

Habitat for Humanity (Central North Island) Limited
Submission on Plan Change 6
2 September 2019

1. Habitat for Humanity (Central North Island) Limited (“Habitat”) is a charitable company that is committed to building brighter futures, strong foundations, healthier children and stronger families through a range of programmes and initiatives, including:
 - (a) Assisted home ownership;
 - (b) Rent to buy arrangements;
 - (c) Assisted housing;
 - (d) Pensioner housing; and
 - (e) Affordable rentals.

2. Habitat submits on the District Plan as follows:

Plan Section	Support/Oppose	Reason	Relief Sought
23.2.6	Oppose	<p>The District Plan should be tenure-neutral, as a range of options (fee simple, leasehold, unit titles) can all enable good development.</p> <p>Reference to ‘appropriate’ tenure and ‘appropriate’ management structures is too broad and vague, and will lead to significant uncertainty in the application of the District Plan.</p> <p>Habitat has a strong interest in advancing affordability through alternative tenures, eg “rent to buy” and leasehold. These options should not be curtailed through a District Plan change that is ostensibly designed to enable further development.</p>	Reject proposed amendment.

3. Habitat is happy to engage with Council further on these matters. The relevant contact is:

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