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Dear Mayor King

Tasman District Council insufficient housing development capacity

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2024, notifying me of the insufficient housing development capacity in Tasman District over the medium term, identified in your recently completed Housing Capacity Assessment 2024.

I want to acknowledge and thank the Council for the work it has undertaken to complete the Housing Capacity Assessment. This was an important step to meet relevant requirements under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD).

The actions that you have identified to address this housing shortfall are critical to address the district's housing shortfall, including:

- Plan changes that have recently been, or will soon be, made operative to provide additional housing capacity in five of your towns.
- Work on a large plan change to rezone land in nine urban areas to implement the 2022-2052 Future Development Strategy.
- Infrastructure upgrades planned in the five towns within your urban environment.

I thank the Council for its leadership on the work being undertaken and encourage you to consider all available options to prioritise work on plan changes that enable further growth. I support the approach you are taking to enable greater urban intensification and a wider range of housing typologies in areas close to existing centres, in addition to enabling greenfield growth.

I understand the difficulties you face with financing and delivering infrastructure upgrades. The Government is working on a series of changes through the Going for Housing Growth programme to address the root causes of our housing crisis. A key pillar of this programme is improving infrastructure funding and financing to support urban growth, and I will be providing further information on this later this year.

I thank you for working with Central Government and crown entities on possible initiatives to address housing issues. I am pleased to hear that you are exploring options to accelerate

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your delivery of urban land capacity and encourage you to continue to look at avenues to enable further infrastructure investment and remove barriers to housing development. I also encourage you to continue working with the government on these initiatives and implementing the NPS-UD as we embark on the recently announced Going for Housing Growth programme.

Yours sincerely



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