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The Localism Symposium

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Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa.



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Background

> July 2018

- LGNZ launched its “position statement on localism”
- The purpose is to facilitate a public discussion on where and how decisions about local community matters should be made should be made
- Our objective is a proposal to put before the NZ public in election year 2020.

Position Statement

Local government is calling for a shift in the way public decisions are made in New Zealand by seeking a commitment to localism.

Instead of relying on central government to decide what is good for our communities it is time to empower councils and communities themselves to make such decisions.

Strengthening self-government at the local level means putting people back in charge of politics and reinvigorating our democracy.

We are calling for an active programme of devolution and decentralisation.

The Localism Reference Group

Craig Stobo - Chair	Chair, Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)
Penny Webster	Former Auckland Governing Body member and Mayor of Rodney
Michael Dunlop	Chair, Acumen Republic
John Milford	CEO, Wellington Chamber of Commerce
Cr. Bonita Bigham	Chair, Te Maruata Roopu Whakahaere
Claudia Scott	Emeritus Professor, VUW
Wendy McGuinness	CEO, McGuinness Institute
John Dickson	Service & Evaluation Manager, Presbyterian Support North
Megan Courtenay	Practice Lead, Inspiring Communities
Malcolm Alexander	CEO, LGNZ
Oliver Hartwich	Executive Director, NZ Initiative
Matthew Cockram	CEO Cooper and Company NZ

Why are we doing this?

- > The current way of funding councils is limiting our ability to enhance the well-being of communities
 - The cost of tourism infrastructure and amenities
 - No incentives to provide for growth
- > The narrow range of functions that communities, through their councils, are able to influence limits both local and national development
 - Waiting for government to make decisions means our cities struggle to compete with cities internationally
 - “One size fits all” policies can no longer meet the diverse needs of our regions, districts and communities.

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