

Invitation to provide written comments on a project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

You have been invited to provide written comments to the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) on an application to refer a project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process.

To comment on the project application, if you have obtained a link to register through the portal, you may provide comments directly through the portal.

Alternatively, you may wish to fill in the details on the attached form and reply by **Email** to info@fasttrack.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: "Comments on [Name] project Fast-track Application (Your name/organisation) by date."

Before the due date, for assistance on how to respond or about this template or with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Written comments must be received by MfE, on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure, no later than the due date.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by MfE and be used in relation to the project application and process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by MfE.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Minister and the applicant.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available.

For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

A copy of your comments will also be published on the Fast-track website. If you believe any of the information you have provided is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it. Your comment and explanation will be decided by the Ministry on whether to withhold the information from publication.

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More information on the fast-track approvals process and providing comments can be found at [Process overview](#) | [Fast-track website](#)

From: [Infrastructure Portfolio](#)
To: [FTAreferalls](#)
Subject: FW: FTAA-2503-1032 Waitākere District Court | no comment
Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025 3:13:25 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[FTA-2503-1032 Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for The Point Mission Bay Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032.msg](#)

Just for clarification due to the error in the subject line – please note the response from the Minister Simmonds confirming that she does not wish to comment on Waitakere District Court project or the Point Mission Bay project.

Rob

From: Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 15 May 2025 2:32 PM
To: Infrastructure Portfolio <Infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FTAA-2503-1032 Waitākere District Court | no comment

Hi Rob,

Just following up on our related Teams chat the other day!

Please note that the attached email (ref no: FTAA-2503-1032) was for Waitākere District Court, and not for The Point Mission Bay Project as the subject line implied. This was not picked up when I hit “reply” in case the same thing has happened with other offices?!

Minister Simmonds **does not** wish to provide comment on FTAA-2503-1032 - Waitākere District Court.

Minister Simmonds **does not** wish to provide comment on FTAA-2502-1030 - The Point Mission Bay Project.

Kind regards,



Nicola Tynan (she/her)
Private Secretary – Environment | Office of Hon Penny Simmonds
Minister for the Environment | Minister for Vocational Education
Associate Minister for Social Development | MP for Invercargill

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From: Environment Portfolio
Sent: Friday, 2 May 2025 1:15 PM
To: Infrastructure Portfolio <Infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FTA-2503-1032 | Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for ~~The Point Mission Bay Project~~ Waitākere District Court under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032

Hi Rob,

Please be advised that Minister Simmonds does not wish to provide comment on this application.

Kind regards,



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From: Infrastructure Portfolio <Infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>
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 Point Mission Bay 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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Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister for Infrastructure



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From: [Infrastructure Portfolio](#)
To: [ETAreferals](#)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for The Point Mission Bay Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032
Date: Thursday, 8 May 2025 10:55:14 am

This has been confirmed to be the views of the Minister of Corrections

From: Jake Edwards <Jake.Edwards@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 5 May 2025 3:13 PM
To: Infrastructure Portfolio <Infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>; Rob Schick <Rob.Schick@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Radhika Bhikha <Radhika.Bhikha@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Invitation to comment on fast-track referral application for The Point Mission Bay Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - FTA-2503-1032

Good afternoon,

Apologies for the delay in responding to you.

Confirming that Corrections has no feedback on the specific application that requires submission of written comment.

Corrections notes that they support any initiatives that provides timelier access to justice.

Many thanks,

Jake Edwards

Private Secretary - Corrections | Office of Hon Mark Mitchell

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Yours sincerely

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12 MAY 2025

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure
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Four Fast-track Approvals Act referral applications:

Dear Chris

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on four applications for referral under the Fast-track Approvals Act (FTAA):

- Auckland Surf Park Community Stage 2, FTAA-2502-1012
- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- [REDACTED]
- Waitākere District Court – new courthouse project, FTAA-2503-1032.

This letter provides comments in my capacity as Minister for Economic Growth. I have considered whether these applications are likely to have 'significant economic benefits', as provided for under s22(2)(iv) of the FTAA, based on the information provided in the applications. I will leave it to you and other relevant Ministers to assess the other criteria.

Auckland Surf Park Community Stage 2, FTAA-2502-1012


This proposed expansion of the surf park includes a residential development of at least 400 housing units, a subdivision and a village centre, an artificial intelligence data centre campus, and a live-work precinct and other related infrastructure. The application provided an economic impact assessment for the Auckland region during the six-year construction period of the expansion.

The proposal is estimated to generate a total expenditure of \$1.77 billion. This represents a sizable investment in the region, most of which is likely to be for the residential development. This project would have one-off economic benefits during the construction phase from direct expenditure and employment. This will translate to short-term economic benefits in the region. The project would generate ongoing economic benefits from commercial and tourism activities and retail spending.


Due to the substantial residential development proposed, this project might also be considered in terms of providing additional housing supply (under s22(2)(a)(iii) of the FTAA).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)


s 9(2)(f)(iv)



s 9(2)(f)(iv)



s 9(2)(ba)(i), s 9(2)(b)(ii)



Sincerely



Hon Nicola Willis

Minister for Economic Growth

Your written comments on a project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

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All sections of this form with an asterisk (*) must be completed.

1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

*Portfolio	Auckland		
*First name	Andy		
*Last name	Hill		
Contact person (if different from above)			
*Contact phone number	s 9(2)(a)	Alternative	
*Email	s 9(2)(a)		

2. Please provide your comments on this application

Summary of proposal

The Ministry of Justice seeks to deliver a new Justice Facility at 14 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland, to replace the existing Waitākere District Courthouse which is deemed as no longer fit for purpose.

The project is part of the Ministry of Justice 10-year infrastructure investment plan to restore and modernise buildings across the Ministry of Justice's property portfolio.

Comments

The Fast Track Approvals Act includes criteria for assessing referral applications, which includes that the project would have significant regional or national benefits. The Act sets out considerations to help inform the judgement of whether a project is regionally or nationally significant – one such consideration is whether the project has been identified as a priority project in a central government infrastructure priority list. I support the provision of fit for purpose Courthouse infrastructure in Auckland and consider that this project meets the criteria for referral on the grounds that it is part of the Ministry of Justice's investment infrastructure plan.

Minister's signoff

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'S', a horizontal line, and a 'B' followed by a horizontal line.

Hon Simeon Brown

Minister for Auckland

Date 10-5-25

FTAreferrals

From: Rob Schick s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 12:06 pm
To: FTAreferrals
Subject: FW: FTA - Ministerial comments - Waitākere District Court - New Courthouse Project

Hi Team, please see the response below for Waitākere District Court - New Courthouse Project from the Minister of Police.

From: Rebecca Barnes s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 11:56 AM
To: Rob Schick s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Nigel Allan s 9(2)(a) Radhika Bhikha s 9(2)(a) Jake Edwards s 9(2)(a) Bailey Pellow s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FTA - Ministerial comments

Hi Rob,

I understand you've heard from Corrections already, but to confirm that there is no comment from Police either – so no comment from Minister Mitchell.

Thanks for your patience

Ngā mihi
Rebecca



Rebecca Barnes

Private Secretary - Police | Office of Hon Mark Mitchell
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