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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD).

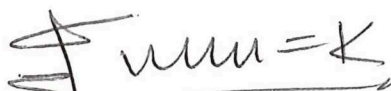
Kapiti Coast District Council is broadly supportive of the vision and high-level outcomes presented in the discussion document. Our attached submission provides feedback around eight themes.

Kapiti is experiencing significant housing pressures as well as future growth. This is a challenge, as increasing house prices and market preferences for housing create increasing pressure on our communities and are displacing parts of our community who can no longer afford to live here. The GPS provides a great opportunity to achieve shared outcomes, but also the potential for ad hoc and misaligned development and outcomes if not done with a long-term vision in mind and holistically with local government.

It's important that we look beyond market interventions, and consider tools provided through the planning system (and more broadly). Together these two parts are required to achieve thriving communities able to withstand the challenges we know are coming – including climate change. This needs to empower local authorities with tools and means to help achieve the community outcomes which they are responsible for.

I want to acknowledge the Government's efforts in tackling significant challenges, such as housing, to get better outcomes for New Zealanders. I look forward to continuing to work with central government, iwi, and NGOs to achieve better housing outcomes that are durable and sustainable for our current and future communities.

Your sincerely



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