

# The Urban Design Protocol and its influence on towns and cities growth

Yvonne Weeber

Ministry for the Environment



# The New Zealand Urban Design Protocol

- **Launched:** March 2005
- **Vision:** 'Making NZ towns and cities more successful through quality urban design'
- **It is a:** National, voluntary, cross-sector commitment to urban design
- **Signatories:** Commit to urban design actions

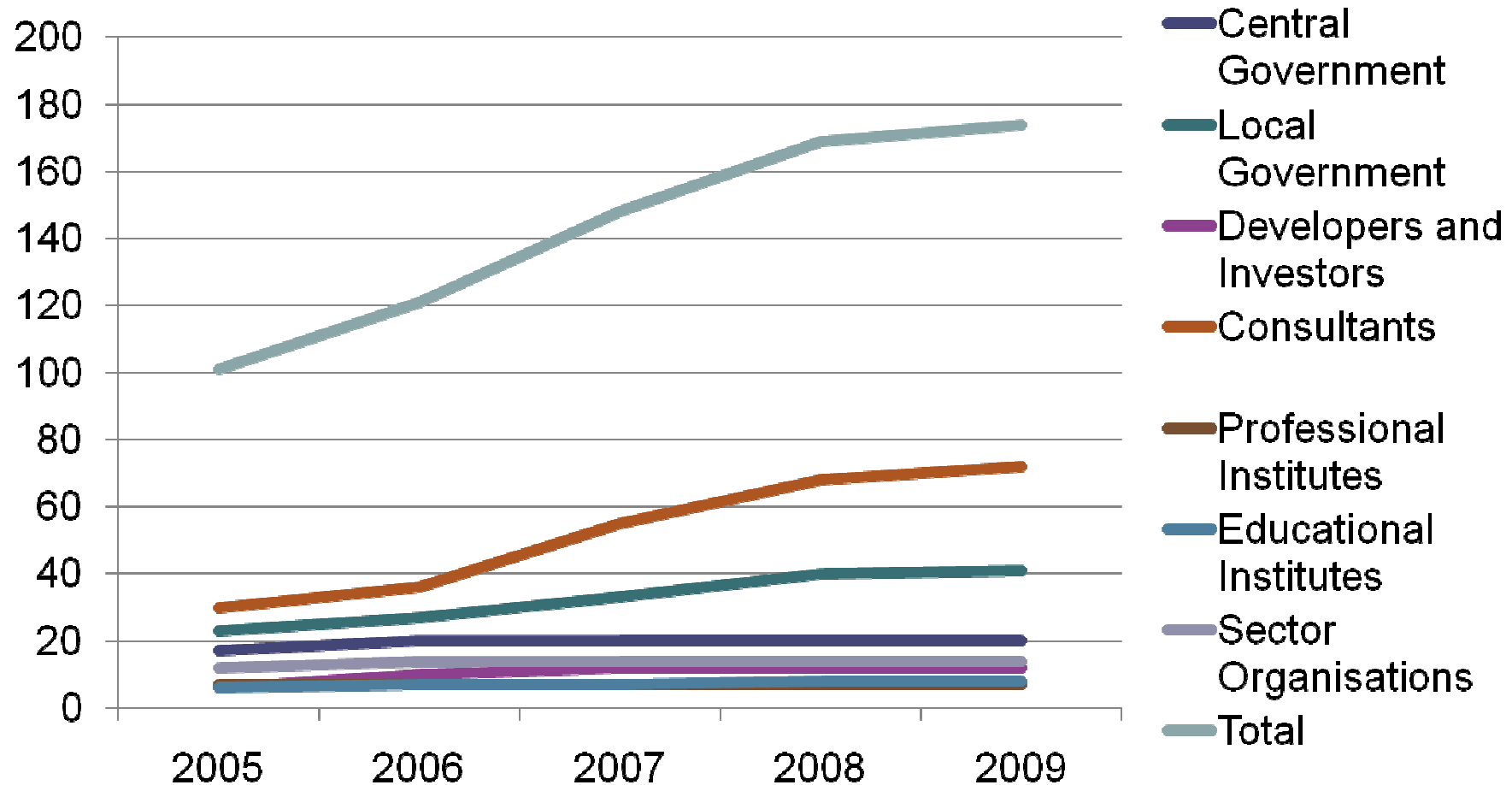


# Definition, successful cities and design qualities

- **Definition:** Is broad and concerned with design, built form, integration, different scales and different sectors and professionals
- **Successful cities:** 6 attributes identified
- **Design Qualities:** The 7 C's



# Who are the Protocol signatory organisations?



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
*Manatū Mo Te Taiao*

N Z

URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL

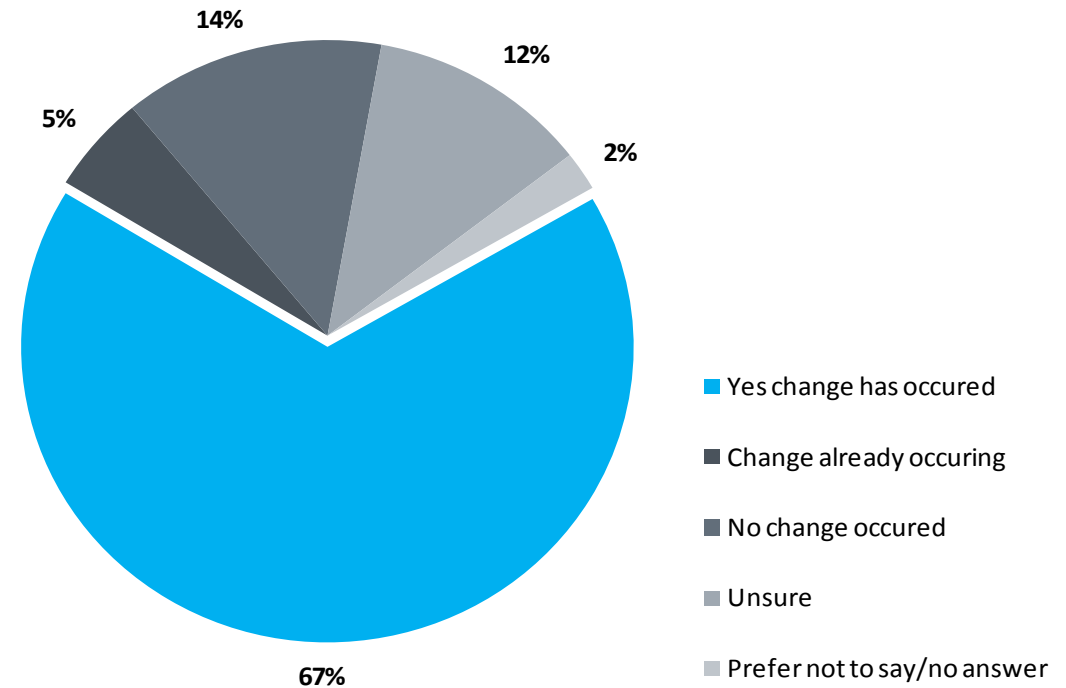
# Recent urban design research by the Ministry for the Environment

- Review of Urban Design Case Law 2008
- Urban Design Stocktake of Resource Management Plans and Policies 2009
- Taking stock of the Urban Design Protocol and Action Plan Monitoring (to be published 2010)



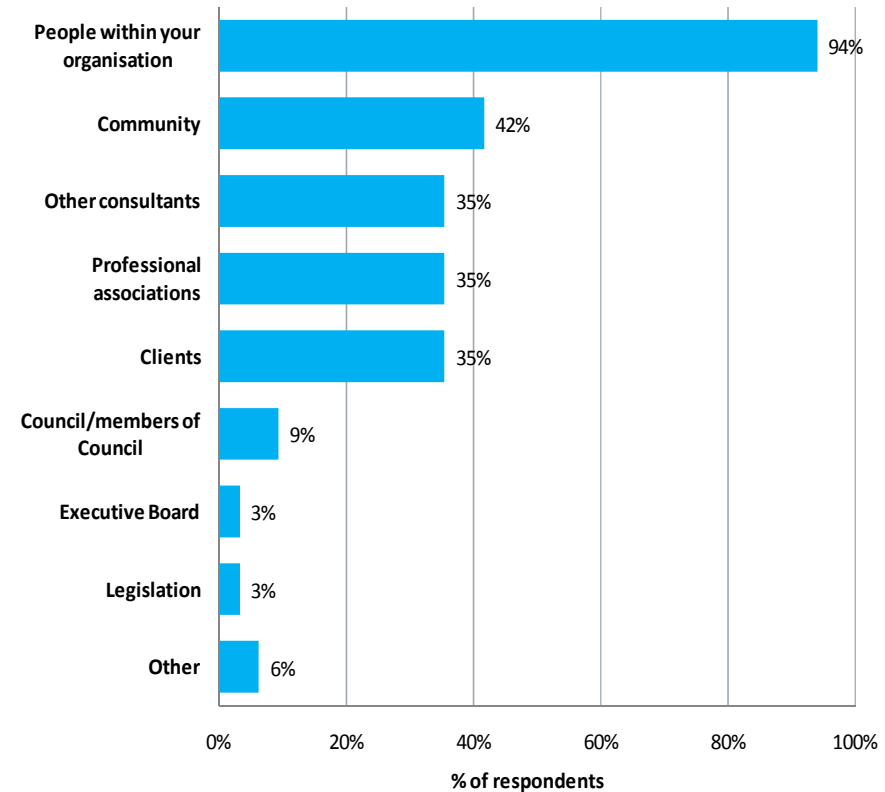
# What makes the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol work?

Organisations experience change in behaviour and/or thinking after becoming a Protocol signatory



# Key force driving change in a signatory organisation

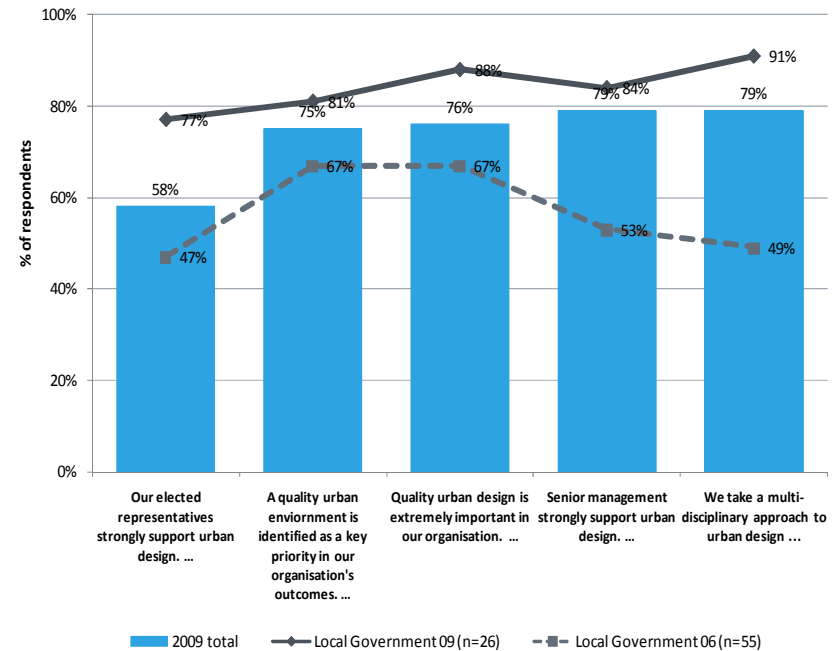
- Individuals are the main force driving change within an organisation
- Consultants and developers report other consultants as a key factor driving change





# Local Government changes from 2006 and 2009

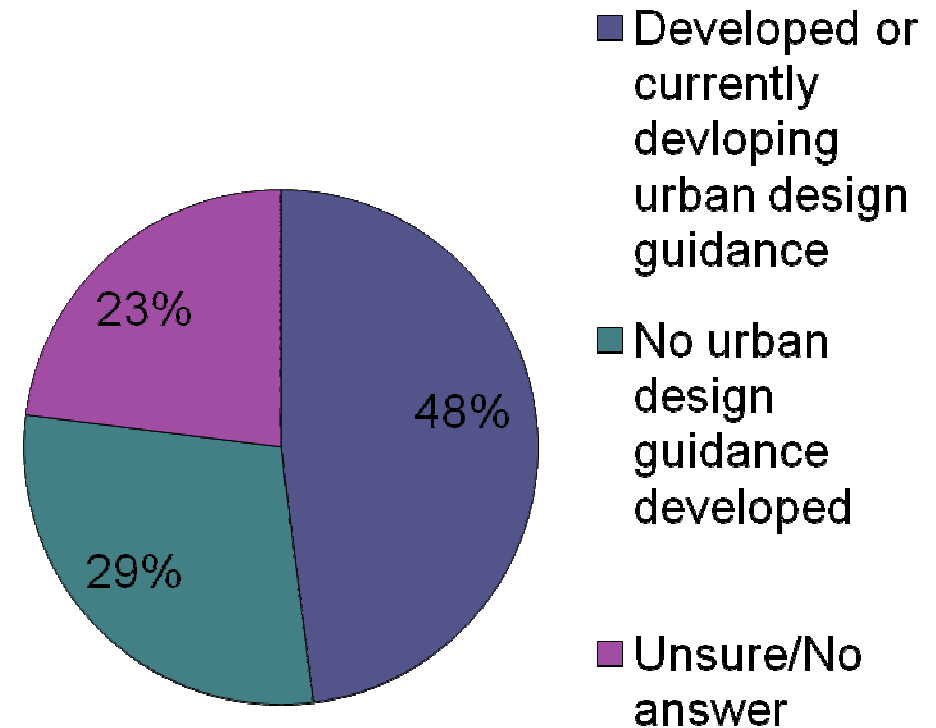
- Higher number of councils taking a multidisciplinary approach in urban design
- Higher number of senior management and elected representatives supporting urban design





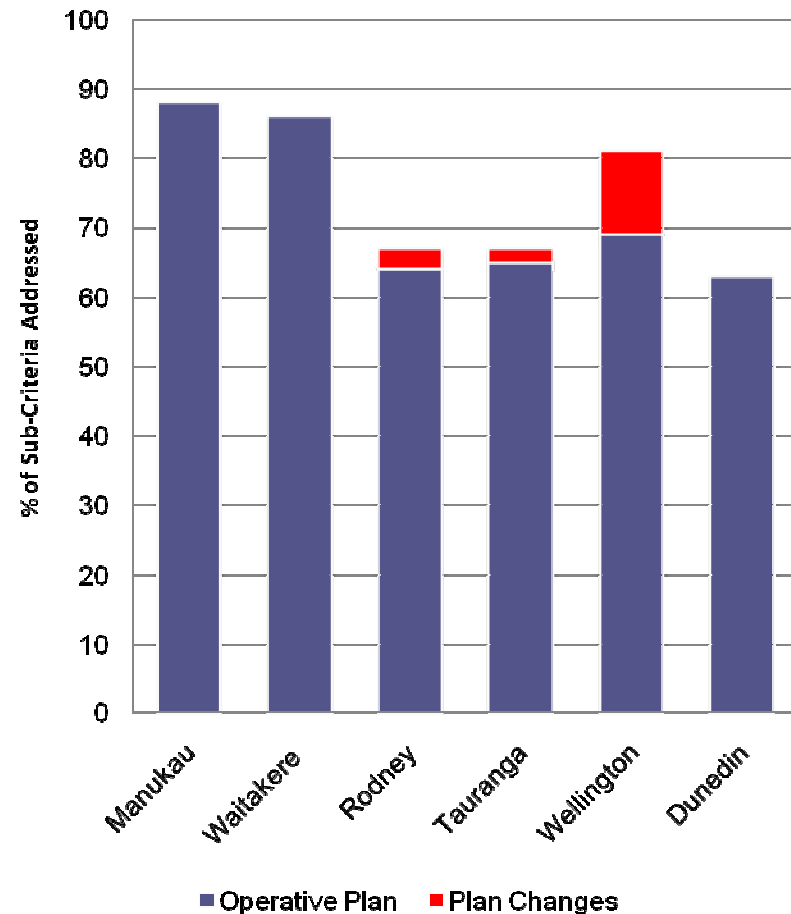
# Signatories developing urban design guidance

Improved urban design guidance will influence frameworks and how our towns and cities grow



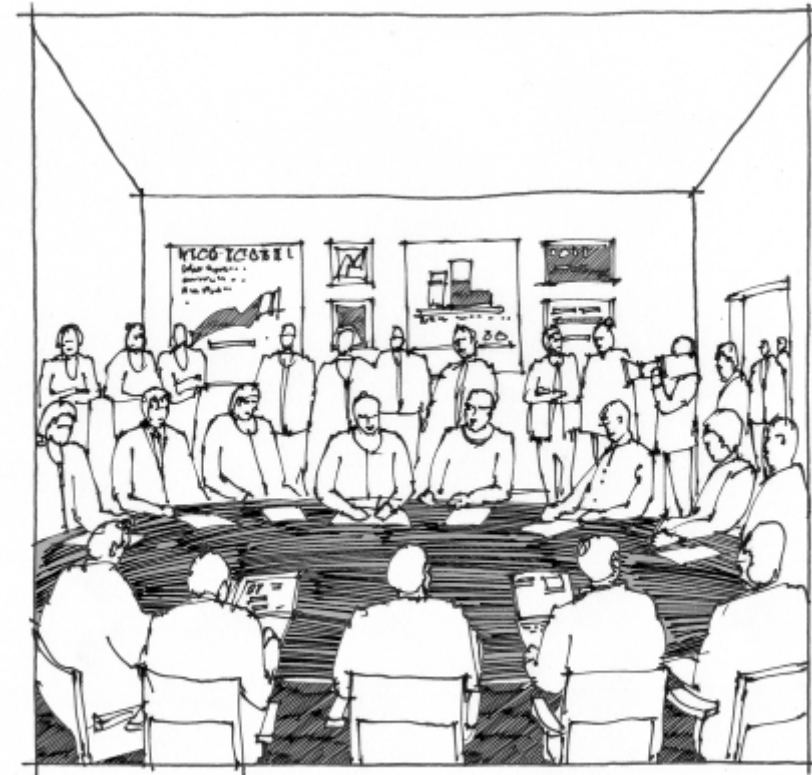
# Urban Design Stocktake of RMA Plans and Policies

- Regional Policy Statements have low levels of urban design provisions
- Metropolitan Council District Plans typically have high levels of urban design provisions



# Urban design case law

- Legitimacy of urban design
- Case law is evolving and very complex
- Policy presence on urban design in District Plans are upheld by Court decisions



6 Well Governed



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
*Manatū Mo Te Taiao*

N Z URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL