The emergence of spatial planning in New Zealand:

An early assessment

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New Zealand population: 4,500,000 million
76 per cent urbanised
1/3 GDP output

1/3 total New Zealand population
Auckland had a relatively high average annual population growth rate between 2005 and 2010, at 1.6 percent. Between 2002 and 2007, Auckland had the third highest average annual population growth rate of the sample of 78 OECD metropolitan regions.

Sources: Statistics New Zealand, Infoshare database, Demography and Population Estimates – DPE; OECD database; Regional Statistics, Metropolitan Regions
7 local authorities and one regional
1989-2010

40+ pre 1989
neoliberalism
Diagnosing the problem

- Ad hoc governance
- Under investment
- Lack of leadership
- Limited central government involvement
- Poor plan implementation
1. A workable governance structure

2. Appropriate legislative frameworks

3. Organisational culture and leadership equal to the challenge

4. Funding equal to our visions (or vice versa)

5. A willing and able partner – central government
Option 1

Central government

Social welfare  Funding  Transport  Education  Health

The Auckland Plan

Auckland Council

Local transport  Infrastructure provision  Regulation (Land use)  Community services
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A central government plan for Auckland

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Option 3

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Sign-off / buy-in

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Questions?

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