

Access to opportunities means freedom to access things such as education, jobs, housing, healthcare, recreation, shopping, social and cultural activities.

Enabling access to opportunities in **all locations** is key to **enhancing the economic and social prosperity of communities**.

Land use determines where opportunities are located and how many opportunities there are within a given area. A defining feature of towns and cities is that they condense many opportunities within a relatively small area.



Transport options dictate how many opportunities people can access within a reasonable travel time. The faster the transport mode, the further people can go within a reasonable travel time and the more freedom they have to access opportunities. Travel needs and preferences are influenced by day-to-day practicalities such as availability, ease of use and cost.



Circumstance, meaning many people are unable to access opportunities for reasons outside of their control. These might relate to location, income, physical or cognitive disabilities, ethnicity, age, or gender. Failure to address barriers preventing people accessing opportunities impacts the wellbeing and prosperity of individuals, communities, and New Zealand as a whole.



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