

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

Resource Legislation Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Hon David Parker, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 30AB

After *clause 30A* (page 36, after line 13), insert:

30AB New section 46AB (National policy statement on urban growth)

After section 46A, insert:

46AB National policy statement on urban growth

- (1) The Minister must, within 12 months of the commencement of this section, prepare a proposed national policy statement on urban growth in accordance with the requirements under sections 45 and 46.
- (2) The proposed national policy statement on urban growth must contain—
 - (a) a prohibition on the use of urban growth boundaries within a regional or district plan where official statistics predict there will be population growth; and
 - (b) a requirement for local authorities to undertake detailed spatial planning that sets aside areas of special value, and sets out future infrastructure corridors and networks as an alternative to urban boundaries; and
 - (c) a comprehensive list of local government and central government infrastructure costs that should be taken into account when making decisions under this Act; and

- (d) a standard formula for local authorities to use to measure the marginal cost of growth; and
 - (e) a standard formula for local authorities to use to calculate the cost of inefficient utilisation of existing infrastructure; and
 - (f) rules to ensure that the costs of infrastructure are appropriately internalised for new developments.
- (3) After preparing the proposed national policy statement on urban growth under **subsection (1)** the Minister must initiate the consideration process set out in sections 47 to 52 for implementation of the national policy statement.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper inserts *new clause 30AB*, amending the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill to insert *new section 46AB* in the Resource Management Act 1991. This will increase the supply and affordability of housing and land by requiring the Ministry for the Environment to prepare a national policy statement to adopt a new approach to managing urban growth which: abolishes urban growth limits, requires active spatial planning that sets aside areas of special value and lays out infrastructure networks, develops a mechanism to measure the marginal cost of growth, and fully internalises the infrastructure costs of new developments.