Planning for successful cities - a proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development

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Overall Position: Support in part

Clause
Question 1. Do you support a national policy statement on urban development that aims to deliver quality urban environments and make room for growth? Why/Why not?
Position
No
Notes
In view of climate change problems induced by over population and over consumption we think the prime emphasis should be on NOT growing but prioritising measures aiming to maintain a stable population with a sustainable level of consumption. These plans should be revisited with a view to planning for stability not growth.

Clause
Are there other tools under the RMA, other legislation or non-statutory tools that would be more effective in achieving a quality urban environment and making room for growth?
Notes
See above - it is crucial that the government should no longer be aiming to make room for growth.

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Question 2. Do you support the approach of targeting the most directive policies to our largest and fastest growing urban environments? Why/why not?
Position
Somewhat
Notes

Clause
Question 8. Do you support policies to enable intensification in the locations where its benefits can best be achieved? Why/why not? (for more detail on the timing for these policies see discussion document, page 53)
Position
Yes
Notes
Shifting to higher density population with reduced energy and transport requirements would be useful.

Clause
Question 9. Do you support inclusion of a policy providing for plan changes for out of sequence greenfield development and/or greenfield development in locations not currently identified for development?
Position
No
Notes

Clause
How could the example policy better enable quality urban development in greenfield areas (see discussion document, page
All possible efforts should be made to avoid further development in greenfield areas, especially on good quality agricultural land.

**Clause**

Question 10. Do you support limiting the ability for local authorities in major urban centres to regulate the number of car parks required for development? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

The overarching aim should be to reduce car use and minimising parking is one tool in this.

**Clause**

Which proposed option could best contribute to achieving quality urban environments?

**Position**

Option 2: removing the ability for local authorities to set minimum car park requirements

**Notes**

**Clause**

How would the 18 month implementation timeframe impact on your planning processes?

**Notes**

n/a

**Clause**

Question 12. Do you support requirements for all urban environments to assess demand and supply of development capacity, and monitor a range of market indicators? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

Question 13. Do you support inclusion of policies to improve how local government works with iwi, hapū and whānau to reflect their values and interests in urban planning? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

Question 17. Do you think there are potential areas of tension or confusion between any of these proposals and other national direction? If so, please identify these areas below and include any suggestions you have for addressing these issues.

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

What about integrating with action against climate change?