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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Proposed Plan Change 33 – Enabling Housing Supply to the Tauranga City Plan**

This letter is to let you know that we're amending the Tauranga City Plan to help address our shortage of homes and help our city grow up as well as out.

Passed in December 2021, the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021 directs councils of high-growth cities, including Tauranga, to amend their city plans to enable increased housing density.

Plan Change 33 proposes changes to the City Plan to implement these requirements from central government, which will make it easier for people to build a variety of more compact types of homes, like townhouses and apartments. Exemptions, called qualifying matters, will apply to some areas.

Find out more about the changes and how they may apply to your property

The information enclosed with this letter gives an overview of the changes we're proposing and how you can make a submission on them.

More detailed information, including an online map viewer that shows how the changes would apply to your property, is available at [www.tauranga.govt.nz/housing-supply](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/housing-supply). The map viewer also shows the proposed city plan zoning (medium density residential and higher density residential zones) and the building heights that would apply in any area.

If you don't have access to a computer, head over to your local library to use one there for free. Our library staff will be able to point you in the right direction.

At the library you will also be able to view the plan change information on paper:

- The public notice as published in the Weekend Sun on Friday 19 August 2022 and Bay of Plenty Times on Saturday 20 August 2022
- Background information explaining why we're progressing this plan change
- The complete annotated text and maps showing the proposed changes to the City Plan for each zone, and section 32 evaluation reports explaining the reasons for the proposed changes
- Paper forms to make a submission.

If you rent or lease your property, please notify your tenant or lessee about the contents of this letter.

The proposed plan change has been initiated under the provisions of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Tell us what you think: submissions are open until 5pm Friday, 23 September 2022.**

Submissions on proposed Plan Change 33 must be lodged in writing and either submitted online at [www.tauranga.govt.nz/housing-supply](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/housing-supply), emailed to [city.plan@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:city.plan@tauranga.govt.nz) or posted to:

Manager: City Planning and Growth  
Tauranga City Council  
Freepost Authority Number 370  
Private Bag 12022  
Tauranga 3143

The easiest way to share your feedback is to use the online form on our website. If you choose to send your feedback via letter or email instead, please note that your submission should be in the format of Form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 and must be dated and signed by you and include the following information:

- (a) Your name, address, telephone and email address.
- (b) The plan change number and details of the provisions to which the submission is being made.
- (c) Whether you support or oppose the plan change provisions, in whole or in part.
- (d) Reasons for your support or opposition.
- (e) The decision you wish Tauranga City Council to make.
- (f) Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.
- (g) Whether or not you could gain advantage in trade competition through your submission.

For further information regarding the details of the amendments introduced by the proposed plan change contact us on 07 577 7000 or email [city.plan@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:city.plan@tauranga.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

The City Planning team

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