

Development and Construction *MATTERS*

Kia ora tātou,

Welcome to our first weekly update in which we will share our latest priorities and how we're supporting our partners through the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate that you're keen to get your teams back on site, and we are here to support you. We want to work with you to understand how we can help you now, and in the long term. If you're facing some immediate challenges, please reach out to your key Kāinga Ora contact(s) so we can work on the solutions together. You can also email the team at updates@kaingaora.govt.nz.

Please remember, we are very much open for business. In the urban development space, we are continuing to prioritise advance planning work, including accelerating neighbourhood planning in the large scale projects, and developing additional briefs to enable a

greater volume of housing development to get underway.

We are also working with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to understand the implications of the various COVID-19 alert levels on the residential construction sector, and to ensure the entire sector is well-placed to restart works safely and quickly, as soon as possible. Next week we'll be able to share more information around our plans for a transition to COVID-19 Level 3.

Kāinga Ora is part of a Steering Group within the Government's Construction Sector Accord (CSA), which seeks to maintain a viable and resilient construction sector in response to the impacts of Covid-19. For the latest CSA updates, please go to the website on page 2.

Our priorities in COVID-19 L4

- › Understanding and addressing key sector challenges
- › Keeping you informed
- › Onsite Health & Safety planning for the future (post L4)
- › Site security.

How we're supporting you and others

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is charged with being a world-class public housing landlord and leading integrated urban development projects of all sizes. We also have an integral role in tackling the Government's priorities of ending homelessness and making homes in New Zealand more affordable. This, and our work with you, is more important now than ever.

Kāinga Ora is changing to meet these needs with new processes, expertise, suppliers and ways of doing business – including off site manufacturing and capacity contracts. Across our construction and development activity, we have about 40ha of land in redevelopment, with over 100ha of land in various stages of planning for progress over the next few years.

2020 is very well-placed to be a year of housing delivery - the extensive civils programme of work to prepare build ready land has now set up a large pipeline of housing starts and completions. Our state home build programme has a significant volume of work underway, with more than 3,000 homes under construction and contracted, and over 7,000 more in planning and feasibility.

While the Government is working to eliminate COVID-19, we are working hard to ensure the entire sector is well-placed to restart works safely and quickly once the current alert level lowers. Our Construction and Innovation, Urban Development Delivery and KiwiBuild, and Urban Development Planning teams are working together on ideas and solutions, and want to use this newsletter as a coordinated and regular update from these teams. More information about our leaders within these teams, follows.

Ngā manaakitanga,

– **Andrew McKenzie, Chief Executive**

Introducing our land development, construction and urban planning leaders



Patrick Dougherty
Construction and Innovation,
Deputy Chief Executive

Leads the team responsible for the delivery of public housing across New Zealand. This includes providing thousands of warm and dry homes a year and reconfiguring and renewing our existing housing portfolio. Patrick's team is actively pursuing innovations, such as the use of offsite manufacturing and standard housing designs, to achieve greater delivery efficiency, and improvements in public housing quality.



Caroline McDowall and Mark Fraser
Urban Development – Delivery,
Deputy Chief Executives (Joint)

Lead a team that is helping to provide more homes, more quickly, to growth areas by managing the largest urban regeneration programme ever undertaken in New Zealand. This multi-billion dollar programme will deliver around 25,000 new homes over the next 10 years, including public housing, more homes for eligible KiwiBuild and first home buyers, and a greater supply of homes to the market.



Katja Lietz
Urban Development – Planning,
Deputy Chief Executive

Leads a wider team tasked with planning Urban Development projects across New Zealand for Kāinga Ora. The team works alongside mana whenua, residents, schools and community groups to understand the unique needs of each development area, and has expertise in masterplanning, urban design, suburban regeneration, placemaking and sustainability.

Construction Sector Accord (CSA)

The construction sector has an important role to play in kick-starting the New Zealand economy when COVID-19 Level 4 restrictions are lifted. To support this, the CSA has temporarily shifted focus from industry transformation to industry resilience and recovery. The CSA has recently been updated to include a phased Construction Sector Response Plan, which includes:

Phase 1: maintain

- retain a viable sector during the shutdown

Phase 2: restart

- ensure readiness to restart works and accelerate projects

Phase 3: transform

- refocus on high performance.

The Government has also implemented the first action from the Accord's Construction Sector Response Plan and issued guidance and expectations to agencies on managing contracts during the shutdown, recognising that agencies working with the construction industry have a strong part to play in ensuring the industry remains viable and can bounce back after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The guidelines make it clear to agencies that because the government's response to COVID-19 has resulted in an effective change in law, this allows the possibility of extra costs incurred by contractors during the lockdown to be treated as a variation to the contract.

The New Zealand Government Procurement Guidelines can be found [here](#). Further CSA updates can be found on the [Accord website](#).

Please reach out to the Accord with your suggestions for actions to support the sector, either by connecting with your relevant representative on the Steering Group, or your industry body, or through emailing:

accord@mbie.govt.nz

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Mates matter

We all need mates, more so than ever. That's why Kāinga Ora recently partnered with MATES in Construction, a mental health charity specifically for people working in the building and construction industry.

MATES offers a range of support, including a 24 hour support line (0800 111 315), and workers can also access help by free texting 5353.

The charity has also created a free, online Lunch Room to support workers throughout the Covid-19 lockdown.

Five people can enter a Lunch Room session with the ability to set up more than one session per day if needed. Two facilitators take part in each meeting.

To register for a session, visit www.mates.net.nz and follow the instructions.

MATES staff have been trained in mental health support and come from backgrounds within the building and construction industry. They understand the pressures in the sector, and can easily connect with workers.

The organisation offers a range of social media content, including regular updates from Field Officer and former New Zealand rugby stalwart Slade McFarland.

For more information, visit the MATES website or contact Kāinga Ora Building Social Outcomes Lead George Ellis at Georgina.Ellis@kaingaora.govt.nz.

Please share this information about MATES to your team and subcontractors.



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