Auckland Regional Transport Committee that prepares the RLTP.</p>
<b>Economic Growth</b>	
<p><b>Andy Hill</b> Director Auckland MBIE</p> <p>Privacy of natural persons</p>	<p><b>Auckland Economic Update July 2025</b></p> <p>Auckland Council has published its monthly economic update for Auckland. The full report is attached in <b>Annex One</b>.</p> <p>Highlights this month for Auckland include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consumer Confidence Index for the June 2025 quarter was 95.9 – above most of 2022-2024, but below most of 2009 to 2021</li></ul>



	<p>(source: Westpac McDermott Miller CCI; below 100 is net pessimistic).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business confidence (NZIER QSBO) for the June 2025 quarter showed a net 35% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months – the fourth rise in a row, reaching the highest level in eleven years (since 2014)</li><li>• Median house price for the month of May 2025 was \$975,000 (in real* dollars) – similar to the last several months; similar to ten years ago (2015); 36% below the 2021 peak.</li><li>• Number of houses sold for the year ended May 2025 was 22,900 – rising continuously for eight months; 25% above the May 2023 trough; similar to 2017-2020; but 37% below the July 2021 peak.</li><li>• Average weekly rent for the month of April 2025 was \$684 (in real* dollars) – similar to the last three years; similar to nine years ago; below 2017 to 2021. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$577 – an 11% real fall since January (probably due to seasonality), 2% below April 2024; 1% annual average increase in the last five years.</li><li>• Number of new dwellings consented in the year ended May 2025 was 13,864 – 1% below April; similar to the previous 11 months; 37% below the September 2022 peak; 9% below the 2019 pre-Covid peak.</li><li>• Real* value of new non-residential buildings consented in the year ended May 2025 was \$2,347 million – similar to the previous 3 months; 23% below a year ago; similar to the 2020 trough and among the lowest since 2016; 32% below the 2022 peak.</li><li>• Real* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended May 2025 was \$30.3 billion – similar to the last several months, still 10% below April 2023, but 16% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$30.5 billion – similar to the last several months, 19% above late 2020, and 26% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak.</li></ul> <p>*Note: real dollars/values are after adjusting for the effects of inflation each quarter, so a similar 'real' level means that a value rose at a similar rate to inflation.</p>
<b>Law and Order</b>	
	No updates available for this report.
<b>Water Reform Update</b>	
<b>Bex Sullivan</b> Deputy Executive Director Water Services Department of Internal Affairs Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government



## 2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
<b>Auckland Council – integration of three CCO functions</b>	
<b>Vanessa Blakelock</b> Partnerships Director, Department of Internal Affairs Privacy of natural persons	<p>On 1 July 2025 three new Auckland Council development and property-related functions were established following the integration of Eke Panuku Development Auckland and the economic development arm of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited into the Council. The Council-controlled Organisation (CCO) integration within directorates at Auckland Council has led to the establishment of the Auckland Urban Development Office, Property department and Economic Development Office. This milestone follows a decision by the Governing Body in December 2024, to ensure the organisation is best set up to deliver effectively for Auckland through greater strategic alignment, democratic accountability and improved service delivery for Aucklanders.</p> <p>Details of the new functions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Auckland Urban Development Office will serve as the Council's development 'front door' for large-scale projects and priority locations. The office will work with investors, developers, iwi, Crown agencies and the private sector to deliver smart and sustainable urban development in areas earmarked for regeneration and strategic growth. Patrick Dougherty has been appointed General Manager for the office. Mr Dougherty was previously with Kāinga Ora.</li> <li>• The Property department is responsible for the Council's substantial property portfolio, including the city's three marinas. It will provide strategic leadership, advice and management to ensure the Council group is optimising its property assets and related services to best serve Aucklanders now and into the future. Ian Wheeler has been appointed General Manager for the department. Mr Wheeler was previously with Eke Panuku.</li> <li>• The Economic Development Office brings together the economic development functions of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited with the Council's Community and Social Innovation team and Local Economic Brokers. This new service will drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth across the region. Pam Ford has been appointed General Manager for the office. Ms Ford was previously with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.</li> </ul> <p>The CCO integration announced on 1 July 2025 is one of four key workstreams under the broader CCO Transition programme, which also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening the CCO Model</li> <li>• Transport Reform</li> <li>• Group Shared Services</li> </ul> <p>Work in these areas is progressing, with future updates expected later this year.</p> <p>With the integration of Eke Panuku into the Council, CE Phil Wilson acknowledged the contribution of Eke Panuku Chief Executive David</p>



	Rankin as he leaves the organisation, following five years at the helm of Eke Panuku, and many years of leadership prior to that as the Chief Executive of Auckland City Council and Auckland Council Property Limited.
<b>Auckland Council – Annual Plan adoption</b>	
<b>Vanessa Blakelock</b> Partnerships Director, Department of Internal Affairs Privacy of natural persons	<p>On 1 July 2025 Auckland Council adopted its 2025/26 Annual Plan. The plan continues a focus on delivering on the priorities and investments in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 adopted last year and the investments included in year two. The Annual Plan 2025/26 sets out Auckland Council's services and investments for the year and how the Council intends to pay for and deliver them. This includes confirming a 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property (around \$223 a year, or \$4.29 a week).</p> <p>Auckland Council Chief Executive Phil Wilson noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council remains focused on delivering value to ratepayers, through the Council's long-term plan priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Our primary focus is to strengthen Auckland financially and physically, while continuing to invest where it's needed to manage the region's forecast growth"</li> <li>- "This means we will continue to invest in our priority areas like transport, community, the natural environment and our built environment.</li> <li>- "Over the next 12 months, \$4.3 billion will be invested in roads, pipes and transport infrastructure to further improve services to Aucklanders and build a more resilient region."</li> <li>- "The capital investment is supported by significant \$5.1 billion operating spend to continue delivering services such as parks, libraries and cultural events."</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The \$4.3 billion of capital investment in long-term infrastructure is supported by \$1.7 billion in additional debt. The Council uses debt in a prudent and sustainable way to spread the cost of capital investment across the generations that will use the assets this investment creates.</li> <li>• At the regional level, the council plans to revitalise underused land and acquire areas for parks and open spaces. The council will also continue the final stages of the City Rail Link and Central Interceptor "All areas of Auckland – whether you're north, south, east or west – will see investment into local facilities and community services. In some areas, that includes water services and community facility refurbishments, and in others it might be parks, roads and commuter services. Or all of the above," says Mr Wilson.</li> </ul> <p>Each of the 21 local boards have a plan of priorities for their community, for the year ahead. The Annual Plan begins to address the funding imbalances between the 21 local boards which enables them to better respond to the needs of their communities. Local boards provide a wide range of services such as local parks, libraries, pools, community facilities, and local art and environment activities, along with community events.</p>





### Supporting information - What's in this year's Annual Plan?

**Transport** delivers a comprehensive programme of investments to help reduce congestion, improve public transport, cycle lanes and footpaths, address safety issues and improve resilience to natural events. In 2025/26, transport will receive \$1.7 billion of capital funding and \$1.7 billion operating spend.

Highlight projects:

- Work with the government to develop a 30-year Auckland Integrated Transport Plan.
- Progress the Eastern Busway between Pakuranga and Botany
- Support the City Rail Link opening in 2026.
- Deliver key infrastructure including renewing assets such as footpaths, roads, bridges, decarbonising ferries and road safety.

**Water investment** delivers drinking water, wastewater (through Watercare) and region-wide stormwater (through the Council). This year, Watercare will continue upgrading or replacing water supply and wastewater networks and reduce wastewater overflows in conjunction with the Council's stormwater unit.

In 2025/26 the total investment into water will be \$1.25 billion into capital projects and \$850 million for operating costs.

Highlight projects:

- Stormwater investment for flood resilience and recovery work, and increasing capacity to meet the region's growing needs.
- Replacing the water supply in Huia and Nihotupu.
- Completing the Snells Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
- Wastewater upgrade in the city centre's midtown area.

**Built environment** focuses on how we build and develop supporting infrastructure, give regulatory oversight and respond to government direction to enable the building of new homes, the creation of walkable, well-connected low-carbon communities, and the attraction of investment.

In 2025/26 there will be \$118 million capital spend and \$90 million operating costs.

Highlight projects:

- Infrastructure investment in the Auckland Housing Programme areas of Mangere, Tamaki and Mt Roskill.
- Progress a masterplan to develop the central wharves into a public Space and align cruise/ferry services with port operations.
- Continue to regenerate neighbourhoods such as Takapuna, Northcote, Maungawhau, Henderson, Avondale, Manukau and Pukekohe.
- Set-up the Auckland Urban Development Office.

**Natural environment** protects Auckland's natural environment. In 2025/26, there will be \$67 million invested into capital projects and \$721 million into operating costs.

Highlight projects:





- Deliver on the Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030 and continue pest, animal and pathogen control plans through the Natural Environment Targeted Rate.
- Coordinate and implement kauri dieback management
- Increase surveillance and monitoring of existing and emerging marine pests, like exotic *Caulerpa* seaweed.
- Complete standardisation of kerbside rubbish collection service by introducing rates-funded collections in Franklin and Rodney.

**Community** delivers fit-for-purpose assets and services that support community wellbeing. 2025/26 will see \$385 million invested into capital projects and \$865 million into operating costs.

Highlight projects:

- Increased funding for local boards, enabling better response to local needs.
- Increase the Sports and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund to improve sports facilities.
- Improve community safety through safety hubs in the city centre and compliance wardens across the city.
- Improve resourcing for animal control services and increase capacity at shelters.

**Economic and cultural development** initiatives promote Auckland, including destination marketing and major events, along with arts, sports, live performances and events. Next year, \$74 million will be invested in capital projects and \$214 million into operating costs.

Highlights include:

- Continuing to advocate for a 'bed night visitor levy' to fund major events and destination marketing. The plan includes several interim funding sources to temporarily close the \$7 million per year funding for events, without increasing the rates burden. However, a more sustainable long-term solution still needs to be found.
- Holding iconic cultural events such as Pasifika, Diwali and the Lantern Festival.
- Support international and domestic events including musicals, concerts and exhibitions.
- Develop a Stadium Investment Plan to guide decisions for the regional stadium network.

**Well-managed local government** is an investment area that supports the Council to deliver services and elected representatives to make decisions. In 2025/26, there will be a \$692 million spent in each of capital projects and operating spend.

Highlights include:

- Supporting the Auckland Future Fund to achieve long-term average annual returns of 7.24%.
- Invest across seven Ora outcome areas that reflect Maori aspirations. This includes the ongoing Marae Infrastructure Programme and grants to improve the capacity of mana whenua and mataawaka to engage in Council decision-making. All the Council's investment areas contribute to these outcomes.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Progress toward the Council's savings targets, aiming for an additional \$47 million in savings bringing the total savings for 2025/26 to \$86 million.</li><li>Continue acceleration of Group Shared Services and consolidation of service functions to reduce duplication in Council organisations.</li></ul>
<b>Global Youth Sevens 2025 investment confirmed</b>	
<b>Kylie Hawker-Green</b> Manager, New Zealand Major Events MBIE Privacy of natural persons	<p>Global Youth Sevens is an international under-18 sevens rugby event which has been held annually in Auckland since 2016. The event was approved Major Events Fund (MEF) investment of \$230,000 for the 2023 and 2024 events. An investment of \$115,000 in the 2025 event was made conditional on the performance and outcomes from the 2023 and 2024 events.</p> <p>The Minister for Tourism and Hospitality recently confirmed the \$115,000 MEF investment in the 2025 event noting the successful delivery of the 2023 and 2024 events, the economic benefits generated by the events and positive high-performance sport outcomes for youth.</p>

### 3. Ministerial items on hand

#### 3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
15 August 2025, 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Dentistry Opening by Auckland City Mission

#### 3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
15 July 2025	Minister Simon Watts	State of the City 2025 Report Launch

#### 3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

#### 3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				



### 3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

### 3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
None					

### 3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				



### 3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
13 March 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0010672 Proactive release of Auckland fortnightly reports and event briefings from 27 January 2025 to 28 February 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and event briefings from 27 January 2025 to 28 February 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.  <i>Documents in this briefing are within the scope of DOIA-REQ-0011008</i>
10 April 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0012400 Proactive release of Auckland fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 March to 30 March 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 March to 30 March 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.  <i>Documents in this briefing are within the scope of DOIA-REQ-0013177 &amp; MOIA-REQ-0013725</i>
30 May 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0014273 Proactive Release of Auckland fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 April to 30 April 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 April to 30 April 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.  Documents in this briefing are within the scope of MOIA-REQ-0013601
15 May 2025	MBIE provided your office with a list of briefing titles for review	Proactive release of briefing titles for April 2025
16 June 2025	Cabinet paper Auckland Consolidated Central Government Work Programme	Due to be released on 1 July 2025, a proactive release briefing has been sent to your office.
9 June 2025	MBIE provided your office with a list of briefing titles for review	Proactive release of briefing titles for May 2025

### 3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
Milldale	FTAA-2503-1038	Fulton Hogan Land Development Limited	1 July 2025	29 July 2025
Sunfield	FTAA-2503-1039	Winton Land Limited	7 July 2025	4 August 2025



## 4 Auckland dashboards

Transport environmental scan																																						
<div><div>Karen Lyons</div><div>Auckland Director</div><div>Ministry of Transport</div><div>Privacy of natural persons</div></div>	<div>Public transport patronage update</div> <div>For the fortnight 9 – 22 June 2025, public transport patronage totalled 3.2 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. 90.4% of boardings in May were considered to be on-time, ahead of the 88% target. The monthly patronage total of 8.4 million was behind the 9.1million target.</div> <div>Patronage declined by 2% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year, likely due to the difference in the Matariki public holiday date. While bus and train patronage declined by 2% and 4% respectively, ferry patronage increased by 3%.</div> <div>Due to changes in how Auckland Transport is presenting patronage data, annual patronage figures are not currently available but will be provided once June data is live.</div> <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT fortnightly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>9 – 22 June 2025</th><th>9 – 22 June 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>2,643,292</td><td>2,704,475</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>509,439</td><td>529,840</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>94,783</td><td>91,936</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,247,514</td><td>3,326,251</td></tr></table> <div>Data: AT Metro daily patronage report.</div> <table><tr><th colspan="3">PT monthly patronage</th></tr><tr><th>Mode</th><th>May 2025</th><th>May 2024</th></tr><tr><td>Bus</td><td>6,695,392</td><td>6,569,083</td></tr><tr><td>Rail</td><td>1,346,698</td><td>1,447,830</td></tr><tr><td>Ferry</td><td>383,346</td><td>361,020</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>8,425,436</td><td>8,377,933</td></tr></table> <div>Data: AT Metro daily patronage report.</div> <div>NB: Rail data includes rail replacement services. Patronage counts include HOP, contactless payments, special events, group travel on trains, and train line-to-line transfers. A service is punctual if it leaves the first stop within one minute early to five minutes late of its schedule and arrives at the last stop no more than five minutes late.</div>		PT fortnightly patronage			Mode	9 – 22 June 2025	9 – 22 June 2024	Bus	2,643,292	2,704,475	Rail	509,439	529,840	Ferry	94,783	91,936	Total	3,247,514	3,326,251	PT monthly patronage			Mode	May 2025	May 2024	Bus	6,695,392	6,569,083	Rail	1,346,698	1,447,830	Ferry	383,346	361,020	Total	8,425,436	8,377,933
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<div><div>David Hermans</div><div>Chief Advisor, Policy</div><div>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</div><div>Privacy of natural persons</div></div>	<div>House price index and median house price (REINZ)</div> <div><div><div></div><div>The House price index is down 0.4% (as of May 2024).</div></div><div><div></div><div>Number of sales is up 3.3% since May 2024.</div></div><div><div></div><div>Median House Price is \$975,000, which is down 2.5% in the month of May 2025, and down 3.5% since May 2024.</div></div></div>																																					



HUD commentary:

Auckland house prices fell slightly over the last year. Prices have shown more variability in recent months as falling lending rates attract some buyers back into the market. However, stock levels remain high, limiting price growth.

While buyers remain active in the market, as indicated by the slight pick-up in sales, the median days to sell remains unchanged at 46 days, indicating that buyers remain cautious.

**New dwelling building consents (Stats NZ)**

- New dwelling consents are up 9.1% compared to May 2024.
- Total new dwellings consented annually since May 2024 is 13,864, which is down 4.3% compared to the previous year.

HUD commentary:

Over the last year, building intentions through dwelling consents have remained stable in Auckland, with some monthly variation.

The sector remains cautiously optimistic that building activity will gradually pick up in late 2025 or early 2026. The pace at which intentions and activity increase will depend on how quickly newly built stock clears, the continued decline in interest rates and on the performance of the economy.

**Dwelling completions and new land parcels (Auckland Council)**

- 15,917 dwellings received code compliance certificates (CCC) annually since April 2024.
- 1449 new residential land parcels (under 5000m<sup>2</sup>) were created in May 2025 (down 18.9% compared to May 2024).

HUD commentary:

Annual CCC issuance has decreased over the past few months due to the decline in building intentions over 2023.

As existing projects are being completed faster than new projects are coming online, construction activity is falling. This trend is expected to continue over the short-term.

**Rental price index**

- 0.6% decrease annually since November 2023

HUD commentary:

Nationally RPI growth remains minimal as falling net migration has contributed to a reduction in the demand for rental properties, and recent levels of construction have been high. This is particularly prevalent in Auckland, which acts as the primary inward migration hub.

Currently, the publication of Stats NZ's Rental Price Index (RPI) "flow" measure of rental inflation for new tenancies is on hold, until some improvements are made to the data and methodology. However, HUD has been able to produce a monthly rental inflation measure with the



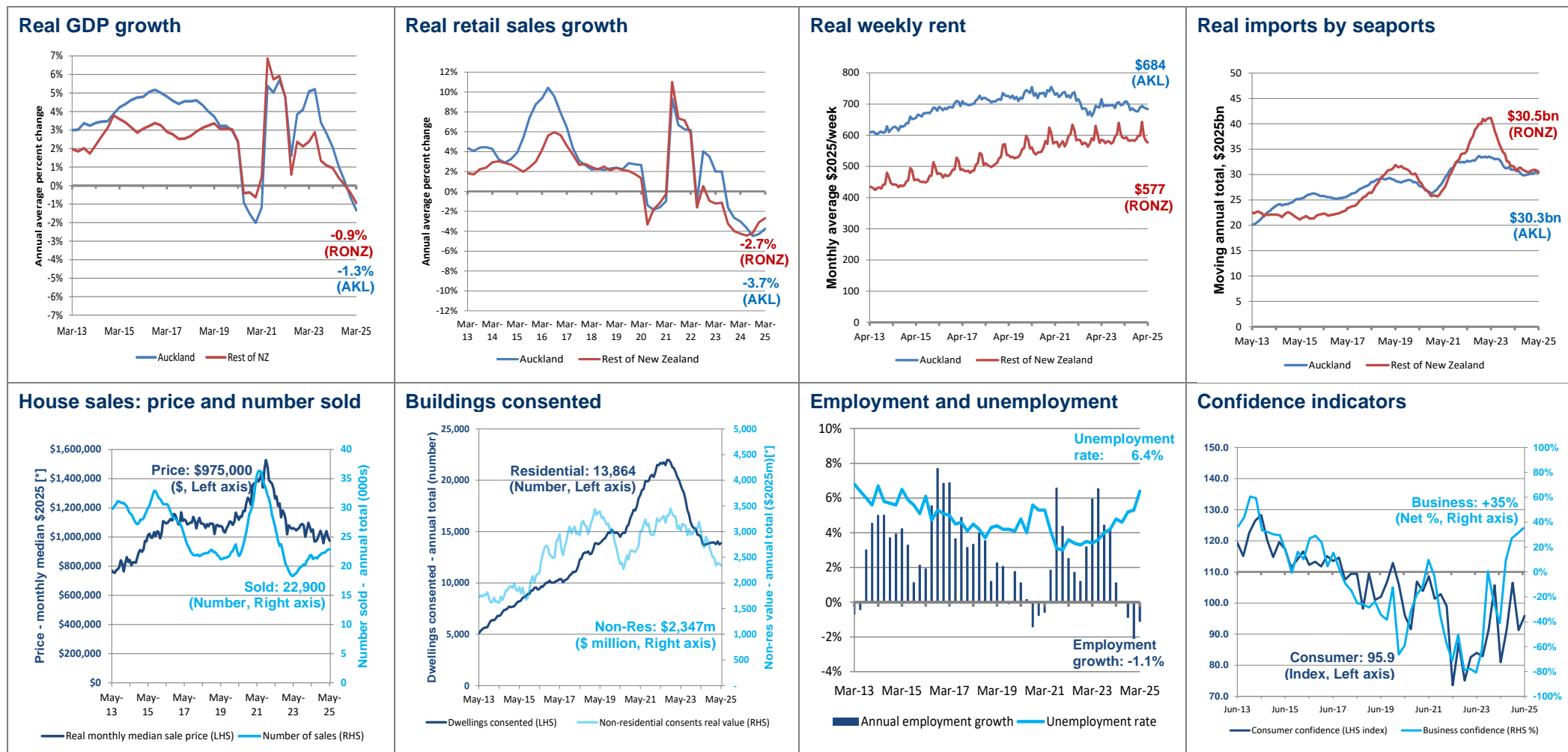
	<p>support of Stats NZ by tweaking the quarterly RPI measure produced for HUD's Changes in Housing Affordability Indicators (CHAI).</p> <p>This does not replace the Stats NZ RPI but will provide an interim measure until publication of the Stats NZ flow measure resumes.</p>
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## Annexes

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### **Annex One:** Auckland Economic Update- July 2025

# Auckland Economic Update – July 2025



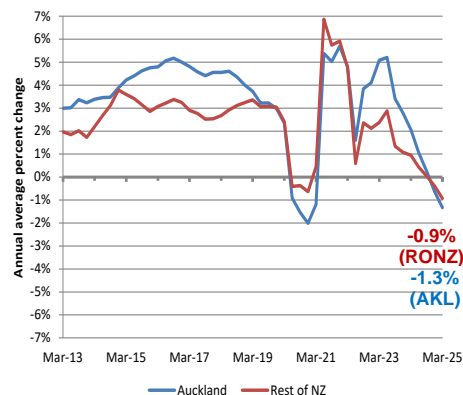
Note: Data is the latest available as at the start of the month, and is for the Auckland region, unless otherwise stated. This is a summary page only. All data sources and technical notes are provided on the next two pages.

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## Real GDP growth



Auckland's real\* Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year ended March 2025 was 1.3% lower than for the year ended March 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was 0.9% fall (see notes). Both growth rates were: falling since mid-2023; similar to their Covid-related troughs of 2020; below all other periods since 2010. Rest of New Zealand was similar to its GFC-related trough of 2009; Auckland was above, but only because its trough in 2009 was even lower.

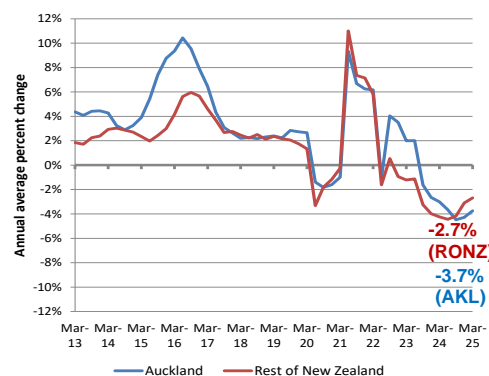
\* Real GDP refers to GDP in constant 2022 dollars, to remove inflation.

Lockdowns due to Covid-19 affect results for 2020 onwards. Covid-19 lockdown level 3 began on 23 March 2020.

Latest and historical real GDP figures are modelled estimates, and subject to revision.

Source: Infometrics, Regional Economic Profile/Quarterly Economic Monitor.

## Real retail sales growth



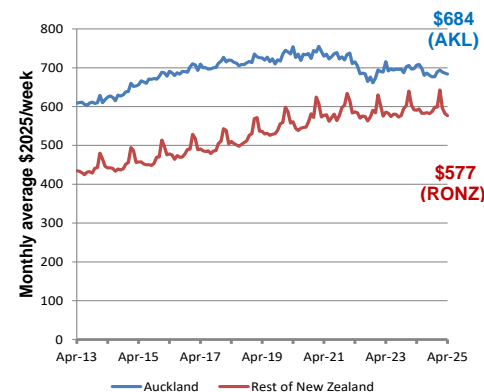
Real\* retail sales for the year ended March 2025 were 3.7% lower than for the year ended March 2024; in the rest of New Zealand, the annual change was a 2.7% fall. Both growth rates were among the lowest (most negative) since 2009 (just after the Global Financial Crisis), with Auckland continuing below its 2020 Covid-related trough. Both growth rates had been falling since late 2022, but now Auckland has started to follow the rest of New Zealand in rising slightly (but still negative).

\* Real retail sales have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: These figures exclude non-retail activity captured elsewhere in the retail sales survey.

Source: Stats NZ, Retail Sales (quarterly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

## Real weekly rent



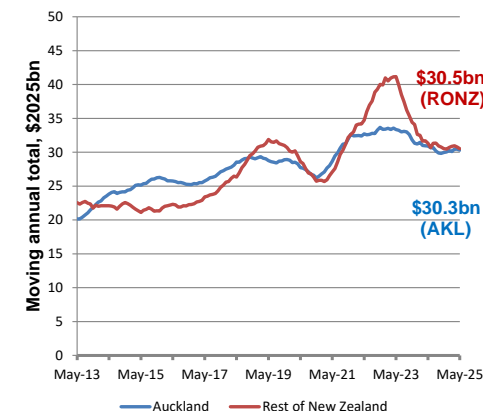
The average weekly rent for the month of April 2025 was \$684 (in real\* dollars: similar to the last three years; similar to nine years ago; below 2017 to 2021). For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$577: an 11% real fall since January (probably due to seasonality), 2% below April 2024; 1% annual average increase in the last five years. "Real rent" changes are relative to CPI inflation, so a similar "real" level means rents rose at a similar rate to inflation.

\* Real rents have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI), to remove inflation.

Note: Dwelling size and quality may vary over time. Rent is for new rental bonds lodged each month with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, for housing tenancies with private sector landlords (so excludes state housing). Data covers only new bonds, so excludes existing leases from earlier periods whose rent has not changed, or has changed but with no revision to the bond. It also excludes new leases where no bond is lodged. Data is subject to minor revisions.

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Regional Rental Prices (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

## Real imports by seaports



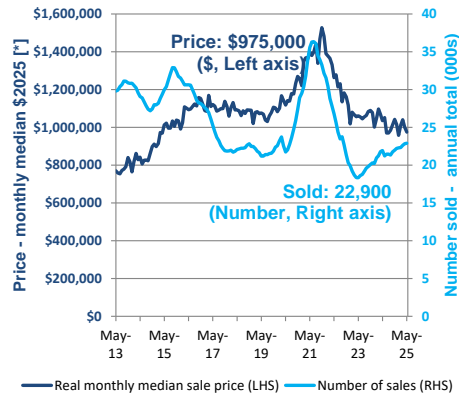
The real\* value of imports by Auckland seaports for the year ended May 2025 was \$30.3 billion, similar to the last several months, still 10% below April 2023, but 16% higher than the 2020 Covid trough. For the rest of New Zealand, the figure was \$30.5 billion: similar to the last several months, 19% above late 2020, and 26% lower than their 2023 post-Covid rebound peak. From 2024 on, import values for Auckland and the rest of New Zealand were similar to each other.

\* Real import values have been calculated by converting previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI) for tradables, to remove inflation

Note: Import values are cost including freight (CIF). Auckland seaports consist of Port of Auckland on the Waitemata Harbour near the CBD, and Port of Onehunga on the Manukau Harbour (domestic only, no imports); both are owned by Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL).

Source: Stats NZ, Overseas Cargo Statistics-imports-value \$ CIF (monthly); Stats NZ, CPI Tradables (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

## House sales: price and number sold



The median (not average) sale price of houses sold in Auckland in the month of May 2025 was \$975,000 (in real\* dollars: similar to the last several months; similar to ten years ago (2015); 6% lower than a year ago; 36% below the 2021 peak).

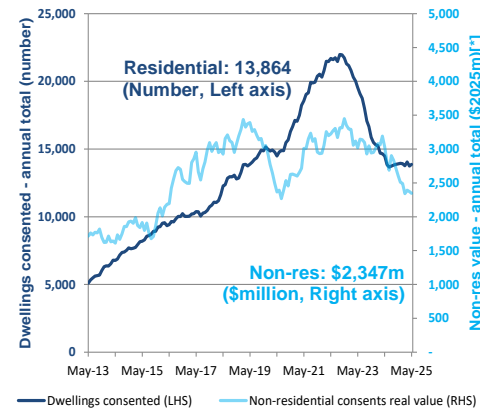
The total number of houses sold in Auckland in the year ended May 2025 was 22,900: rising continuously for eight months, 25% above the May 2023 trough; similar to 2017-2020; but 37% below the July 2021 peak.

\* 'Real' prices for previous months are calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the quarterly consumer price index (CPI).

Notes: The data for 'houses' covers actual sales during the period. Size and quality may vary over time. 'Houses' includes all dwelling types (eg apartments and flats), not just free-standing houses, but excludes sales of undeveloped land. 'Price' is real\* actual sale price (not just listed). REINZ revises recent data each month for numbers sold (usually slightly upwards) and prices.

Source: Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), Monthly Property Report (monthly – from website); Stats NZ, CPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

## Buildings consented



The total number of new dwellings consented in Auckland in the year ended May 2025 was 13,864: 1% below April; similar to the previous 11 months; 37% below the September 2022 peak; 9% below the 2019 pre-Covid peak.

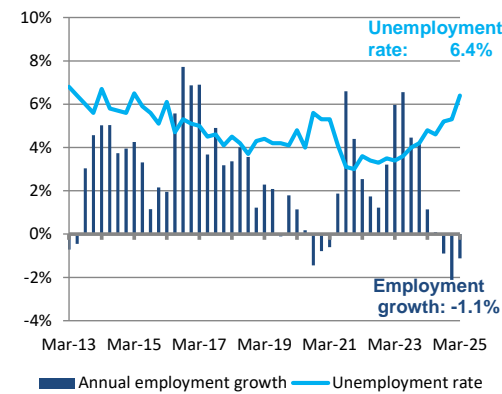
The real\* value of new non-residential buildings consented in Auckland in the year ended May 2025 was \$2,347 million: similar to the previous 3 months; 23% below a year ago; similar to the 2020 trough and among the lowest since 2016; 32% below the 2022 peak.

\* 'Real' values for previous months have been calculated by inflating previous quarters' dollars to the latest quarter's equivalent dollars, using the capital goods price index (CGPI) for non-residential buildings

Note: Projects consented are not necessarily commenced or completed. "New" refers to new buildings (i.e. excludes alterations and additions). Residential number is new dwellings consented, which will exceed new residential buildings as some buildings have multiple dwellings; similarly, it will differ from new residential building consents issued, as some consents are for multiple buildings.

Source: Stats NZ, Building Consents (monthly); Stats NZ, CGPI (quarterly); Auckland Council calculations.

## Employment and unemployment



The number of people employed in Auckland in the quarter ended March 2025 was 1.1% lower than in March 2024 quarter: the third quarter in a row of negative annual growth rates despite population growth; similar to during the 2020-2021 Covid lockdowns.

The unemployment rate in Auckland in the quarter ended March 2025 was 6.4%: the highest quarter since 2015 and worse than during the 2020-2021 Covid lockdowns, but still lower than most of 2010 to 2013.

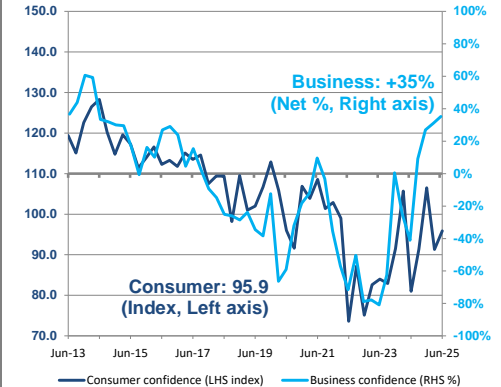
Note: Covid-19 lockdowns began on 23 March 2020, plus wage subsidies, which both affect official employment and unemployment.

Employment data is rebased by Stats NZ each quarter to match latest revisions of historic population estimates.

Both datasets are from a survey (HLFS) so are subject to error margins. Respondents define their own employment status. The survey covers all people aged 15+, so includes school pupils 15+ and people over 65, who might or might not have - or be actively seeking - a job.

Source: Stats NZ, Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) (quarterly).

## Confidence indicators



In Auckland, the Westpac McDermott Miller Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) for the June 2025 quarter was 95.9: above most of 2022-2024, but below most of 2009 to 2021.

The NZIER QSBO in Auckland for the June 2025 quarter showed a net 35% of businesses expecting the general business situation to improve over the next three months – the fourth rise in a row, to well above pre-Covid levels, reaching the highest level in eleven years, since 2014.

Note: Left axis is for CCI (consumers: index). For the CCI, a score of greater than 100 shows more optimism than pessimism. Re-scaled 18/9/2024.

Right axis is for QSBO (businesses: net %). The QSBO calculates a net figure as (% of businesses expecting an improvement) minus (% expecting a worsening). QSBO data used here is not the seasonally adjusted version.

Source: Westpac McDermott Miller, Regional Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) (quarterly – published, but proprietary); New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER), Quarterly Survey of Business Opinion (QSBO) (quarterly – by subscription).



## Fortnightly Report to the Minister for Auckland

For the period Monday 14 July to Sunday 27 July 2025

Date:	24 July 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In confidence	Tracking number:	BRIEFING-REQ-0018099

Ministers	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Simeon Brown <b>Minister for Auckland</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting	N/A

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Michael Quinn	Head of the Auckland Policy Office	Privacy of natural persons	
Andy Hill	Director Auckland		✓

The following departments/agencies have contributed content
Ministry of Transport, Department of Internal Affairs and Housing and Urban Development.

**Minister's office to complete:**

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**Comments**



## BRIEFING

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### Purpose

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To provide you with a fortnightly report for the Auckland Portfolio for the period Monday 14 July to Sunday 27 July 2025.

### Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

**Note** the contents of this briefing and discuss at the next officials meeting.

*Noted*

Michael Quinn  
**Head of the Auckland Policy Office**  
24 /07/2025

Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister for Auckland**  
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## 1. Auckland Portfolio Priorities

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
<b>Auckland Recovery</b>	
	No updates available for this report.
<b>Auckland Regional Deal</b>	
	No updates available for this report.
<b>Auckland Transport CCO</b>	
<b>Karen Lyons</b> Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons	<b>Auckland Transport News</b> <i>Te Huia has added Sunday trains</i> <p>The Te Huia Sunday rail service between Waikato and Auckland has received final approval. The first Sunday train will depart Hamilton's Frankton station at 2.45pm on Sunday, 27 July, arriving at Auckland's central Strand station at 5.17pm.</p> <i>Karanga-a-Hape Station Precinct Integration Project Update (Project K)</i> <p>Following consultation and public input, the recommended approach for Project K has largely returned to the original approach. The Waitematā Local Board has now accepted the recommendations which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercury Lane: Upper Mercury Lane will operate as a pedestrian space with vehicle use only permitted for access to buildings on the lane. Electronic bollards are being installed that can be lowered by authorised users.</li> <li>Cross Street: retaining the loading spaces required by local businesses but adding footpaths through a boardwalk design, adding further traffic calming at the Upper Queen Street entrance, adding more lighting, and replacing some paid parking spaces with loading spaces at the eastern end of the street.</li> <li>East Street: retaining the existing bi-directional cycleway and the single-lane northbound for vehicles, with devices to prevent vehicle use of the cycleway, and retaining the raised table pedestrian crossing linking to the new station access laneway.</li> </ul> <i>Fullers 360 Potential Sale</i> <p>The Australian is reporting that the owner of Fullers 360 is considering selling the ferry company. At this stage, no confirmation has been provided by Fullers beyond confirming their commitment to delivering services.</p>
<b>Economic Growth</b>	
	No updates available for this report.
<b>Law and Order</b>	
	No updates available for this report.



Water Reform Update	
<b>Bex Sullivan</b> Deputy Executive Director Water Services  Department of Internal Affairs  Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government

## 2. General Auckland Updates

Topic/ Contact person	Comment
Fast Track substantive application - Sunfield	
<b>Andy Hill</b> Director Auckland MBIE  Privacy of natural persons	<p>You have been invited to comment on the Sunfield Fast Track proposal which has been referred to an expert panel for consideration. Any comments you wish to make will be provided into that substantive process and are required by <b>4 August 2025</b>.</p> <p><b>Project Summary</b></p> <p>The Sunfield proposal is a master-planned community development located in Takanini, South Auckland, covering approximately 244.5 hectare. Sunfield is designed to be a car-less community, promoting walkability, sustainability, and local employment opportunities.</p> <p>The development includes a mix of land use including residential, aged care, retail, commercial, medical, educational, recreational, and employment zones. It aims to deliver around 4,000 residential units, retail, healthcare and education buildings, and a 7.6-hectare town centre.</p> <p><b>Key economic benefits stated in the proposal</b></p> <p>The Sunfield development is projected to deliver significant economic benefits to the Auckland region. It is expected to inject approximately \$3.2 billion into the regional economy and generate around 24,700 jobs during its 20-year development period. Once completed, Sunfield could accommodate approximately 11,000 ongoing jobs across various sectors including retail, healthcare, education, and light industrial activities. The proposal includes a main commercial centre, multiple convenience hubs, a medical centre, and an employment zone, all designed to support local economic growth and employment.</p> <p><b>Key issues identified in the proposal</b></p> <p>Key issues highlighted in the application documentation include parts of the site being classified as Highly Productive Land; issues with glare and height restrictions due to the site neighbouring Ardmore Airport; the low-lying nature of the site creating the potential for surface flooding; and integration with existing and proposed urban areas southern Auckland.</p>



Free and frank opinions	
<b>Fast Track substantive application - Milldale</b>	
<b>Andy Hill</b> Director Auckland MBIE	<p>You have been invited to comment on the <b>Milldale</b> Fast Track proposal which has been referred to an expert panel for consideration. Any comments you wish to make will be provided into that substantive process and are required by <b>29 July 2025</b>.</p>
Privacy of natural persons	<p><b>Project Summary</b></p> <p>Milldale is a master-planned community in Wainui. The development has been developed progressively since 2016, spearheaded by Fulton Hogan Land Development (FHLd) in partnership with Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP), Auckland Council, and other agencies.</p> <p>The current Fast-track proposal relates to development of stages 10–13 and Stage 4C of the Milldale development. Specifically, the proposal seeks consent for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,155 new dwellings (detached and terraced)</li> <li>• A Neighbourhood Centre with 855 m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space</li> <li>• Public open spaces, roads, and three waters infrastructure</li> <li>• A temporary Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to mitigate potential capacity issues at Army Bay</li> </ul> <p><b>Key economic benefits stated in the proposal</b></p> <p>The development is projected to add an additional 1,155 residential units and is estimated to create 3,550 FTE-years, supporting 654 jobs annually over six years. It is estimated to boost national GDP by \$429 million, with future residents expected to contribute \$106 million/year to the local economy, supporting growth of local businesses in the development area.</p> <p><b>Key issues identified in the proposal</b></p> <p><i>Environmental Effects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reclamation of low-value wetlands and streams</li> <li>- Groundwater management due to high water table</li> </ul> <p><i>Infrastructure Constraints:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temporary WWTP proposed to ensure waste water capacity</li> <li>- Coordination with Watercare and Auckland Council</li> </ul> <p><i>Cultural &amp; Heritage Considerations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engagement with Ngāti Manuhiri and Te Kawerau ā Maki</li> <li>- Archaeological authority sought for one recorded site</li> </ul>
Free and frank opinions	



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Auckland Project Updates	
<b>Karen Lyons</b> Auckland Director Ministry of Transport Privacy of natural persons	Confidential advice to Government
<b>Steve Mutton</b> Director Regional Relationships, Northland and Auckland, NZTA Privacy of natural persons	





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### 3. Ministerial items on hand

#### 3.1 Upcoming significant meetings

Date and venue	Meeting and info
28 July 2025, 1:30-2:00 pm	Auckland Officials Meeting
7 August 2025, 3:30-4:30 pm	Tour of Eden Park
8 August 2025, 9:00 am – 11:00 am	City Rail Link Visit
15 August 2025, 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Dentistry Opening by Auckland City Mission



### 3.2 Other Ministerial engagements related to Auckland

Date	Minister	Meeting Info
None		

### 3.3 Upcoming significant media and announcements

Timing	Announcement
None	

### 3.4 Upcoming briefings and aide memoire

Title	Date to Minister	Action for Minister	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
BRIEFING-REQ-0017803 Event briefing for Tour of Eden Park	13 August 2025		Andy Hill 021 819 461	To provide background information for your meeting
BRIEFING-REQ-0017849 Event Briefing for City Rail Link Visit	4 August 2025		Andy Hill 021 819 461	To provide background information for your meeting
BRIEFING-REQ-0017770 Event Briefing for Dentistry Opening by Auckland City Mission	4 August 2025		Andy Hill 021 819 461	To provide background information for your speaking engagement

### 3.5 Upcoming Cabinet papers

Title	Committee	Expected committee date	Key contact	Summary of paper/comment
None				

### 3.6 Official Information Act requests (Ministerial and Departmental for consultation)

Due to Minister's office	Statutory due date to requester	Ref	Requester	Organisation	Summary of request
None					



### 3.7 Ministerial correspondence

Due to Minister's office	Ref	Correspondent	Organisation	Summary of Correspondence
None				

### 3.8 Proactive release

Date	Title	Comment
15 May 2025	MBIE provided your office with a list of briefing titles for review	Proactive release of briefing titles for April 2025
9 June 2025	MBIE provided your office with a list of briefing titles for review	Proactive release of briefing titles for May 2025
23 June 2025	BRIEFING-REQ-0016471 Proactive Release of Auckland fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 May to 31 May 2025	Requesting your approval to proactively release, with appropriate redactions, fortnightly reports and event briefings from 1 May to 31 May 2025. MBIE will release the information on the date your office will advise.

### 3.9 Fast-Track Approvals- Auckland

Project Name	Unique Ref No.	Applicant Organisation	Date Received	Due Date to send Comments
Milldale	FTAA-2503-1038	Fulton Hogan Land Development Limited	1 July 2025	29 July 2025
Sunfield	FTAA-2503-1039	Winton Land Limited	7 July 2025	4 August 2025
Drury Metropolitan Centre	FTA-2502- 1019	Kiwi Property Holdings	16 July 2025	11 August 2025



## 4 Auckland dashboards

Transport environmental scan																				
<div>Karen Lyons</div> <div>Auckland Director</div> <div>Ministry of Transport</div> <div>Privacy of natural persons</div>	<b>Public transport patronage update</b>																			
	For the fortnight 23 June to 6 July 2025, public transport patronage totalled 2.88 million boardings across the city’s public transport network. 90.4% of boardings in June were considered to be on-time, ahead of the 88% target. The monthly patronage total of 6.8 million was behind the 7.3 million target.																			
	Patronage declined by 6% for this fortnight compared to the same period last year. Rail and bus patronage declined by 6%, while ferry patronage was mostly stable, with a less than 1% decrease. This decrease is likely due to an earlier school holiday period in 2025 than 2024.																			
	Public transport patronage for the year to 30 June 2025 is 88.8 million boardings which has increased on the previous year’s total of 86.8 million boardings. Across all modes, bus patronage saw the largest annual increase of 3%, whereas rail patronage had a decline of 1%.																			
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