Outlook

Re: Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project - Invitation to comment on draft conditions

From Paul Denny [redacted]
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To FastTrack Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

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ATTN: FAST-TRACK EXPERT PANEL FOR AUCKLAND PRISON CAPACITY INCREASE

RE: AUCKLAND PRISON EXTERIOR LIGHTING - NEW LIGHTING: DES30 DES31 & LEGACY LIGHTING: DES14 DES14A

In these designations references are made to 'adjacent sites' with associated plans that do not use 'adjacent' as articulated by the expert panel and shown in the expert panels own plan of adjacent properties to the prison grounds.

That the term 'adjacent sites' (Boffa Miskell) is used anyway in respect of planning for light intrusion to properties surrounding the Auckland Prison grounds is nonsensical; light does not respect a cadastral boundary; brightness of the light source, distance from the light source, and the dwellings elevation in respect to that light source are the prerequisite details of significance and concern.

This is why in my first request for change to those 'Lighting' designations I suggested properties within a radius of the prison grounds be included.

From the Merewhira Road intersection with Sanders Road, North down Sanders Road to the Auckland Prison South Gate, the terrain drops in elevation almost towards sea level at the Auckland Prison South Gate, all properties on that East side of Sanders Road are egregiously affected by the current lighting; light spill and glare. All these properties should be included in the 'light path' modelling to be undertaken for DES30 & DES31 and taken into specific account in the replacement or adjustment or renewal of lighting in DES14 & DES14A.

Otherwise it would appear that Corrections are simply contriving conditions such that the minimum number of properties may be taken into consideration for their purposes.

In various comments and reports both by Boffa Miskell and the Expert Panel it is mentioned that walks around Auckland Prison were made on the public areas at night. This does not give Boffa Miskell or the Expert Panel a proper evaluation of light intrusion to the 'dwellings' mentioned along Sanders Road as that road is continuously bordered by shelter belts. You should have approached home owners on that portion of Sanders Road to see the actual effects of the light intrusions from Auckland Prison on those dwellings.

While the Expert Panel did define [redacted] to be 'adjacent' it is not so referenced by Boffa Miskell or Corrections, please confirm that it is included as 'adjacent' in regards to DES30 & DES31

& DES14 & DES14A, ie specifically included in the 'light path' modelling to be undertaken for DES30 & DES31 and taken into specific account in the replacement or adjustment or renewal of lighting in DES14 & DES14A.

There is one other property that wasn't included in the Expert Panels 'adjacent' for the purposes of request to comment, that would be 94 Sanders Road, whose original dwelling is most noticeably affected by the current prison lighting, this property should have been on your list for comment and feedback and should certainly be considered 'adjacent' in terms of Boffa Miskell DES30 & DES31 and should be particularly respected in terms of the outcomes of DES14 & DES14A.

Please excuse the rushed nature of the email, as usual the Fast-Track process minimises the time, and therefore opportunity for research and comment.

Regards,
Paul Denny.

[redacted] - Paremoremo

On Mon, 21 Sept 2026 at 15:59, Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz> wrote:

> Tēnā koe
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> You are receiving this email as you provided invited comments on the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project application by Department of Corrections (the Applicant).
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> **Release of Draft Conditions**
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> On 21 September 2026, the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project Expert Panel (the Panel) issued draft conditions. In accordance with section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, (the Act), an Expert Panel must invite comments on the proposed draft conditions from:
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> - the applicant,
> - all who provided comments under section 35 or 53 of the Act,
> - and any local authority with a statutory responsibility to enforce or monitor compliance with the conditions.
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> The Panel must also include a copy of their draft decision for each approval. The applicant has applied for the following approvals:
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> - an approval described in section 42(4)(a), (c) or (d) (resource consent, certificate of compliance or designation);
> - an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (wildlife approval),
> - an approval described in section 42(4)(i) (archaeological authority)
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> The draft conditions and the draft decision(s) are available to be viewed on the Fast-track website here:
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> https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/auckland-prison-capacity-increase/draft-decision-and-conditions
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> Comments on draft conditions must be received by the Fast-track Team by **28 September 2026.**
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> Once the Panel has received all the comments they will be provided to all parties that provided comments under section 35 or 53 and to the applicant.
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> On 21 September 2026 the Panel issued Minute 9 which explains this in more detail. The Minute can be found on the Fast-track website here:
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> https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/auckland-prison-capacity-increase/correspondence

If you have any questions, please contact Mujahid Musa, Application lead, at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Fast-track team


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