

Media release

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Mayor welcomes Tamaki transformation announcement

Mayor Len Brown welcomes today's announcement of the Government's plans to speed up the redevelopment and rejuvenation of the Tamaki area.

The Government is transferring ownership and management of approximately 2800 Housing New Zealand properties in Glen Innes, Panmure and Point England to the Tamaki Redevelopment Company (TRC), New Zealand's first urban redevelopment company jointly owned by central government and Auckland Council.

Len Brown says it is a positive step towards the strategic long-term vision for the area.

"Our aim is to create liveable communities and affording housing options for people right across the region and the Tamaki area will be a testament to what we can achieve when central and local government work together," he says.

"In the next 10 to 15 years, we're looking at building an additional net 5000 homes across the Tamaki region, but this is more than about building houses – it's about building strong, healthy, connected and resilient communities."

Tamaki is one of seven key priority growth areas identified within the Auckland Plan and represents an ideal opportunity to cater for Auckland's growing population and demand for housing by increasing supply, quality, choice and affordability.

With close proximity to the CBD as well as major public transport routes, the Tamaki transformation provides the council with an opportunity to demonstrate intensive,

mixed-use development while also articulating the Auckland Plan's vision for a quality, compact city.

Eleven houses have already been built by the Tamaki Redevelopment Company in partnership with Housing New Zealand in the Glen Innes neighbourhood of Fenchurch, with construction of homes also underway in Overlea, soon to be followed by Panmure.

Additionally, a new early childhood education centre facility at Glenbrae Primary School has also just opened its doors, the old Scouts Hall on Fenchurch Street in Glen Innes has been returned to its former glory and a music and arts centre, Te Oro, will officially open to the public on May 9.

"We congratulate the Government for equipping the Tamaki Redevelopment Company with greater resources and assets to deliver on the city's ambitious housing goals for Tamaki," says Mr Brown.

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