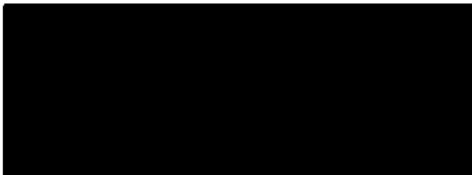


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Thank you for your email of 8 July 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1a) Is Kainga Ora considering adopting 7 Homestar Design & Built certification for new building projects as stated by the NZGBC's Director of Market Transformation in a Homestar v5 consultation on 7 July 2020?

1b) If yes to the above what does Kainga Ora consider the costs and benefits of 7 Homestar to the organisation as being?

2) Is Kainga Ora considering mandating the use of thermally broken window frames as standard for all new building projects? - (also as stated by the NZGBC's Director of Market Transformation in a Homestar v5 consultation on 7 July 2020)

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities has committed to all its new homes being built to the 6 Homestar standard. From 1 July 2019, all Kāinga Ora single and two-story dwellings contracted need to achieve Homestar certification in both design and construction (built).

Some homes that we build will achieve 7 Homestar due to the specifics of that development. However, we are not considering universal adoption because we do not know specifically what the benefits will be, how these compare to our own goals and the cost. We would need to evaluate our 6 Homestar builds through a cost and benefits analysis, in considering 7 Homestar as a higher measurable output.

The decision on whether or not to use thermally broken window frames would also need to be evaluated to determine the costs versus benefit analysis. We have not as at this time made that decision.

Yours sincerely



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