

Environmental alert - Productivity Commission inquiry into urban planning

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The Government has asked the Productivity Commission to review New Zealand's urban planning system and identify where change is needed. The review will take a "first principles" approach to the urban planning framework, and will consider processes under the Resource Management Act and a raft of other legislation.

The Productivity Commission will begin the inquiry with a publication of an issues paper, which is expected to be available by mid-December. It will seek submissions from all interested parties and will provide a final report to the Government by 30 November 2016.

A copy of the Productivity Commission's press release and the terms of reference is available [here](#).

We will continue to keep you updated on the review.

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