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To: [Nicola Grigg \(MIN\)](#); [Tama Potaka \(MIN\)](#); [Paul Goldsmith \(MIN\)](#); [Penny Simmonds \(MIN\)](#); [Erica Stanford \(MIN\)](#)
Cc: [FTAreferrals](#)
Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the University of Auckland Student Centre and Library under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2603-1193
Date: Thursday, 23 April 2026 1:47:40 pm

To:

- Minister for the Environment
- Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
- Minister for Māori Development
- Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Minister of Education
- Minister for Tertiary Education

NOTE – This project lodged after 31 March 2026, therefore a **15-day** comment period applies.

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 University of Auckland for referral of the University of Auckland Student Centre and Library project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2603-1193).

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 **15 working days** of receipt of this email, being **15 May 2026**. 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 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

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz. Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz.

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.

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz. Further information is available at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>.

Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

Project summary

Project name	The University of Auckland Student Centre and Library
Applicant	University of Auckland
Location	Auckland City
Project description	<p>The project involves the construction of a new student centre and library within the existing University of Auckland campus. Key components of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. demolition of the existing Student Union complexb. construction of a new building that will accommodate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. a range of high-quality student study, teaching and learning, social and event spaces and food, beverage and retailii. a new library; andiii. a visitor hub containing welcoming spaces and an exhibition spacec. landscaping, and a large-scale public plaza which will serve as a gathering and event space.d. supporting infrastructure and associated works including earthworks and servicing.

Kind regards,



Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General | Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | MP for Hutt South

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23 April 2026

Ref: FTAA- 2603-1193

Phil Wilson
Auckland Council

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Phil,

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for The University of Auckland Student Centre and Library project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by Friday 15 May 2026, 11.59PM.

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from University of Auckland (the applicant) for The University of Auckland Student Centre and Library project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). An overview of the project is provided in Appendix A of this letter.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits. [Section 22](#) of the Act sets out the criteria that inform the Minister's decision-making process on referral applications.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete and within scope, an independent expert panel will be appointed to make a final decision on the required approvals.

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, a copy of which is available to you via the portal.

Written comments must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and a copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, 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 provide written confirmation.
2. Relevant to regional councils only: 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 165ZI 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 provide written confirmation.

In addition, under section 17(3)(b), Auckland Council **may** also provide other comments, but **only** if those comments are **relevant** to the application and the decision on the application that the Minister is required to make under section 21.

The requirement for any other comments to be **relevant** is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025. This change was made to ensure comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants are focused on matters relevant to the Minister's decision. This is particularly important to help manage cost escalations which may otherwise be borne by applicants and/or ratepayers.

Note that consideration of this referral application under these criteria is more limited than the detail required to be considered during a substantive application stage. Comments should therefore be limited to matters relevant to the referral criteria.

You may have a later opportunity to provide further detail in comments on a substantive application (for example, site specific constraints or conditions), if the project is referred to an independent expert panel.

To this end, please ensure any comments you choose to provide are specific to this particular referral application, and linked to the Minister's decision-making criteria as set out in sections 21 and 22 of the Act. In this regard, we are particularly interested in comments you might have on the following matters:

1. *whether you consider the project upholds, or does not uphold, section 22 of the Act, and more specifically, if you consider the project upholds or aligns with the Auckland Regional Policy Statement, Auckland Unitary Plan and any other regulatory, or spatial planning document*
2. *whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
3. *whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format/document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email to referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Rebecca Burton. For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting
Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations

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Appendix A: Project Summary

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Application number	FTAA- 2603-1193
Project name	The University of Auckland Student Centre and Library
Applicant name	University of Auckland
Location	Princes Street and Alfred Street, Auckland City Legal description: Lot 1 DP 151178, Section 1 SO Plan 46532, Section 1 SO Plan 44422
Project summary details	<p>The project involves the construction of a new student centre and library within the existing University of Auckland (UoA) campus.</p> <p>Key components of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ demolition of the existing Student Union complex ○ construction of a new building that will accommodate: ○ a range of high-quality student study, teaching and learning, social and event spaces and food, beverage and retail ○ a new library; and ○ a visitor hub containing welcoming spaces and an exhibition space ○ landscaping, and a large-scale public plaza which will serve as a gathering and event space. ○ supporting infrastructure and associated works including earthworks and servicing. <p>The project is located within a recorded archaeological site, being the Albert Barracks Wall causing an archaeological authority to be required for works in and around this area.</p> <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for land use, water, and discharge activities b. archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for works within a recorded archaeological site.

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Ref: FTAA- 2603-1193

Emma Clifford
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Emma,

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the University of Auckland Student Centre and Library project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by Friday 15 May 2026, 11.59PM.

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from University of Auckland (the applicant) for the University of Auckland Student Centre and Library project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). An overview of the project is provided in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits. [Section 22](#) of the Act sets out the criteria that inform the Minister's decision-making process on referral applications.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete, an expert panel will be appointed to make a final decision on the required approvals.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to invite written comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as the administering agency for the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy of which is available to you via the portal.

If you wish to provide written comments these must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of the specified time frame.

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Under section 17(3A) of the Act, any comments made by an administering agency must be **relevant** to the application and the decision on the application that the Minister is required to make under section 21.

The requirement for any other comments to be **relevant** is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025. This change was made to ensure comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants are focused on matters relevant to the Minister's decision. This is particularly important to help manage cost escalations which may otherwise be borne by applicants and/or taxpayers.

Note that consideration of this referral application under these criteria is more limited than the detail required to be considered during a substantive application stage. Comments should therefore be limited to matters relevant to the referral criteria.

You may have a later opportunity to provide further detail in comments on a substantive application (for example, site specific constraints or conditions), if the project is referred to an independent expert panel.

To this end, please ensure any comments you choose to provide are specific to this particular referral application, and linked to the Minister's decision-making criteria as set out in sections 21 and 22 of the Act. In this regard, we are particularly interested in comments you might have on the following matters:

- 1. the impacts of the proposal on the recorded archaeological site, and the information required to obtain an archaeological authority. Specifically, it would be beneficial to understand if there were any concerns with the archaeological authority being approved by Heritage New Zealand*
- 2. whether you consider the project upholds, or does not uphold, section 22 of the Act, and*
- 3. whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
- 4. whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

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Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format/document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email to referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Rebecca Burton.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting
Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations

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Appendix A: Project summary details

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John Linstead
Hako Tūpuna Trust

Email: hako@xtra.co.nz

Tēnā koe John

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(d) of the Act (which requires consultation with relevant Māori groups identified under section 18(2)). I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy of which is available to you via the portal.

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If you provide written comments as a **Māori consultation group**, you may be entitled to a financial contribution of \$2,000 (excluding GST) under Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025. For general information about contribution fees and invoices refer to the Fast-track webpage on [Cost recovery for agencies](#). The process for applying for a contribution fee payment as a Māori consultation group is outlined here: [Applying for a contribution fee payment](#).

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Nāku noa, nā



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Jada MacFie
Chief Executive Officer
Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Jada,

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Kiwi Johnson
Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee

Email: s 9(2)(a)

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Ben Bunting
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Waati Ngamane
Chair
Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust

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Email: s 9(2)(a)

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Chief Executive Officer
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Karen Wilson
Chair
Te Ākitai Waiohua Settlement Trust

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Nigel Denny Snr
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Te Ākitai Waiohua Waka Taua Inc

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