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Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy

On Waiheke, like many other parts of the country and tourist destinations around the world, the high cost and limited supply of rental housing make securing affordable, permanent, healthy housing unachievable for many of the island's residents. The lack of suitable housing and no social housing investment for over 30 years also directly impacts the local economy. Most of the factors which influence affordability and cost are outside the sway of the local board. Acknowledging this limitation, the board has developed this strategy to focus its actions to **realistically reflect what it can do** to improve housing supply and affordability on Waiheke Island.

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a framework for the Waiheke Local Board to advocate and to enable, within its means, improvements in housing opportunities for Waiheke residents in greatest need and to strive to achieve the vision that all residents have safe and healthy housing. This is a **ten-year strategy** which will be reviewed every three years at the start of each term.

The board envision a Waiheke where all residents can access safe and healthy housing which meets their needs and gives them long-term security.

The board will support this goal by working toward **four key outcomes**:

- Increased supply of affordable housing
- Appropriate and effective growth that reflects local needs.
- Equitable and fair access to housing that accommodates all residents.
- Improved quality and security of housing

The Waiheke Local Board identify the following objectives as pathways to achieve the envisioned outcomes. **Outcomes are the final goal, while objectives describe what the board will do.**

The Waiheke Local Board will:

a) support community partners and programmes focused on providing healthy, affordable, and long-term homes for residents.
b) advocate to incentivise a transparent and accountable housing market that prioritises long-term accommodation.
c) encourage responsible growth and development that aligns with the character of Waiheke through advocacy to council and government.
d) advance the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and mataawaka Māori towards housing.
e) progress the supply of social housing by engaging with relevant agencies and non-governmental organisations.

The board have undertaken a number of activities and advocacy areas to help understand and address housing pressures on the motu. These include advocating to the governing body and central government, as well as providing funding support and community grants to local groups involved with housing.

In developing the housing strategy, the board referenced and built upon many existing plans and policies within Auckland Council. These include the Auckland 10 Year Budget, the Auckland Plan 2050, Age-Friendly Auckland, Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau, the Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023, the Draft Waiheke Area Plan, the Auckland Unitary Plan, and the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan all of which provide useful points of reference and valuable further reading.

Ways to have your say

To have your say on the Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy you can:

- Scan the QR code or visit akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/waiheke-housing-strategy to give feedback online.
- For a hard copy feedback form visit Waiheke library
- Scan and email your completed feedback form to: waihekehousingstrategy@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- Post your completed form to:
  Auckland Council
  Attention: Waiheke Housing Strategy
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Feedback must be received by **Wednesday 28 May 2025, 11.59pm**.

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