

Public Housing in West Coast Tasman Region

The West Coast Tasman region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Buller District, Grey District, Marlborough District, Nelson City, Tasman District, Westland District.



Public Housing Supply

Public houses are properties owned or leased by Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

1,375

HNZ IRRS
Places

19

Registered
CHP IRRS
Places

22

HNZ Market
Renters

0

Registered
CHP Market
Renters

11

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

21

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 1,448

Public houses in West Coast Tasman region
(1,447 as at 30 September 2017)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2017.

Housing Support in the West Coast Tasman Region

Accommodation Supplement (AS) is a weekly payment to assist people who are not in public housing, with their rent, board or the cost of owning a home. A person does not have to be receiving a benefit to qualify for Accommodation Supplement.

10,817

Accommodation Supplement
(10,876 as at 30 September 2017)

\$747,281

Weekly total AS amount
(\$750,929 as at 30 September 2017)

Temporary Additional Support (TAS) is a weekly payment that helps to cover essential living costs that cannot be met from their income and through other resources. It is paid for a maximum of 13 weeks, and the recipient does not have to be receiving a main benefit to qualify for it.

2,418

Temporary Additional Support
(2,469 as at 30 September 2017)

\$143,918

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$145,760 as at 30 September 2017)

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) also pays an Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) to registered housing providers to cover the balance between the tenant's rental payment and the market rent for the property.

Community Housing Providers

Community Housing Providers (CHPs) became eligible to receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) from 2014 for tenants placed from the Social Housing Register.

CHPs are registered, regulated and monitored by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority, a part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

18

The Nelson Tasman
Housing Trust

1

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

= 19

Community housing places in West Coast Tasman region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(17 as at 30 September 2017)

Housing Supply Targets 2020

MSD plans to purchase additional public housing by June 2020. It is an ambitious plan that recognises specific areas in New Zealand where there is significant unmet demand for public housing.

Public Housing Supply Targets 2020 breakdown by Territorial Local Authority:

Buller District	120 public houses
Grey District	151 public houses
Marlborough District	465 public houses
Nelson City	598 public houses
Tasman District	172 public houses
Westland District	43 public houses

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Tasman Region**

1,549

Public houses by 2020

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored social support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by contracted providers, who are skilled in supporting tenants with a range of social and tenancy-related services, and are also responsible for maintaining the properties.

The transitional housing programme is led by MSD and Housing New Zealand and involves local councils and emergency housing providers.

People living in transitional housing pay rent of up to 25% of their income, which is in line with income-related rents for public housing. The balance is subsidised to providers by MSD.

15

Christchurch Methodist Mission

5

The Salvation Army

15

Women's Refuge

= 35

Total available places as at 31 December 2017
(33 as at 30 September 2017)

Transitional Housing Targets

Using demand data and local knowledge, MSD has identified transitional housing targets for each region.

Buller District	2 available places 	2 target
Grey District	0 available places	5 target
Marlborough District	21 available places ■	28 target ■
Nelson City	12 available places ■	15 target ■
Tasman District	0 available places	12 target ■
Westland District	0 available places	1 target

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35

Total available places
as at 31 December 2017
(33 as at 30 September 2017)

63

Total target
(63 as at 30 September 2017)

Housing Support Products

Housing Support Products (HSPs) consist of a range of products designed to assist people to achieve or sustain independence in the private housing market. HSPs help to ensure that those who most need public housing can access it by reducing the number of people on the register, and by helping those who can sustain alternative housing to transition out of public housing.



\$13,697

Bond Grants



\$676

Letting Fees



\$7,375

Moving Assistance



\$6,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant



\$3,055

Rent in Advance

= 33

Grants for 21 distinct clients (total \$30,803)

(64 grants for 30 distinct clients, total \$53,272 as at 30 September 2017)

Social Housing Register

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on the Social Housing Register. The Social Housing Register is comprised of a Housing Register and a Transfer Register. The Housing Register is prioritised by need and consists of public housing applicants who have been assessed as being eligible. The Transfer Register is made up of people already in public housing, but who have requested and are eligible for a transfer to another property.

219

Housing register

(201 as at 30 September 2017)

48

Transfer register

(47 as at 30 September 2017)

Applications Housed



West Coast Tasman

68 (55 as at 30 September 2017)



National

1,673

(1,876 as at 30 September 2017)

Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation or with a Community Housing Provider.

Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant

The purpose of the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) is to help individual and families with the cost of staying in short-term accommodation if they are unable to access one of the Ministry's contracted transitional housing places.

The EH SNG pays for short-term accommodation for up to seven days at a time, and is provided by commercial and community providers who are not contracted by MSD to deliver accommodation services.

With more transitional housing places coming on board in the quarter ending 31 December 2017, MSD has seen a decrease in the number of EH SNG being paid.

In the quarter ending 31 December 2017, there have been **219** grants made supporting **79** households compared with **470** grants supporting **143** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2017.

\$167,162

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2017

(\$352,375 as at 30 September 2017)