

Building Better Homes Towns and Cities

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Ko ngā wā kāinga hei
whakamāhorahora

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The Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities | Ko ngā wā Kāinga hei Whakamāhorahora National Science Challenge (BBHTC)

BBHTC (or NSC11) is tasked with using researchers' skills and imagination to "improve the quality and supply of housing and create smart and attractive urban environments."

Challenge Vision - Ka ora kainga rua: Built environments that build communities



Part of the mission is to interpret and support local efforts to make these places more attractive in which to live, visit, work and do business...

Supporting Success in Regional Settlements

Our focus is on the 2nd tier – towns with populations between 10,000 and 65,000 (half NZ's population lives in 2nd tier towns) and smaller settlements of under 10,000 residents.

Achieving success is complex – “Decline projected for mid-sized towns” (LGNZ, 2016).

- Aging/untenanted buildings/dwellings some needing seismic retrofitting
- Fewer urban amenities
- Aging infrastructure
- Loss of business/services to larger centres
- Don't easily attract capital and people
- Unable to provide sustainable local services
- Limited local human and financial resources

Three project teams + 2 contestable projects.

Supporting Success in Regional Settlements

- WHENU 1: Connecting across scales for success
- WHENU 2: Mana whenua building vibrant communities
- WHENU 3: Regenerating for success
- Rural towns and communities
- Integrated regeneration in small towns
- Phase II

