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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on Consultation Document for the Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development

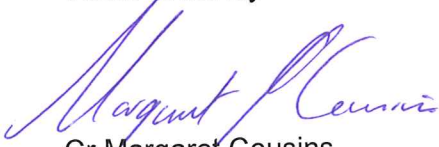
Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development.

Hutt City Council supports the submission made by Local Government New Zealand on the proposed NPS. Our key observations are:

- Overall we support the direction of the NPS – Council is already focused on ensuring sufficient land is available for development;
- We are concerned that the costs of compliance will be an added burden for our ratepayers;
- It is important that data used is reliable, accessible and not too costly for Councils to access. It would be preferable if central government provides both market and non-market information (where applicable); and
- Having each Council devise its own approach to the collection and management of data should be avoided.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely



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