



WEEKLY REPORT

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities

For period ending 5 April 2024

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1. Decisions or consultations sought this week

There are no decisions or consultations sought this week.
For upcoming advice to be delivered in the next month please refer to section 5.

2. Updates for the Minister of Housing

Modernising the Kāinga Whenua Loan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since mid-2022 Kāinga Ora has worked with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on their review of the Kāinga Whenua Loan scheme. Through the review process it became clear that the recommended changes were largely operational in nature, and Kāinga Ora would be responsible for further considering and implementing them. Consequently, the review was handed over to Kāinga Ora in mid-2023. In December 2023, the Kāinga Ora Board approved changes to the Kāinga Whenua Loan, bringing it on par with partner products and balancing the financial risks of modernising the loan with increasing access for applicants. Kāinga Ora are working actively with HUD, Te Puni Kōkiri and Kiwibank to strengthen the loan offerings and implement the changes. These changes include reducing the deposit requirement, removing the loan cap, including relocatable and offsite manufactured homes as part of the scheme, and broadening out the security requirements for the loan to allow for flexibility in the build typology. 		
Next steps		Due Date
Kāinga Ora will continue to work with Kiwibank on implementing the changes to the loan.		N/A
Kāinga Ora will co-ordinate with your office around any announcements prior to notifying the public of the changes to the loan. A briefing can be provide to Ministers on request.		
Contact persons		
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6. Kāinga Ora OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 24 138	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for Kāinga Ora Remuneration Framework definitions	n/a	20/04/2024 extended
OI 24 152	Bonair Action Group	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Silverdale development	n/a	08/04/2024
OI 24 153	Bonair Action Group	<i>Development</i> Request for information about a Silverdale development	n/a	08/04/2024
OI 24 164	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	12/04/2024
OI 24 165	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about Kāinga Ora main and sub contractors	n/a	11/04/2024
OI 24 166	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information about an IAF project in Whangārei	n/a	15/04/2024
OI 24 169	Member of the public	<i>Statistics</i> Request for statistics relating to First Home Grants	n/a	09/04/2024
OI 24 170	Member of the public	<i>Developments</i> Request for information about an developments in Tairāwhiti/Gisborne for past ten years	n/a	16/04/2024
OI 24 171	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	16/04/2024
OI 24 172	Member of the public	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	17/04/2024
OI 24 173	Ohakune Residents and Ratepayers Society	<i>Development</i> Request for information about an Ohakune development	n/a	17/04/2024
OI 24 177	Louise Ternouth (RNZ)	<i>Statistics</i> Request for Healthy Homes statistics	10/04/2024 FYI	17/04/2024

OI 24 178	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for advice provided to Ministers relating to the Sustaining Tenancies Framework since 2023	n/a	19/04/2024
OI 24 180	Member of the public	<i>Statistics</i> Request for information and statistics relating to Winton	12/04/2024	19/04/2024
OI 24 186	Eugene Bingham (freelance journalist)	<i>Statistics</i> Request for statistics relating to tenants and tenancies	11/04/2024 FYI	18/04/2024
OI 24 191	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for information relating to complaints	n/a	09/04/2024
OI 24 195	Member of the public	<i>Documents</i> Request for reports relating to Homestar or the Homestar transition standard	n/a	23/04/2024
OI 24 199	Member of the public	<i>Information</i> Request for policy or ministerial decision to increase supported housing services to market level rents	n/a	29/04/2024

7. Ministerial OIA requests

Reference number	Requestor	Topic	Date due to Minister's Office	Date due to requestor
OI 24 188	Adam Pearse (NZME)	Request for the advice Minister Bishop referred to relating to the decision to end the Sustaining Tenancies Framework	10/04/2024	17/04/2024
OI 24 189	Member of the public	Request for information relating to the decision to end the Sustaining Tenancies Framework	10/04/2024	17/04/2024