

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM NEWSLETTER – MAY 2016

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

“With local authority elections fast approaching, 2016 is an important year for local government.” said Michael Barnett Chair of the Local Government Business Forum.

“There are also central government initiatives such as ongoing attempts to address housing affordability, the recently announced *Better Local Services* reforms, and yet another amendment to the Resource Management Act.

“The Local Government Business Forum and its individual member organisations provide central and local government with the broader business perspective on all of these and other important issues.

“The Forum newsletter contains articles on the following issues:

- Housing affordability
- Local authority elections
- Better Local Services reforms
- Council consultation
- Resource Management Act

“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 Property Council NZ. 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