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- We must meet our climate commitments to ensure a bright future. That requires new developments to contribute to our zero carbon goals
- I support all Councils ensuring that more homes doesn't mean more emissions.
- It's wrong that traffic-inducing greenfield subdivisions of single-family detached houses are still the lion's share of new homes being built.
- Buildings, streets, parks etc will be there for decades. How well they're done will profoundly limit (or enable) the people who live there. Behaviour change can't do anything meaningful when the environment doesn't enable low carbon transport.
- There are plenty of reasons why it's *easier* and *more profitable* to do traditional car-centric suburban greenfield. A key reason seems to be that councils, with current resources, are far less willing and able to provide for and process intensification than greenfield. And that's why it's extra important for councils to do everything they possibly can to get good intensification for growth.
- There may well be additional or different policy tools, besides TDM plans, that councils can use to ensure developments aren't private-car-centric. We want to see these provisions strengthened, enhanced, made more sophisticated and more comprehensive rather than diluted.
- I wish also to see councils' planning, regulatory and consenting teams boosted and upskilled to become more comfortable and confident at doing density done well by intensification.
- We support the provisions for uplifting Te Mana o te Wai, creating climate-resilient urban areas, and supporting biodiversity. These provisions, too, can be refined and enhanced but these are things that all councils, of all stripes, should be doing.

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