

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FORUM NEWSLETTER – JULY 2017

The Local Government Business Forum has released its annual newsletter.

“The election is drawing closer and while local government is not usually a big headline grabber in election year, many of the big election issues, such as housing affordability, have a local government dimension.

“Local government often gets blamed for things like housing affordability, but it is a player in a bigger game with rules set down by around 30 Acts of Parliament plus regulations.

“It’s certainly true that councils’ performance playing the game should be a lot better but we also need to look at the rules they have to play by, rules that are set by central government.

“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:

- Central-local government relationship
- Resource Management Act reform
- Resource Management Act and electricity infrastructure providers
- Local government funding options
- Tourism infrastructure funding
- Economic development
- Better Local Services

“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