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Tēnā koe

Request for information from the Minister of Justice (the Applicant) in relation to the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking the information outlined below.

Regarding flooding matters:

Accurate flood modelling for the subject site depends on the building's design response, and conversely, the design response must effectively address and manage flooding and surface water conveyance. Currently, the flood modelling does not seem to incorporate the building design response, and the design response does not reflect the flood modelling. A thorough review of both the surface water conveyance and the building design is required.

The Flood Emergency Management Plan (FEMP) is based on the results of the flood modelling and the building's design response. Once the specific questions outlined below have been addressed, the FEMP should be revised by a suitably qualified professional to reflect the updated information.

1. Can the flood modelling be revised to include the bulk design response and location details from the Urban Design Assessment (Appendix 7) of the Notice of Requirement application?
2. Confirmation as to when the site starts to experience flooding, or surface water from the wider catchment.
3. Confirmation as to how and what mechanisms are to be incorporated into the design to manage surface water flows during flood events to mitigate effects on areas outside the site.

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4. The design response needs to indicate the conveyance of surface flooding into and across the site both from Edmonton Road and Alderman Drive.
5. How does the flood barrier on Edmonton Road work?
6. The FEMP is reliant on the answers to questions 1-5 above and needs to speak to all 5 matters and be updated once those matters are addressed

Regarding economic matters:

7. To what extent do time delays in hearings due to insufficient capacity influence 'regionally significant' infrastructure?
8. The economics assessment appears to confine economic activity to development and construction employment. Is that the only regionally significant benefit. For example, why has the economic assessment not addressed the importance of this project as a keystone project within the Auckland Urban Development Office (formerly Eke Panuku) Unlock Henderson or the opportunity to redevelop the site vacated by the current District Court in the context of Henderson?
9. Could Property Economics please comment on these matters in terms of regional benefits?

Supply of Information

In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act the Applicant must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **23 January 2026**.

If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, Alex Mickleson by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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