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Auckland housing crisis

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It seems the quarter acre dream could be all but over for Aucklanders.

Building and Housing Department figures show the city is expected to grow by the entire population of Wellington over the next 20 years.

Erskine+Owen director Lisa Phillips says under the region's current growth strategy, Auckland will be full by 2026. She says some pockets of the city will have no spare space in as little as seven years.

Ms Phillips says it will be virtually impossible to build a new stand-alone house on more than 400 square metres, as soon as 2023. After then, many people will have to live in terraced houses or apartments, with shared outdoor spaces. She also expects prices to surge, as a growing population competes for an ever-dwindling supply of homes.

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