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Quarter acre dream all but over for Aucklanders

AUCKLAND will face a large scale housing crisis within the next 15 years according to a leading property analyst.

Lisa Phillips, a director of Auckland-based company Erskine+Owen, said under the region's current growth strategy, Auckland would be at capacity by 2026.

For some pockets of Auckland, that capacity could be reached in just seven years, Phillips said.

She said that over the next 20 years Auckland would grow by the entire population of Wellington, but to accommodate everyone Auckland would need more than 200,000 households – 30,000 more than its current capacity.

The ability to create new stand-alone houses on more than 400 square metres of land would become virtually impossible by as early as 2023, she said.