

Response from Mr Stephen Gwynne on PBA Stage 2 Report (EXAM 90)

In response to the attached report by Peter Brett Associates, I am wondering why, in view of the current immigration debate that is foregrounding the forthcoming General Election, why there is isn't a projected GBSLEP population growth that reflects the likely decrease in international migration as a result of these ongoing debates. Obviously any political policy that attempts to dissuade international migration will result in a projection that is less than any of the anticipated growth projections at present and as such when reports such as this lists likely influences that could change projections should not only take into consideration economic activity, market signals and availability of affordable housing but also likely changes to political policy.

In this respect, it would seem prudent for objectively assessed housing need to be able to clearly clarify between natural population changes and migration flows and for any natural population increases to be clearly prioritised with regards housing land allocation. I say this because in terms of sustainable development we are increasingly living in a resource constrained environment whereby prudent allocations of resources based on priority is going to be the norm in the near future rather than the exception if sustainable development is to be the goal.

With regards
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