

## **About Medium**

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Medium, which is published by EBOSS, is a technical design guide to creating better medium-density housing (MDH) in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Guy says MDH is not really addressed in the New Zealand Building Code, which is still aimed at the stand-alone house. 'While the Ministry for the Environment has just published the National medium density design quide, it is short and sweet - not long and informative,' he notes.

'BRANZ has done an excellent guide to the problems and issues with MDH but not yet published guidelines about how to how to build it better. MBIE seems missing in action on the subject.'

## **Explores issues and offers solutions**

Medium includes advice from industry experts about the design, construction and the servicing of MDH in New Zealand.

The book is divided into four parts - Plan, Design, Build and Built. The section on Build explores the issues of major MDH design elements like the construction of intertenancy walls and inter-tenancy floors as well as external wall façades and services.

Illustrations provide advice and products from industry partners that work with MDH. These widen the scope of knowledge about the solutions and methods available to build with and how to build them.

There is a connection with EBOSS as each solution links back via a QR code to the industry partner. If someone is out in the field and needs to look something up, they can scan the QR code and be linked directly back to the industry source.

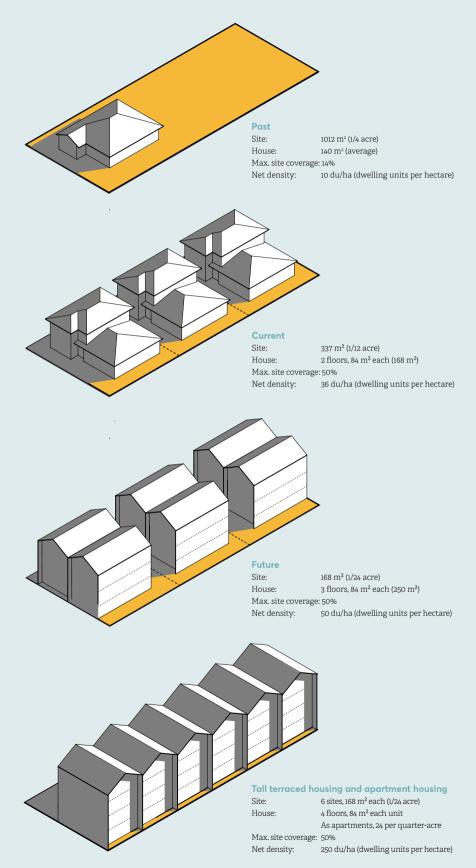


Figure 2: Changes with the quarter-acre dream over time.