

Before the Expert Panel

FTAA-2026-1179

Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

In the matter of the substantive application by the Department of
Corrections for approvals for the Auckland Prison
Capacity Increase listed project

**Third Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of the Department of
Corrections – response to Minute 3 regarding cultural values
assessment**

Date: 7 July 2026



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MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of the Department of Corrections (**Corrections**). The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to Minute 3 of the Expert Panel dated 6 July 2026. Specifically, this memorandum confirms that the Cultural Values Assessment filed with the Panel on 26 June 2026 (**CVA**) can now be published.
- 2 The request to not publish the CVA was made by Corrections due to the nature in which the CVA was provided to it. The CVA was provided by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua to Corrections on the basis that it could be provided to the Panel, but that it was not to be otherwise published, copied or distributed without the express written approval of it. The request to keep the CVA confidential was to honour that restriction.
- 3 Following receipt of Minute 3, Corrections contacted Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua as to the contents of the Minute. In response, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua has advised that given the contents of this particular CVA, it provides its approval for the CVA to be shared.
- 4 Accordingly, the CVA can be made available in the usual way.

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