

Phil Wilson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Auckland Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Phil

**Invitation to provide written comments on application for referral of the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

An application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from the Minister of Justice for referral of the Waitākere District Council – New Courthouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track approvals process. Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Auckland Council to provide written comments on the referral application. Under section 17(3) of the Act and without limiting any general comments under subsection (1)(a), Auckland Council must provide comments advising on the following matters:

1. any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please also confirm this in writing
2. in relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165Z1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please also confirm this in writing.

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Under section 20(1) I also invite you to provide further information on the following matters:

1. how you consider the benefits associated with the project are significant in the context of the Auckland region or if they are not, why not?

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**To:** [ETAreferalls](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032  
**Date:** Friday, 11 April 2025 1:28:24 pm  
**Attachments:** [Template Comments Form for Invited Ministers.docx](#)

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**Sent:** Friday, 11 April 2025 10:19 AM

**To:** Shane Jones (MIN) <S.Jones@ministers.govt.nz>; Nicola Willis (MIN) <N.Willis@ministers.govt.nz>; Mark Mitchell (MIN) <M.Mitchell@ministers.govt.nz>; Nicole McKee (MIN) <N.McKee@ministers.govt.nz>; Simeon Brown (MIN) <S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz>; Penny Simmonds (MIN) <P.Simmonds@ministers.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032

To:

Minister for Economic Growth

Minister for Regional Development

Minister of Police

Minister of Corrections

Minister for Courts

Minister for Auckland

Minister for the Environment

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Minister of Justice for referral for Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2503-1032).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

### **Invitation to comment on referral application**

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **20 working days** of receipt of this email. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified through any stage of providing comments, please inform my office immediately so we can initiate a transfer of this responsibility.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

### **Process**

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To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, [infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz).

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#### Project summary

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<b>Applicant</b>	Minister of Justice c/- Barker and Associates
<b>Project description</b>	<p>The project is to designate an area of approximately 4,435 square metres at 14 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland, and the applicant seeks to designate the land for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judicial, court, tribunal and related purposes including collection of fines and reparation, administration, support, custodial services, and ancillary activities. Works includes development and operation of land and buildings for the aforementioned purposes.</li><li>• The designation of the site would provide for the construction and ongoing operation of a new Justice facility known as the Waitākere District Courthouse, intended to replace the existing Waitākere District Courthouse.</li></ul>

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

**Minister for Infrastructure**



#### Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Minister for Sport & Recreation, Leader of the House, Associate Minister of Finance

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Ministry for the Environment

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Dear James

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to seek comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite the Ministry for the Environment to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Resource Management Act 1991.

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John Linstead  
Hako Tūpuna Trust

Email: [hako@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hako@xtra.co.nz)

Tēnā koe John

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David Taipari  
Chair  
Hauraki Māori Trust Board

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Dame Naida Glavish

Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust

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Tēnā koe Dame Naida

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Boni Renata  
General Manager  
Ngaati Whanaunga Ruunanga Trust

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