



Subject: Comments on Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project (FTAA-2603-1179)

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Re: Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project

Dear Expert Panel Members,

We are Lynn Roberts and Martin Roberts, owners and residents of [REDACTED] Auckland. We have received the EPA's invitation to comment on the Department of Corrections' application for the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project. [\[prison cap...y increase | PDF\]](#), [\[Prison 2 | PDF\]](#)

While we recognise the need for essential public infrastructure, we have significant concerns regarding the effect that the proposed expansion will have on our property and our quality of life. Our home is located directly opposite Auckland Prison and is therefore likely to be one of the residential properties most affected by both the construction and operational phases of the project.

Construction Impacts

We are most concerned about:

- Increased construction noise over an extended period.
- Vibration from heavy machinery and construction activities.
- Dust and air-quality impacts.
- Increased heavy vehicle movements on Paremoremo Road.
- Potential disruption to access and enjoyment of our property.
- Loss of peace and quiet that residents currently enjoy.

Given our property's proximity to the prison, we expect these impacts to be more significant for us than for many other residents in the wider area.

Long-Term Operational Impacts

We are also concerned about the long-term effects of a larger correctional facility, including:

- Increased operational noise.
- Additional lighting and light spill.
- Reduced residential amenity.
- The visual and psychological impact of an expanded prison complex directly opposite our home.
- Potential adverse effects on property values.

While we appreciate that property value impacts may not be the primary consideration in the approval process, they are a genuine concern for homeowners who live immediately adjacent to the development and who may bear the consequences for many years.

Requested Mitigation Measures

If the project is approved, we strongly request that conditions be imposed requiring the Department of Corrections to provide meaningful mitigation for the properties most directly affected by the expansion.

In particular, we request consideration of:

1. Independent acoustic assessments of neighbouring properties located closest to the prison.
2. Funding and installation of double-glazed windows where acoustic assessments identify adverse effects.
3. Additional insulation and noise attenuation measures where appropriate.
4. Landscaping, screening, or other measures to reduce visual impacts.
5. Restrictions on construction hours, particularly early mornings, evenings, weekends, and public holidays.
6. Dust suppression and traffic management plans.
7. A direct community liaison process so affected residents can promptly raise concerns during construction.

We do not believe it is reasonable for neighbouring residents to bear the cost of mitigating impacts created by a major expansion of a government facility.

Conclusion

We ask the Panel to carefully consider the impacts on residents living immediately adjacent to the prison and to ensure that any approval includes robust and enforceable conditions to protect neighbouring properties and residential amenity.

Should the project proceed, we request that the Department of Corrections be required to implement a mitigation programme for the most affected neighbouring homes, including consideration of double glazing and other noise-reduction measures at its cost.

As residents who have lived opposite Auckland Prison for many years, we already experience the effects associated with the operation of the facility. We are concerned that a significant increase in prison capacity will further increase these effects and reduce the residential amenity that we currently enjoy.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Yours faithfully,

