



Beginner's Guide To *Changing Aotearoa's Housing Policy*



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Let's Stop Normalizing The Housing Crisis

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Our government needs to be held accountable for the lack of solutions to solving the housing crisis, which can affect the well-being and health of future generations. Profit from housing has been prioritized more than housing being acknowledged as a human right.

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How Did This Happen?

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The housing crisis originated in colonial times, as land ownership was taken away from Māori to be cultivated by Pākehā to gather monetary means. Since then, the financial aspect of housing has been prioritized more than being viewed as a human right by politicians.

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What Type Of Society Do We Want To Live In?

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Using a new model to tackle the crisis that focuses on:
Decentring home ownership (democratic collective housing),
decolonizing housing policy (upholding The Treaty of Waitangi),
democratizing housing policy-making (stepping away from the market and going towards public sectors), and **decommodifying housing** (regulating profits through appropriate taxation)

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1. The re-establishment of Public Works, which initially fell after giving way to home privatization.
2. Creating a Green Investment Bank in New Zealand to support small businesses and lend for housing. A Māori version of the institution could also be built.
3. A State Lending Agency (Housing Financial Corporation and a Māori version) to make repayment easier and decrease bias and the loan's worth.
4. Parliament should obtain responsibility for mortgage control because of a conflict of interest at the Reserve Bank.
5. Authorizing more leadership in the public sector by inviting more diversity and democratizing the government.

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6. "Tino rangatiratanga and self-determination are both rights that have not yet been fully incorporated by the state into domestic legislation" which should be (Paul et al., 2020)
7. Government implementing appropriate taxation in housing.
8. Increasing the number of housing for communities and states has been slightly augmented, but not as fast and much.
9. Increasing the renter's rights.
10. Combating Māori and youth homelessness.

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