

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM

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The Local Government Business Forum has released its annual [newsletter](#).

“Whoever forms the Government after 20 September will have to grapple with important local government issues,” said Michael Barnett, Chair of the Local Government Business Forum.

“Local government policy is usually buried deep within political party manifestos and they rarely come up during election campaigns but there are a lot of big issues that are worthy of debate and discussion.

The Forum newsletter contains articles on the following issues:

- Housing affordability
- Economic development agencies
- Local government funding reform
- The changing face of retail
- Earthquake-prone buildings
- Taxpayers Union reports on local government
- Managing risk in transport corridors

“I welcome feedback. Local government is crucially important to the economy and for the country as a whole and I hope our newsletter helps stimulate debate and discussion,” said Mr Barnett.

The newsletter is available from the Forum’s [website](#).

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ABOUT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM

The Local Government Business Forum comprises organisations that have a vital interest in the activities of local government. Its members include BusinessNZ, the Electricity Networks Association, Federated Farmers of NZ, NZ Initiative, NZ Chambers of Commerce, and NZ Retailers’ Association. The Forum was established in 1994 to promote greater efficiency in local government and to contribute to the debate on policy issues affecting it.

For more information on the Forum, see www.localgovtforum.org.nz