

# Building Better Homes Towns and Cities

BUILDING BETTER  
HOMES, TOWNS  
AND CITIES

Ko ngā wā kāinga hei  
whakamāhorahora

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The Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities | Ko  
ngā wā Kāinga hei Whakamāhorahora National  
Science Challenge (BBHTC)

BBHTC (or NSC11) is tasked with using  
researchers' skills and imagination to "improve  
the quality and supply of housing and create  
smart and attractive urban environments."

**Challenge Vision** - Ka ora kainga rua: Built  
environments that build communities



*Part of the mission is to interpret and support local efforts to make these places  
more attractive in which to live, visit, work and do business...*

# Supporting Success in Regional Settlements

Our focus is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier – towns with populations between 10,000 and 65,000 (half NZ's population lives in 2nd tier towns).

Achieving success is complex – “Decline projected for mid-sized towns” (LGNZ, 2016).

- Aging/untenanted buildings/dwellings some needing seismic retrofitting
- Fewer urban amenities
- Aging infrastructure
- Loss of business/services to larger centres
- Don't easily attract capital and people
- Unable to provide sustainable local services

Three project teams + 2 contestable projects.

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WHENU 1: Connecting across scales for success

WHENU 2: Mana whenua building vibrant communities

WHENU 3: Regenerating for success

Rural towns and communities

Integrated regeneration in small towns

