

Feedback form: New Zealand's draft National Infrastructure Plan

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About you

Please tell us which best describes you

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Sector or topic of interest

Please list or briefly describe the topics or sectors you are providing feedback on:

Establish affordable and sustainable funding

We support greater effort to address known funding issues across the infrastructure sector. Council itself has difficult funding processes and decisions to navigate, and a need for stable funding alongside central government funding is supported. The longevity and certainty of funding agreements needs to last from one government to the next. We expect there will be a crossover within the Government's Going for Housing Growth Pillar 2: Improving infrastructure funding and financing to support urban growth, and the National Infrastructure Plan in addressing these matters effectively across the relevant systems and agencies.

Our communities are not only reliant on the infrastructure Councils provide, but those other public and private investments. When these are not provided in alignment, they lead to poorer outcomes and undermine other investment and growth opportunities. E.g. state highways (the Takitimu North Link) and schools (Ōmokoroa Secondary & Primary Schools) not funded/constructed within growth areas.

As a party to a Regional Deal MOU, it is important the National Infrastructure Plan recommendations and future implementation consider the significance and priority of these arrangements generally, and in particular with regard to funding and investment.

Clear the way for infrastructure

We support the recommendations to provide greater cohesion across growth planning processes and systems. Developing a clearer and certain picture of what infrastructure is needed, who will be providing it and by when will be a valuable contribution to spatial planning under the new resource management system.

The recognition of greater policy stability for energy investors is valid, however it highlights that a level of stability and certainty for infrastructure investors at all levels is needed, including for those delivering new greenfield housing, and they seek that same level of predictability to help manage risk and ultimately deliver growth outcomes for communities.

Start with maintenance

We support improved management and reporting on infrastructure assets. A greater level of transparency and alignment for central government agencies alongside local government will support long term growth planning decisions.

Right-size new investment

We support greater sharing and publishing of project investment information. Council is already providing information to the National Infrastructure Pipeline database. As this and other tools continue to be developed and utilised, it will be useful from a practical perspective that cross-sharing of information and agreements e.g. Regional Deals, exist across different platforms. This should help ensure the requirement to report and publish does not become an onerous task for users, and/or misleading and unhelpful for viewers.

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