

Ōtorohanga and Waitomo update

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View from Lawrence Street

Kia ora neighbour,

With the strong and increasing demand for housing in the Waikato, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has a large build programme underway. We currently have plans to build over 850 new modern, warm and dry homes in the region over the next few years.

Here is a snapshot of activity occurring in Ōtorohanga and Te Kūiti.



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Te Kūiti

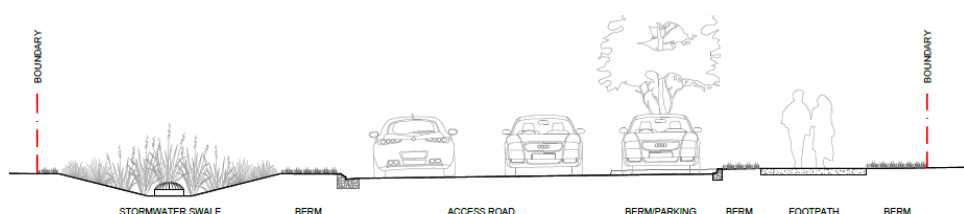
Detail design still being undertaken.

- Lawrence Street

This redevelopment will provide a road next to Te Kūiti Te Kohanga Reo and allow the currently undeveloped land in the middle of the block to have new warm dry homes built. An application for Resource Consent is likely to be submitted to Waitomo District Council in May 2023.

Healthy Homes

Kāinga Ora currently has 130 homes in Ōtorohanga and Waitomo Districts. The Residential Tenancies (Healthy Homes Standards) Regulations (2019) sets out minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture ingress/drainage, and draught-stopping. Kāinga Ora has to ensure all homes across our portfolio comply with these standards by 1 July 2024. Work is underway in the Districts to ensure all our homes meet these standards. As at 28 February 2023, 95 now comply, 30 have work in progress and the 5 remaining homes will be addressed before July 2024.



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Who will live in the new homes

Kāinga Ora will match homes to families to be their long term homes, with priority given to those in greatest need, while considering location due to work, wider whānau, and education.

Questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Email:

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Home Ownership Assistance

Looking at buying your first home but not sure where to start? Kāinga Ora offers several products and resources that can give you a helping hand toward home ownership. These include financial assistance to help people afford a deposit or ongoing repayments. Have a look at what could be right for you.

This can be done through programmes like:

- First Home Grant (up to \$10,000)
- First Home Partner (up to 25% or \$200,000)
- First Home Loan (up to 15%)
- Kāinga Whenua Loan (up to \$500,000)
- KiwiBuild

[Home Ownership :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities \(kaingaora.govt.nz\)](https://www.kaingaora.govt.nz)

Community Engagements

Community Engagement is ongoing. Over the past six months we have engaged with the Ōtorohanga and Te Kūiti communities through individual conversations, emails, and letters. Through these conversations, we have been able to talk through plans and hear concerns, feeding these back to the appropriate Kāinga Ora staff to incorporate in our planning.

Kāinga Ora staff remain available to talk with people about any feedback they have.

