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NPS Urban Development Capacity
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Dear Sir

Submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity. As mentioned in the original comments submitted on 28 January 2016, this will be a key policy document in New Zealand when we face a number of complex issues relating to growth.

The most important element is that spatial planning through urban form and connected to assets planning, will now be recognised working together. It was hoped that the RMA would have referred directly to those planning matters undertaken under the Local Government Act. The NPS will go some way to recognise these activities that local authorities in any case undertake and not only been taken into account as additional matters, but will now become an integral part of the development process.

Whangarei District Councils' submission, supported by the Councillors Committee, is attached for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



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