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Auckland housing crisis

Newstalk ZB April 3, 2011, 9:12 am

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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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decentralise gvt decentralise-use the collective noodle 00ps sorry capitalist noodle.

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I-see-stupid-people 09:37am Sunday 03rd April 2011 NZST | Report Abuse

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Is the concept of building upwards not understood north of the Bombay hills? might make it less of a dull and dreary suburban hole too.

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Russell 09:45am Sunday 03rd April 2011 NZST | Report Abuse

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I just can't get my head around why Auckland needs to be the commercial 'be all end all'. The transportation network as well as housing is perpetually on catchup. Why can't major industries and their Head Offices be Anywhereville,NZ. What we have to gain is population spread, which eases the infrastructure stress that happens with large population density.

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Chippee 09:48am Sunday 03rd April 2011 NZST | Report Abuse

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The bigger they are the harder they fall I see.Have you seen some of those revolting high rise apartment buildings built for asians? Imagine an earthquake or tsunami-decentralise cheaper easier and safer-build the services and infrastructure and let business follow. This would have to be the silliest country ever for centralising.We have all the means now days to spread out. NZs not exactly wall to wall people- yet.

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Anthony (joseph) William 09:56am Sunday 03rd April 2011 NZST | Report Abuse

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well this is not unusual for a city the size of Auckland.. It is difficult to retain a larger block in any city in the world.. City living is just that.. Apartments and terraced homes are the norm.. Most city people do not want the responsibilities of gardens and lawns and that is why they choose to live there. The population density is a concern for infrastructue and needs to be addressed in advance.. Councils you have the word..

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Adrian 09:56am Sunday 03rd April 2011 NZST | Report Abuse

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The very reason Kiwis live in NZ is lifestyle, room to move etc, we certainly don't stay here to earn wealth, if we are forced to live in little cell block apartments

why we will not shift to Aust where they have no issue finding land for people to live on even in Sydney and Melbourne. The concept outlined that land for subdivision can not be found in AK is nonsense, it is a mindset, not reality.

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Full of what. Very sad for NZ.

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They have been saying the same thing about London for about the last 40 years but it still keeps growing and they still keep building. Can't say I like London though and hope Auckland doesn't go the same way.

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Take a drive south of Auckland and see the hundreds of thousands of acres in farmland that could be turned into satellite cities . Auckland traffic is getting snarled down by the excessive amount of cars on the move, often with only one person in them.

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Isn't the average house price way in excess of \$500k now, so with \$100k down and the rest mortgaged over 30yrs, comes to \$2330 a month, lets hope your on a far better income than minimum wage as that will only get you \$1600 a month, there will be no one left who can pour your lattes in auckland

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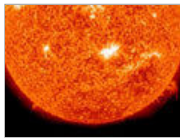
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