



HOUSING MYTHS & FAQs

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Why can't people just build tiny houses?

As long as you comply with all the rules, you can and we're happy to help you do it.

Like all other buildings/residences in the Kaikōura District, tiny/mobile homes have to be built in accordance with the rules and regulations in the Kaikoura District Plan or you'll need a resource consent. Temporary buildings are treated the same as long-term/permanent ones so you'll also need a building consent.

These rules are there to try to make sure that all building in our District is fair, safe and appropriate.

If you're thinking about a tiny house, the easiest thing to do is to get in touch with our planning team and have a chat about your individual situation and what you'll need to do.

Why isn't council doing anything?

We are. We're working central government agencies such as MBIE and MSD to try to get more help and more housing. We're working with NCTIR, local real estate agents and homeowners to make sure all the available houses are being used as fully as possible. And we're still getting people to register with us so we can connect them to any available help.

Why can't Council do something about high rental prices?

We have no legal powers to set or control rental prices. Rents are set by landlords. The laws about what they can/can't do are looked after by MBIE. If you're not sure what your rights are or you have questions or concerns contact MBIE's Tenancy Services via 0800 836 262 or <https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/rent/increasing-rent/>

What is NCTIR doing to help manage the impact on the local housing market?

NCTIR continuously reassess the need for rental houses based on demand.

They have a NCTIR Village first policy. Once the village is full workers who only require short term accommodation (i.e. 2-3 days) are placed in motels or short stay accommodation. Long term workers who cannot fit in the village are placed in rented local houses.

To help reduce rent increases, all NCTIR's new leases from November 2017 onwards will be offered within the range of reasonable market rates. The rates were developed from data provided by Ministry of Business and Innovation (MBIE) and market experience and reflect pre-earthquake prices. The aim is to protect the Kaikoura rental market and maximise the value to the tax payers.

Rates include cleaning, weekly linen change, electricity and internet.

Why can't NCTIR just make the village bigger?

Right now, NCTIR believes it would take too long and be too expensive to make the Village bigger considering the short period of time the project has left. NCTIR will continue to review this option.

What are NCTIR's plans/needs for housing in 2018?

NCTIR is currently assessing its work plans for 2018. Assessments of accommodation needs will be part of this.

The NCTIR Accommodation Village will be used for at least the next 12 months.

How full is the NCTIR village?

Over the past 4 months the NCTIR village has been largely at capacity.

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