

# Draft Hastings-Napier Future Development Strategy

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## What is the Draft Hastings-Napier Future Development Strategy?

The Draft Hastings-Napier Future Development Strategy outlines the anticipated population growth in the next 30 years for the area and how that population will be housed and supported.

## Summary of HortNZ submission

Growers and industry are concerned that the Future Development Strategy will signal housing growth on the highly productive Heretaunga Plains, yet there has been no discussion with our sector in its development.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council have yet to complete the mapping of highly productive land required under the NPS HPL. Until this is done and there is an understanding of the highly productive land resources in the region, greenfield development should be avoided on the Heretaunga Plains.

HortNZ believes there is other land available on the hillsides surrounding the plains that could be made available for urban development before productive land on the plains. While it can have a higher cost to develop land on hillsides, this is generally recovered through the sale of sections.

Future development strategies are not solely about providing for housing for an increased population. There needs to be consideration about how this population will be supported to live. This means considering how to feed the population, meet freshwater requirements and provide for urban development in a way that avoids highly productive land.

Neither Napier City nor Hastings District Council require metering of water used on residential properties. There is no oversight of the residential demand for water which we believe will contribute to less water security on the Heretaunga Plains given this is the subject of Plan Change 9 which is in mediation with the Environment Court currently.

### **HortNZ is of the view that the following need to be provided to support the rural area:**

- provision for activities that support production of crops ready for market, including post-harvest facilities,

- water for irrigation and preparation of crops to meet food safety standards , and
- good transport networks that facilitate the transportation of produce to markets and distribution centres.

## WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Hastings and Napier Future Development Strategy - Hastings District Council](#)
- Keep an eye on [HortNZ's website](#)
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