

Making Auckland Greater



**Greater communities
Greater connections
Greater value**



**The Government's decisions on
Auckland Governance
April 2009**

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Planning and working with Government

Decision

One council with one set of plans.

A Cabinet Committee appointed to oversee transition to the new governance structure.

Reason

For Auckland to fulfil its potential, all its plans for transport, infrastructure, economic development, environmental protection and managing growth need to be coordinated.

Explanation

Auckland Council will have one set of plans, including a single Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

More consistency and integration in planning will allow for growth to occur in a targeted, efficient and effective manner.

Regional infrastructure investment and spatial plans will enable the Auckland Council and central government to more effectively plan its investments in the Auckland region to deliver the greatest benefit to Auckland and New Zealand as a whole.

A spatial plan will pull together all economic, infrastructure, environment and other plans to ensure that collectively they can support the best outcomes for the Auckland region. It will set out:

- how the region will develop in the future
- where critical infrastructure services will be located, for example water, sewerage and roads
- the future location and mix of residential, business and industrial activities within specific geographic areas.

Integrated planning will give Auckland a united voice when working with central government or petitioning for investment in major events such as the Rugby World Cup, and support the investment and changes needed to host such events.

In terms of the relationship between Auckland and central government, the Government has rejected the Royal Commission's proposal to establish a permanent Minister for Auckland and Cabinet Committee for Auckland.