

A proposed framework for the New Zealand Housing Strategy

The vision for the strategy is that all New Zealanders have access to affordable, sustainable, good quality housing appropriate to their needs.

Principles

The housing strategy will be based on nine principles that guide and influence future housing policy and activity. They demonstrate an approach to housing policy that reflects the importance of housing in people's social and economic lives. The principles are:

- **The pivotal role of housing:** shelter is a basic human need and central to people's lives. It contributes to the social and economic well-being of individuals, communities and families
- **Decent housing:** housing must be affordable, of good quality and meet reasonable standards of design and energy efficiency
- **Integration:** housing initiatives will be increasingly integrated with other services and policies, such as community development, health, planning, urban design and transport
- **Diversity and choice:** the needs and aspirations of different groups should be recognised in housing policy and interventions
- **Anticipating change:** changing patterns of housing need should be anticipated and responded to
- **Māori responsiveness:** Māori aspirations and cultural values related to housing should be recognised in government's housing activity
- **Partnership:** working in partnership with others will improve the delivery of social housing for low and modest income families
- **Active involvement:** the government is committed to involving a wide range of stakeholders to develop and deliver housing policy and interventions
- **Evidence-based:** housing policy and interventions should be informed by solution-focused, evidence-based research.