

Attachment 2

Ministry of Justice Letter



Urban & Environmental

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Dear Minister

Proposed Notice of Requirement for a new Justice Facility at 14 Edmonton Road

The Ministry of Justice (Ministry) intends to progress a Notice of Requirement application to deliver a new Justice Facility at 14 Edmonton Road, Henderson as a 'referral project' under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.

The current Waitākere District courthouse located in Henderson is no longer fit for purpose. The court has been operating out of leased office accommodation since the 1980's, an arrangement that was only ever intended as a short-term lease, and the operational capacity needs have far outgrown the capability of the building. The Courthouse has also been assessed as being in very poor condition and has had little landlord investment since the court moved in. There are 'fit for purpose' issues with the current courtrooms, including health, safety and security issues, technology, audio, and privacy issues. The current arrangement fails to provide a safe and healthy environment for its users.

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these new courthouses will enable the continued function of existing regionally significant infrastructure by:

- Improving local access to Justice
- Fulfilling current and future health, safety and security requirements
- Improving the physical environment to uphold the integrity of courts and tribunals
- Improve flexibility of infrastructure to accommodate different service delivery models and changing demand
- Provide a physical environment that supports court used through the court process.

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Delays progressing the Waitākere courthouse designation could impact the overall timeframe

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which in turn would increase the risk of these regionally critical infrastructure projects being delayed / deferred indefinitely.

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