

# THE ROLE OF TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES IN SUSTAINABLE RENOVATIONS OF EXISTING HOUSES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASSISTANCE

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As a Masters of Planning student I have been undertaking research on building renovations within North Shore City and Waitakere City in the Auckland region. 850 surveys have been sent out to residents of these cities in March 2007. The surveys cover a range of questions including:

- The type of renovation undertaken and the cost.
- The type of information used
- How this information was used
- Whether sustainable building techniques have been employed
- What Territorial Authorities can do to encourage sustainable renovation.

North Shore City and Waitakere City are both experiencing high growth rates. These Councils are placing an emphasis on encouraging growth around the existing town centres. As a result, many existing dwellings in these cities are being renovated and upgraded to manage this growth and demand.

The aim of this thesis is to determine the possible impediments and incentives created by Territorial Authorities and the possible incentives and assistance they could offer to encourage more sustainable residential renovations.

By November 2007 the results of the surveys will be available and will form a large part of the presentation at this conference. The large number of people from the different sectors of the building industry as well as the attendance by Local Government will be an ideal place for the results of these surveys to be presented. The results of the surveys should be able to help and encourage all Territorial Authorities in New Zealand to facilitate sustainable renovations.