

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

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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

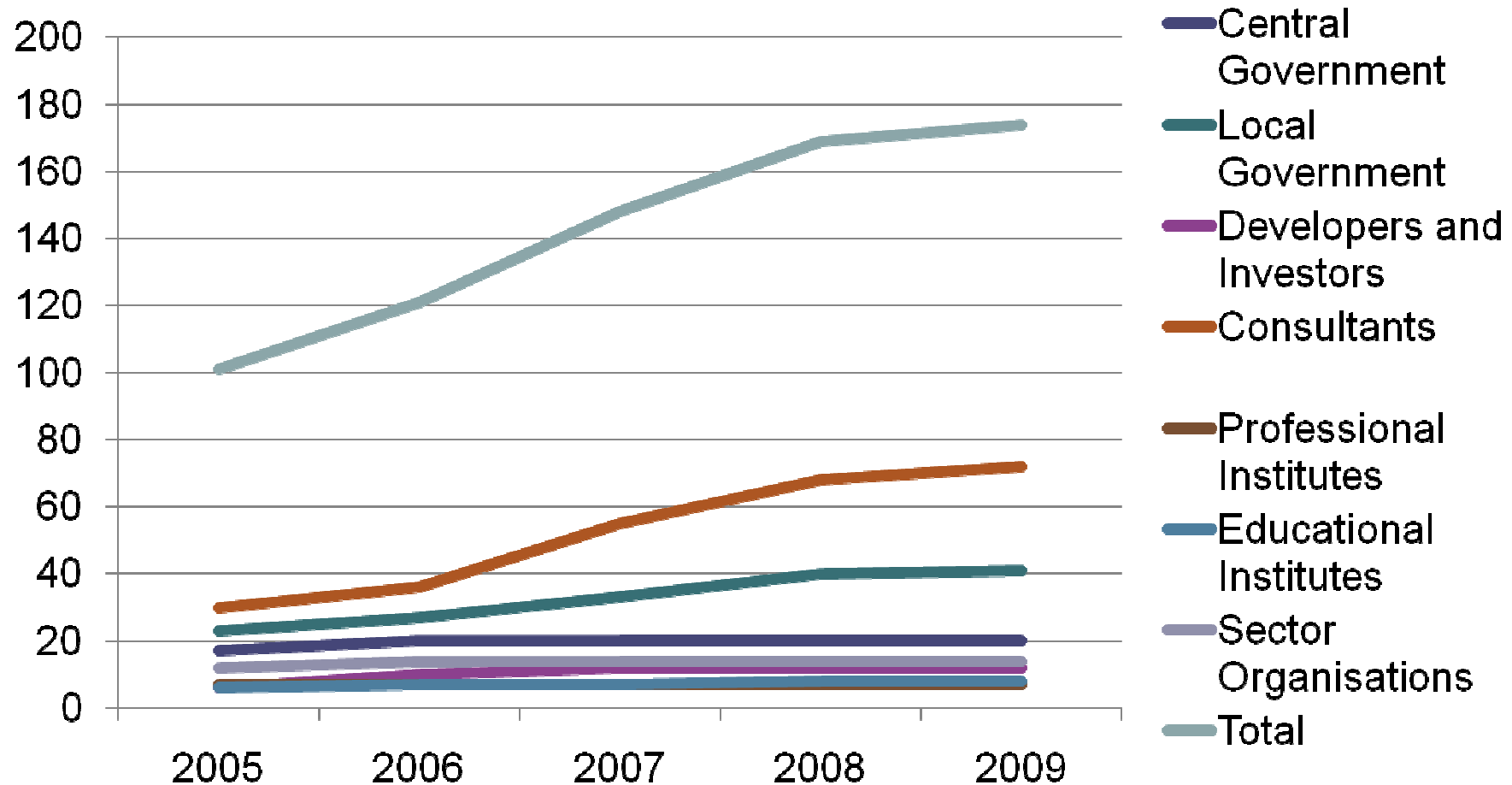


Definition, successful cities and design qualities

- **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?



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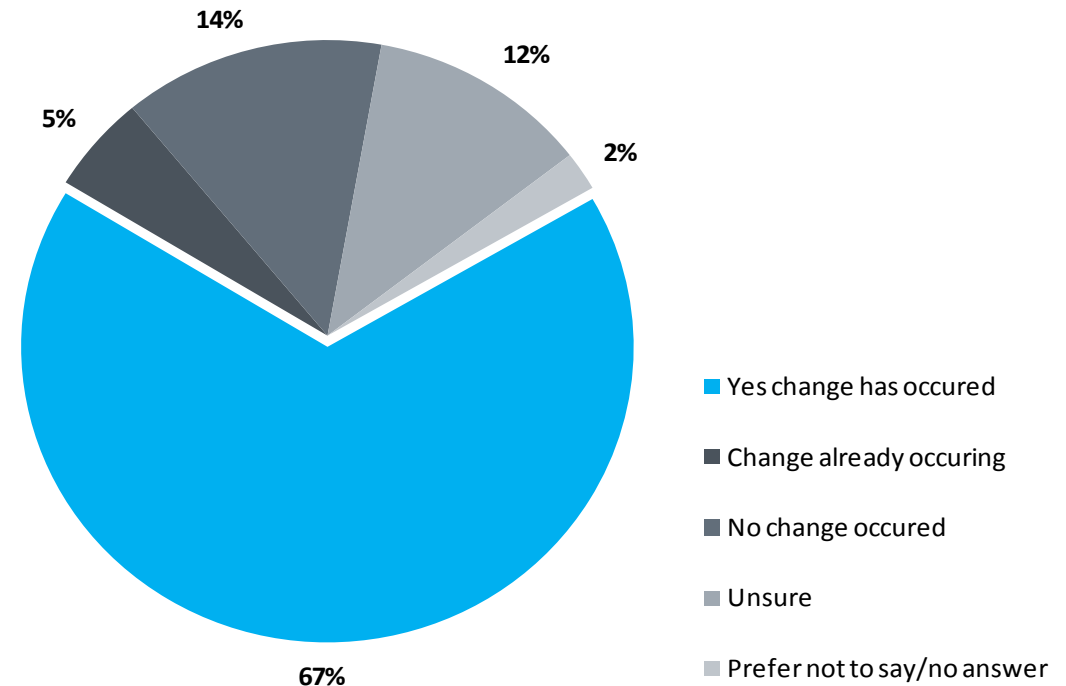
Recent urban design research by the Ministry for the Environment

- 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)



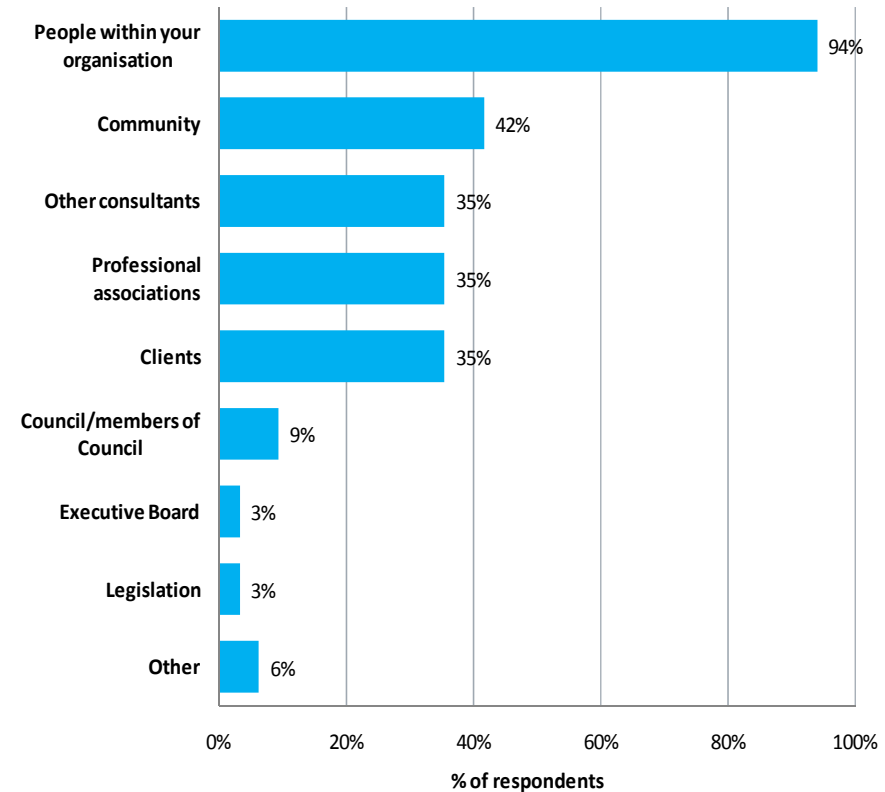
What makes the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol work?

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



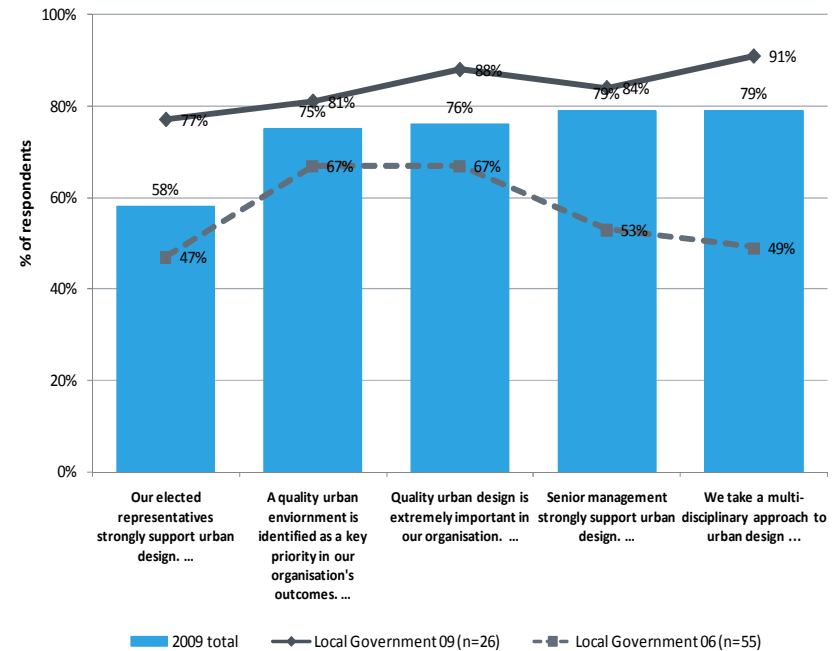
Key force driving change in a signatory organisation

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



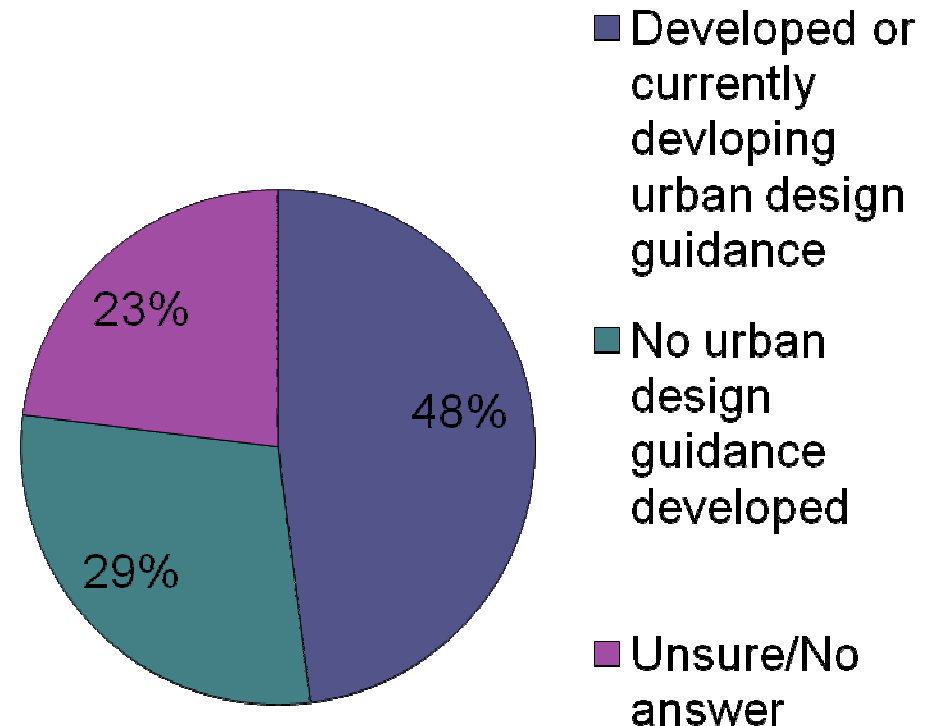
Local Government changes from 2006 and 2009

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



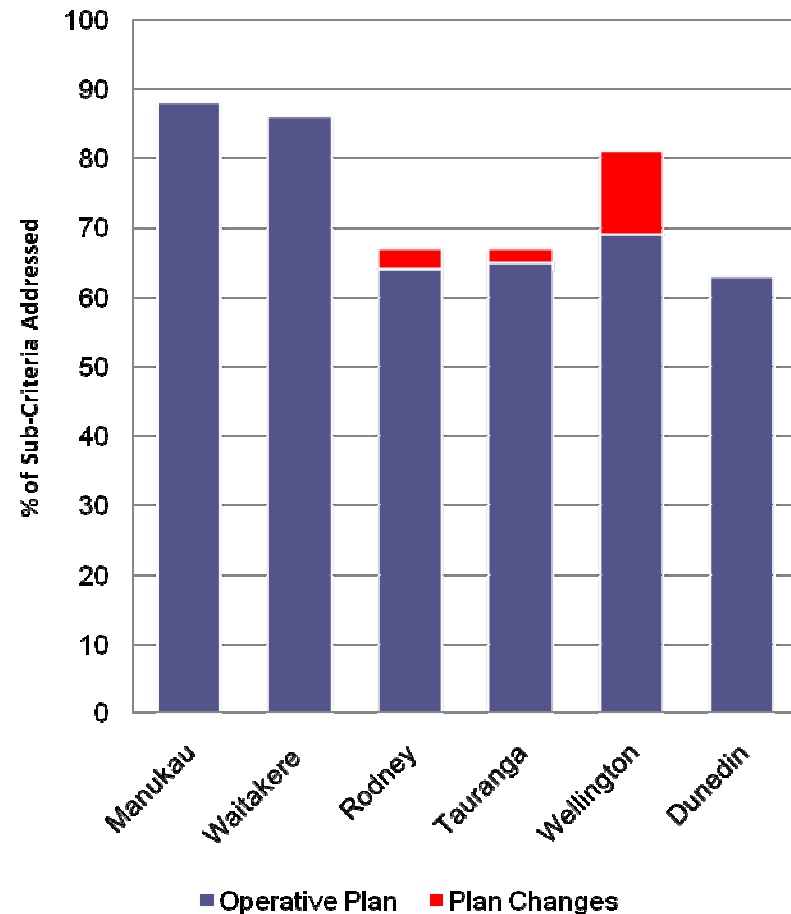
Signatories developing urban design guidance

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



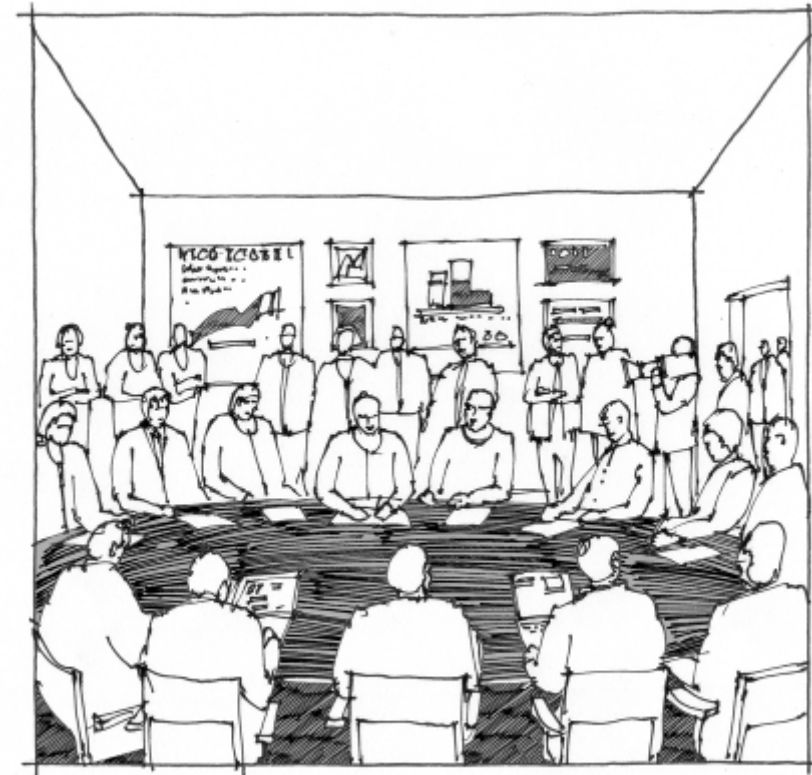
Urban Design Stocktake of RMA Plans and Policies

- 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



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