



Development and Construction matters

Kāinga Ora is gearing up to reignite its build programme following the Government announcement on 16 April about work and activities that can be undertaken at different COVID-19 alert levels.

As the country's largest residential builder, this clarity is great news for the development and construction industry, those in need of homes and the wider economy. Returning to a lower alert level, once it is considered safe to do so, will enable many of our build, development and supply partners to recommence work. It will also enable Kāinga Ora to continue to deliver state, affordable and market homes across New Zealand.

It's important to note that we remain at Level 4 at this time. The Government has said it will make a decision on any alert level change on Monday April 20. Information on this decision and what it means will be

found on the Government's Covid-19 page covid19.govt.nz

While the announcement on whether there will be a change to the current alert level is yet to come, we have been working hard to do everything possible to support our partners and suppliers and prepare for when it is eventually lowered. This includes accelerating planning work for priority housing projects to enable a greater volume of housing development to get underway as soon as is possible.

For the latest updates from the NZ Government on Covid-19, please visit: covid19.govt.nz. Please also see www.building.govt.nz for government information specific to the construction industry. More information on health and safety guidelines for the construction industry is on page two.

Our priorities in COVID-19 L4

- > Understanding and addressing key sector challenges
- > Keeping you informed
- > Health & Safety planning for the future (post L4)

Message from our land development, construction and urban planning leaders

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has robust planning well underway for various scenarios of operating our business at different COVID-19 alert levels. That includes planning for when our build partners and supporting trades can return to our more than 200 construction sites as soon as it becomes safe to do so and following Government direction.

We have developed the following COVID-19 response operating principles to guide our planning for the reopening of redevelopment sites:

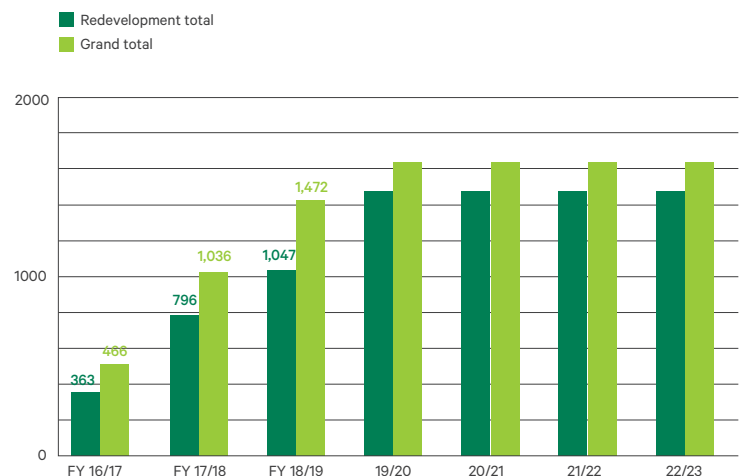
- keeping our people and our contractors safe and healthy
- we do not harm anyone we come into contact with
- regular and open communications
- supporting our customers to stay safe and healthy
- supporting our suppliers and partners to stay in business
- decisions are made based on facts.

Current activity underway

In the period since 16 March, we have issued:

- 11 construction contracts
- 16 new work orders, and
- 216 consultant contracts.

The graph below shows the annual growth in state housing delivery.



We commit to responding to you quickly on any queries, concerns or business issues you might have. Please reach out to your key Kāinga Ora contact(s) or email the team at updates@kaingaora.govt.nz.



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Health and safety standards

New industry **health and safety standards and protocols** for operating under COVID-19 alert levels have been developed and are now available to the sector.

Consistent health and safety standards are essential to both protect workers and stop the spread of COVID-19, and to give people confidence that it is safe to return to work.

Construction Health and Safety New Zealand (CHASNZ), our peak health and safety body and a member of the Construction Sector Accord, developed the industry standards in collaboration with government agencies, WorkSafe, Construction Sector Accord member groups and client organisations.

The standards lay out the key principles and requirements for healthy and safe construction-related operations under COVID-19 Alert Levels 2 and 3.

The protocols include guidance for businesses on creating a 'COVID-19 control plan' including protocols around physical distancing, hygiene, site entry and exit, deliveries, and visitor protocols.

It's very important for contractors, subbies and everyone who is permitted on and around sites to understand and work to these new protocols.

More information on where to get help with the protocols and how to provide feedback can be found on the **CHASNZ** website.

COVID-19 – Standard and Protocols for New Zealand Construction Operations

It's worth noting that clients, particularly in the civil, vertical and large residential sectors, have a significant role to play in ensuring their principal contractors meet the standards and follow the protocols.

This work is part of the Accord's Construction Sector COVID-19 Response Plan. We'll continue to update you on further actions and decisions in the plan as they made.

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Mental wellbeing services and support for the construction sector

NZ rugby stalwart Slade McFarland is the MATES in Construction relationship manager for Kāinga Ora.

The former Blues lock spoke to TVNZ **Breakfast** about the Lunch Room service and the importance of staying connected in challenging times.

"We are so used to travelling and meeting people face-to-face. All that contact has absolutely been obliterated."

"It's about trying to look after our workers during this Covid-19 lockdown."

Slade has an excellent relationship with Kāinga Ora, and regularly posts humorous **LinkedIn** videos with tips on how to cope during the lockdown. There are also plenty more resources on the MATES **Facebook** and **YouTube** pages.

For more information about MATES or the Lunch Room programme, visit the **website** or contact Kāinga Ora Building Social Outcomes Lead George Ellis at **Georgina.Ellis@kaingaora.govt.nz**.

Anyone who needs help coping with stress, anxiety or worry can also call MATES on 0800 111 315, or by free texting 5353.

MATES in Construction Lunch Room - Informal chat sessions with others in your team or from other construction organisations.

General support for mental health

Mental Health Foundation - Looking after mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19.

They also have a free and confidential counselling service – call or text 1737.



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