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Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Proposal

Briefing to Expert Panel
25 June 2026

Introductions

- Stephen Parr, General Manager, Auckland Prison
- Craig Erskine, Auckland Prison Capacity Project Lead
- Pip Hurrell, Senior Advisor Network Options
- Stephen Quinn, Counsel for the Department of Corrections
- Peter Hall, Planner, Director, Peter Hall Planning Limited

Outline of the Presentation

- Introduction
- Briefing day programme
- Overview of the proposal and legal context
- Role of Corrections and project need
- Outline of application, consultation, approvals sought, parameters and assessment approach, proposed conditions
- Questions and answers



The Briefing Day Programme

Time	Activity
9.30am – 11.00am	Project briefing
11.00am – 11.15am	Morning tea
11.15am – 12.15pm	Site visit at Auckland Prison inside the secure perimeter
12.15pm – 12.40pm	Lunch
12.40pm – 1.30pm	Site visit at Auckland Prison outside the secure perimeter
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Expert Panel Site visit to local environment surrounding Auckland Prison
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Travel independently to Auckland South Corrections Facility (ASCF)
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Complete security checks at ASCF
3.45pm – 4.45pm	Site visit at ASCF (a 'modern' prison environment)
5.00pm	End of visit/briefing, depart ASCF

Site Visit Outline



Overview of the Proposal/Legal Context

- Proposed increase from the current designation limit of 681 prisoners to 1,220 prisoners.
- Comprehensive suite of approvals sought.
- Obligations under the Corrections Act 2004.
- Approach to conditions and management plans.

Corrections Responsibilities

- Corrections' primary responsibility is to protect public safety by managing offenders in a safe, secure, and humane manner.
- Corrections works to reduce reoffending and support rehabilitation, thereby contributing to safer communities across New Zealand.
- Corrections must ensure that there is sufficient capacity to meet projected demand.
- Corrections does not have control over the number of prisoners it receives in the prisoner network.
- Modern fit for purpose facilities, located in the area of demand, underpins Corrections ability to achieve statutory obligations.

The Project Objectives

- A. Provide **sufficient prisoner places** with the appropriate security classification in the geographical area of need to meet demand.
- B. Enable the development of quality and **modern fit-for-purpose** prison facilities to support the safety of staff and prisoners and enable better delivery of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.
- C. Ensure the Prison has the **capacity to respond** to unexpected events and changing conditions, including operational resilience and disaster reserves and flexibility for future design, operational efficiencies and innovation.
- D. Enable the **efficient use and development** of land held for prison purposes and associated assets.
- E. Locate the Prison facility capacity sufficiently **close and connected** to:
 - a. the culture, community, and whānau of prisoners;
 - b. a workforce of prison staff to support a safe, secure and effective prison operation; and
 - c. health services and service providers to rehabilitate and reintegrate prisoners.
- F. Significant adverse **environmental effects** of the development are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated.

Approach to the Application

- Learnings from experience of designation alterations at Waikeria Prison and Auckland South Corrections Facility.
- Experienced project team in prison applications.
- Technical experts drove many of the aspects of the application from site layout through to environmental mitigations and the submitted condition set.
- Corrections led robust consultation process and focus on issue resolution.
- Strong investment in application quality.
- Ensuring supporting infrastructure was addressed (together with conditions and financial arrangements) prior to lodgement of application.

Technical Inputs Project Team

- Stephen Quinn and Emma Manohar (legal)
- Peter Hall and Jaimee Cannon (planning)
- James Whetu, Whetū Consulting (cultural)
- Hilary Konigkramer, WSP (social impacts)
- Greg Akehurst, Market Economics (economics)
- John Goodwin and Julia Wick, Boffa Miskell (landscape/visual)
- Ian Boothroyd, Boffa Miskell (ecology)
- Don McKenzie (transport)
- Nick Simpson, Aurecon (site suitability, stormwater and water supply)
- Kevin Hundley, SMEC (wastewater)
- Jon Styles, Styles Group (noise/vibration)
- Russ Kern, Kern Consulting (lighting)

Consultation

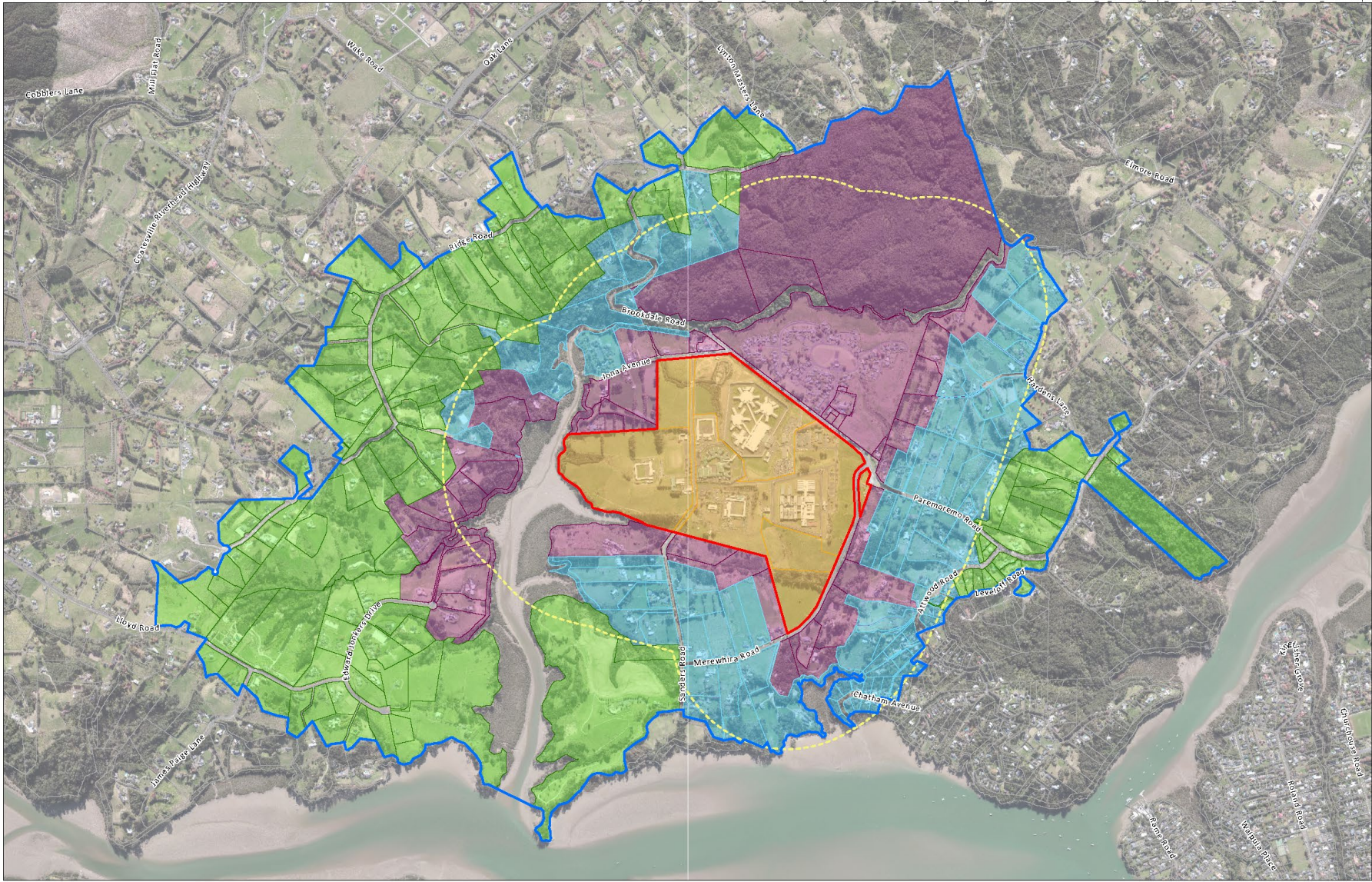
General

- Volume 1 Appendix 1G Consultation Report
- Objectives: inform, opportunities for feedback, consider queries and concerns, inform mitigation measures.
- Commenced July 2025 with relevant agencies, stakeholders and the local community.
- Key themes and responses

Mana whenua

- Volume 1 Appendix 1F Māori Consultation and Cultural Values Assessment report (Whetū Report)
- Corrections actively sought to engage and consult with all twenty Iwi/Mana Whenua in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland
- Whetū Report sets out 6 recommendations and how these have been addressed.

Local Consultation Area



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- LEGEND**
-  Amended Designation 3900 Boundary
 -  Land to which the NOR relates ('designated land')
 -  Adjacent properties
 -  Properties within 500m of 'designated land' (excluding adjacent land)
 -  Properties that may be affected by landscape and visual effects
 -  500m buffer from the 'designated land'
 -  Local Residents Consultation Area
 -  Land Parcels

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Consultation with administering agencies

- Extensive engagement and collaboration with Auckland Council (Watercare, Auckland Transport, Healthy Waters), Heritage New Zealand, Department of Conservation
- Outcomes:
 - Good alignment on proposed conditions and management plans
 - Wastewater solution developed in consultation with Watercare
 - The Avenue / Dairy Flat Highway intersection upgrade trigger developed in consultation with Auckland Transport

Assessment of Alternatives

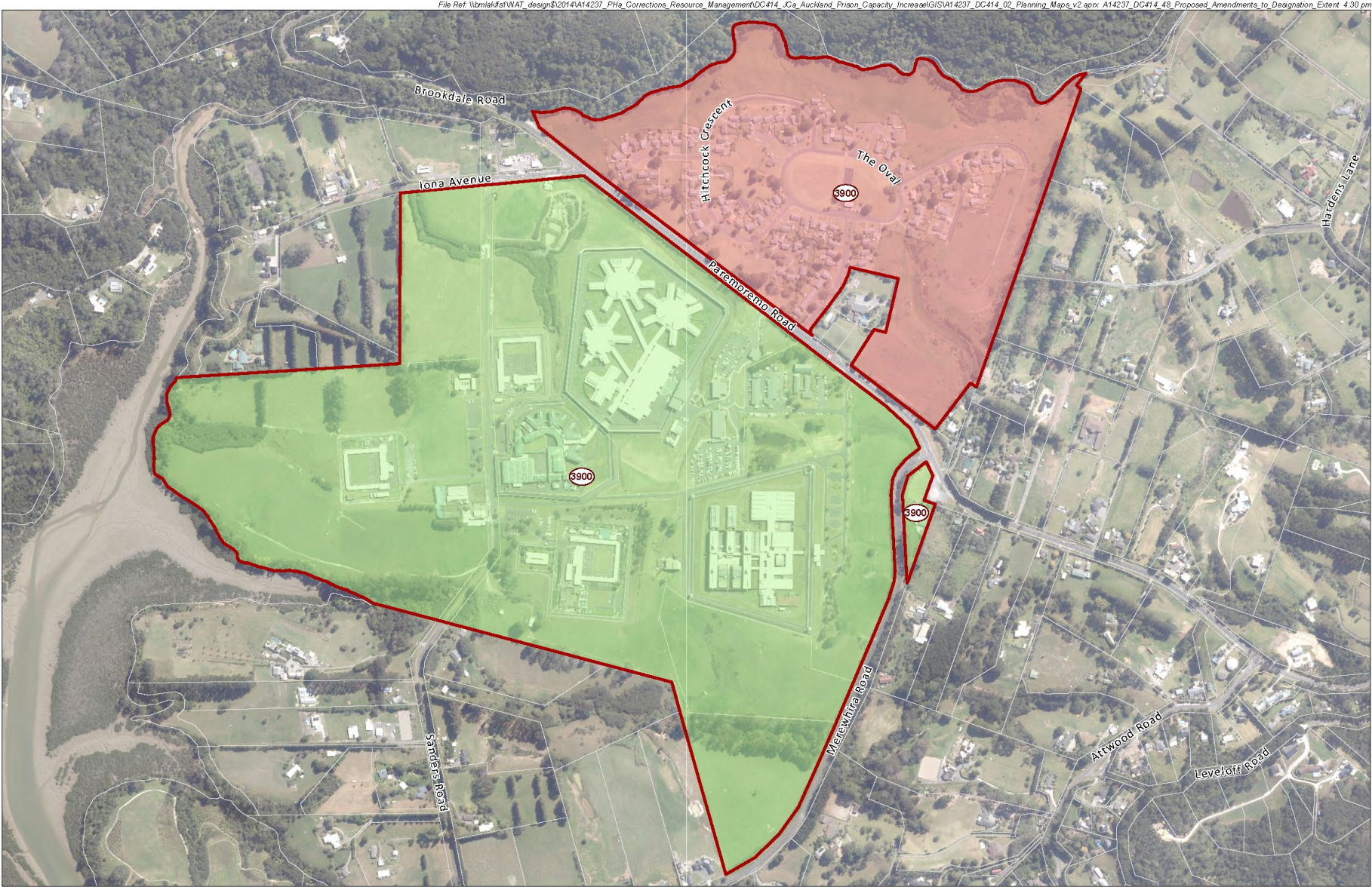
- **Stage 1:** Alternative methods against the objectives.
- **Stage 2:** Potential of existing Corrections prison sites across the country to provide for the shortfall in capacity.
- **Stage 3:** Evaluation of six shortlisted prison sites as to whether development of the site for the required additional prison capacity and would appropriately avoid, remedy or mitigate significant adverse effects on the environment.
- **Stage 4:** Whether each shortlisted option was located in the geographical area of need and could provide sufficient prisoner places with the appropriate security classification to meet demand across the network



Approvals Sought

Volume	Volume 1 Overview	Volume 2 Designation Alteration	Volume 3 Resource Consents, Outline Plan Waiver & Freshwater Fisheries Activity	Volume 4 Wildlife Approval	Volume 5 Archaeological Authority	Volume 6 Conditions
Purpose	To provide a detailed description of the site, proposal, treaty settlement and Māori interests, an overview of consultation and other relevant administrative matters. This Volume also comments on the purpose of the Fast-Track Approvals Act.	Application for an alteration to Auckland Prison Designation 3900 to allow for an increase in capacity from 681 to 1,220 under Section 43(3)(d) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act.	Application for resource consents for watercourse works under Section 43(3)(a) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act, Standard Freshwater Fisheries Activity under Section 42(4)(a) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act, and an Outline Plan Waiver under Schedule 5, Clause 29 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act.	Application for a Wildlife Act Authority to handle lizards for salvage and relocation under Section 43(3)(h) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act.	Application for Archaeological Authority for accidental discovery of sensitive material under Section 43(3)(i) of the Fast-Track Approvals Act.	Conditions for approvals sought in Volumes 2 to 5. A covering report provides an overview of the rationale behind the proposed conditions and integration across the variation applications.
Appendices	1A Records of Title 1B Referral Application 1C Site Plans 1D Statements from Corrections 1E Legal Submissions 1F Māori Consultation and Cultural Values Assessment Report 1G Consultation Report 1H FTAA Checklists 1I Owners and Occupiers of Adjacent Land 1J Section 30 Letter 1K Administrative Matters 1L Expert Statements	2A Site Plans 2B Designation Plans 2C Alternatives Assessment 2D Social Impact Assessment 2E Economics Assessment 2F Statutory Assessment 2G Archaeological Assessment 2H Landscape, Visual and Natural Character Effects Assessment 2I Ecological Assessment 2J Noise Assessment 2K Lighting Assessment 2L Integrated Transport Assessment 2M Site Suitability and Infrastructure Assessment 2N Wastewater Capacity Assessment 2O Ecological Management Plan 2P Landscape and Ecological Implementation and Management Plan 2Q Expert Statements	3A Proposal Plans 3B Ecological Assessment 3C Landscape and Visual Assessment 3D Lighting Assessment 3E Construction Noise and Vibration Assessment 3F Construction Traffic Assessment and Framework Construction Management Plan 3G Engineering Report 3H Earthworks and Unexpected Contamination Management Plan 3I Statutory Assessment 3J The Unitary Plan Compliance Table 3K Ecological Management Plan 3L Landscape and Ecological Implementation and Management Plan 3M Detailed Site Investigation Report 3N Expert Statements	4A Site Plans 4B Lizard Management Plan 4C Pest Animal Management Plan 4D Expert Statements	5A Site Plan 5B Archaeological Assessment 5C Archaeological Management Plan 5D Expert Statements	6A Proposed Designation Conditions 6B Proposed Resource Consent Conditions 6C Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions 6D Proposed Archaeological Authority Conditions 6E Expert Statement

Auckland Prison Designation



Parameters Approach

- Parameters to define the envelope of effects and form the basis for technical assessment and conditions.
- Used at both ASCF and Waikeria Prison Designations.
- Aligns with purpose of designations
- Technical team input to the development of the Parameters, with assessments identifying how they have been relied on in each case the particular technical input to the development of the Parameters.

Approach to Assessment of Effects

- Standardised approach used
- Relevant qualifications and experience set out
- Context for each assessment stated
- Methodology followed by each technical specialist is documented
- Parameters that have been both relied on and informed by the specialist are set out
- Applicable proposed Designation Conditions to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects identified.

Approach to Assessment of Effects (cont.)

Table 10: Summary of actual and potential effects and proposed designation conditions – archeological effects

Actual or potential effect	Proposed mitigation	Relevant conditions	Summary of condition requirement
Disturbance of archaeological site R10/831 and the cultural values associated with it.	Limit land disturbance to planting undertaken by hand within 10m of the archaeological site.	DES21	Prevents land disturbance within 10 metres of R10/831 apart from planting undertaken by hand.

Conditions

- Comprehensive set of new designation conditions applying to existing and future development and operations as specified.
- Developed through technical input, through consultation and tested.
- Guiding principles, approach and structure set out in Volume 6, proposed conditions in Appendices 6A-6D.
- Pre-lodgement review: Council planners, AT, Watercare, Healthy Waters, technical specialists, DOC, Heritage NZ Heritage Pouhere Taonga.
- Peer review: David McMahon.

Conditions Summary Table

Table 1: Conditions Summary Table

Volume of Substantive Application	Relevant administering agency	Appendix number and name (appended to this Report)	Relevant FTAA Clause	Condition references
Conditions to support Volume 2 of the Substantive Application – Designation Alteration	Auckland Council	Appendix 6A – Proposed Designation Conditions	Schedule 5, Clause 12(1)(k)	DES01 – DES46
Conditions to support Volume 3 of Substantive Application – Resource consent application for watercourse works	Auckland Council	Appendix 6B – Resource consent conditions	Schedule 5, Clause 5 (1)(k)	BUN01 – BUN02, LUC01 – LUC16, LUS01 – LUS10, DIS01 – DIS13, WAT01 – WAT02
Conditions to support Volume 4 of the Substantive Application - Wildlife Approval	DoC	Appendix 6C – Wildlife Approval Conditions	Schedule 7, clause 6	WAA01 – WAA15
Conditions to support Volume 5 of the Substantive Application - Archaeological Authority	Heritage New Zealand <u>Pouhere Taonga</u>	Appendix 6D – Archaeological Authority Conditions	Schedule 8, clause 5	AA01 – AA08

Condition Implementation

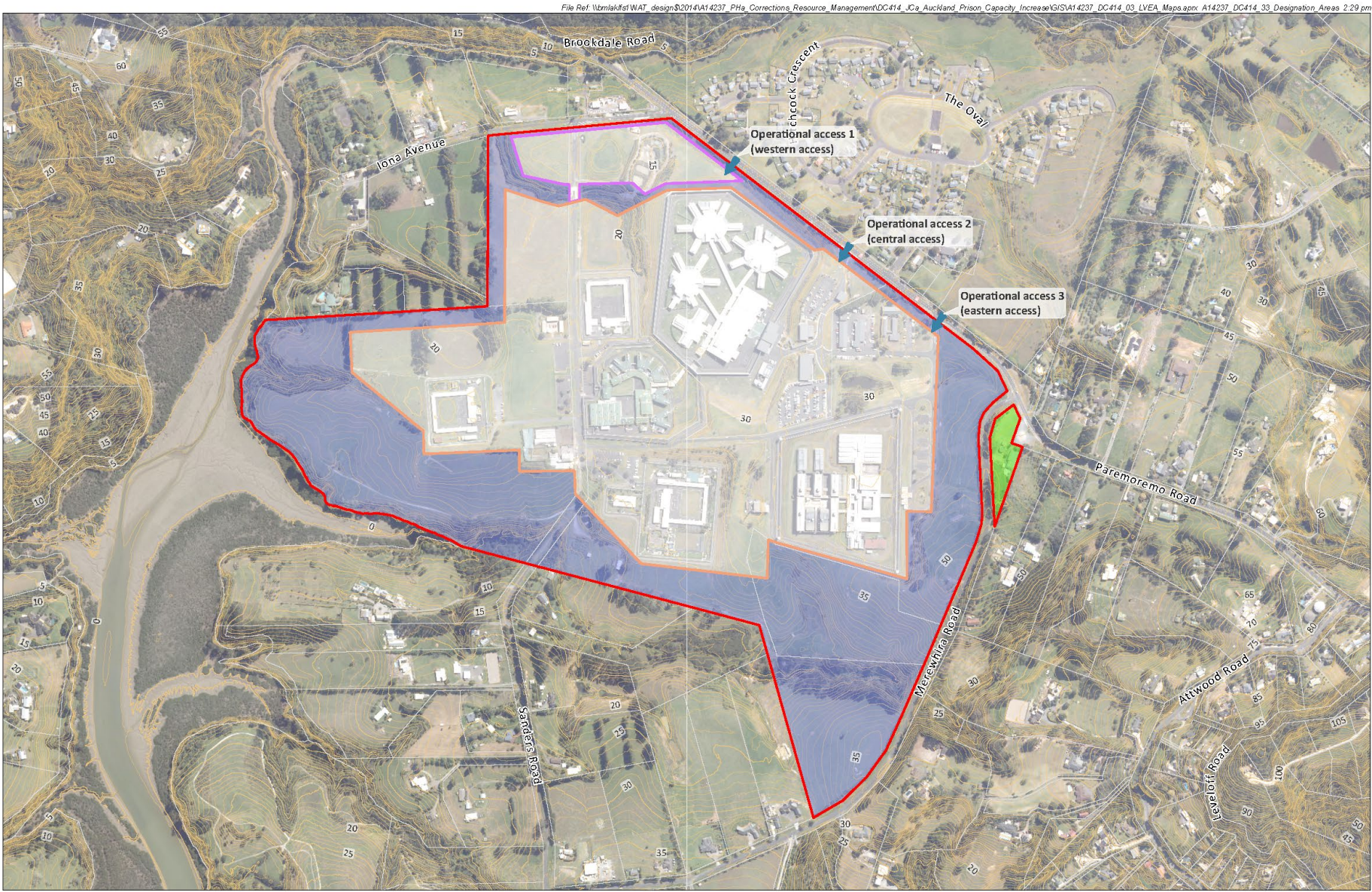
Stage	Stage 1: Notice of Requirement <i>Substantive Application to be considered by the Expert Panel under the FTAA</i>	Stage 2: Outline Plan	Stage 3: Prior to commencement of construction works <i>For certification by Auckland Council (in accordance with the process set out in DES32 to DES37)</i>	Stage 4: Post-completion of works <i>Within 30 days of completion</i>
Information Required	- Figure A: Designation Areas Plan - Figure B: Maximum Height Plan (DES05) - Figure C: Landscape Mitigation and Ecology Enhancement Plan (LMEEP) (DES44) - Landscape and Ecology Implementation and Management Plan (LEIMP) (DES45) - Ecology Management Plan (DES43)	- Landscape and Architectural Design Report (DES28) - Acoustic Design Report (DES29) - Lighting Design Report (DES30) - Flood Hazard Assessment (DES23)	Prior to commencement of construction works or demolition and/or removal: - Construction Traffic Management Plan (DES38) - Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (DES39) - Construction Lighting Management Plan (DES41) Prior to commencement of construction works: - Earthworks Management Plan (DES42)	Lighting Design Completion Report (DES31)

Management Plans

Table 1 Management Plans provided with the Substantive Application

Volume of Substantive Application	Management Plans provided with Substantive Application	Condition references
Volume 2 Designation Alteration	Ecological Management Plan (EcMP) Lizard Management Plan (LMP) Landscape and Ecology Implementation and Management Plan (LEIMP) including the Pest Animal Management Plan (PAMP)	DES43A DES43B
Volume 3 Resource consent application for watercourse works	Earthworks and Contamination Management Plan (ECMP) Ecological Management Plan (EcMP) Lizard Management Plan (LMP) Landscape and Ecology Implementation and Management Plan (LEIMP) including the Pest Animal Management Plan (PAMP)	LUC11 LUC12-LUC13 LUC16 LUS02 LUC14-LUC15, LUS03-LUS06
Volume 4 Wildlife Approval	Lizard Management Plan (LMP) Pest Animal Management Plan (PAMP)	WAA01 WAA08
Volume 5 Archaeological Authority	Archaeological Management Plan (AMP)	AA03

Designation Areas



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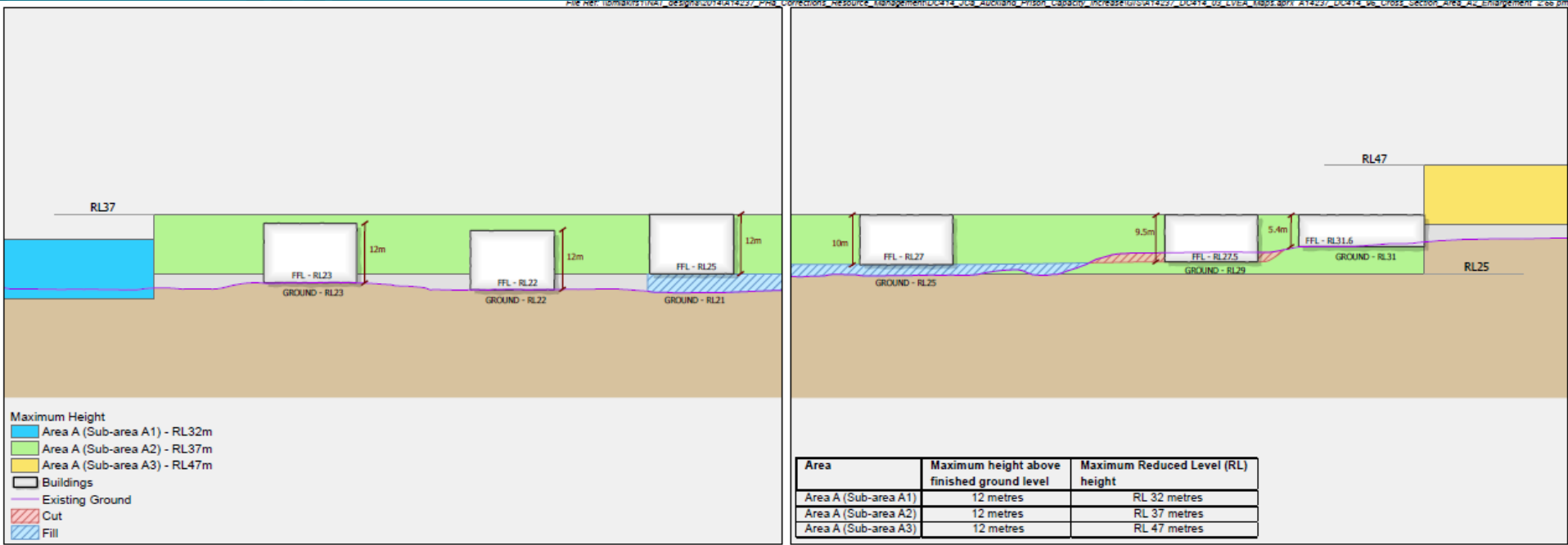
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Area A
Area B
Area C
Area D
Primary Access Points

Contours (5m interval)
Contours (1m interval)
Land Parcels

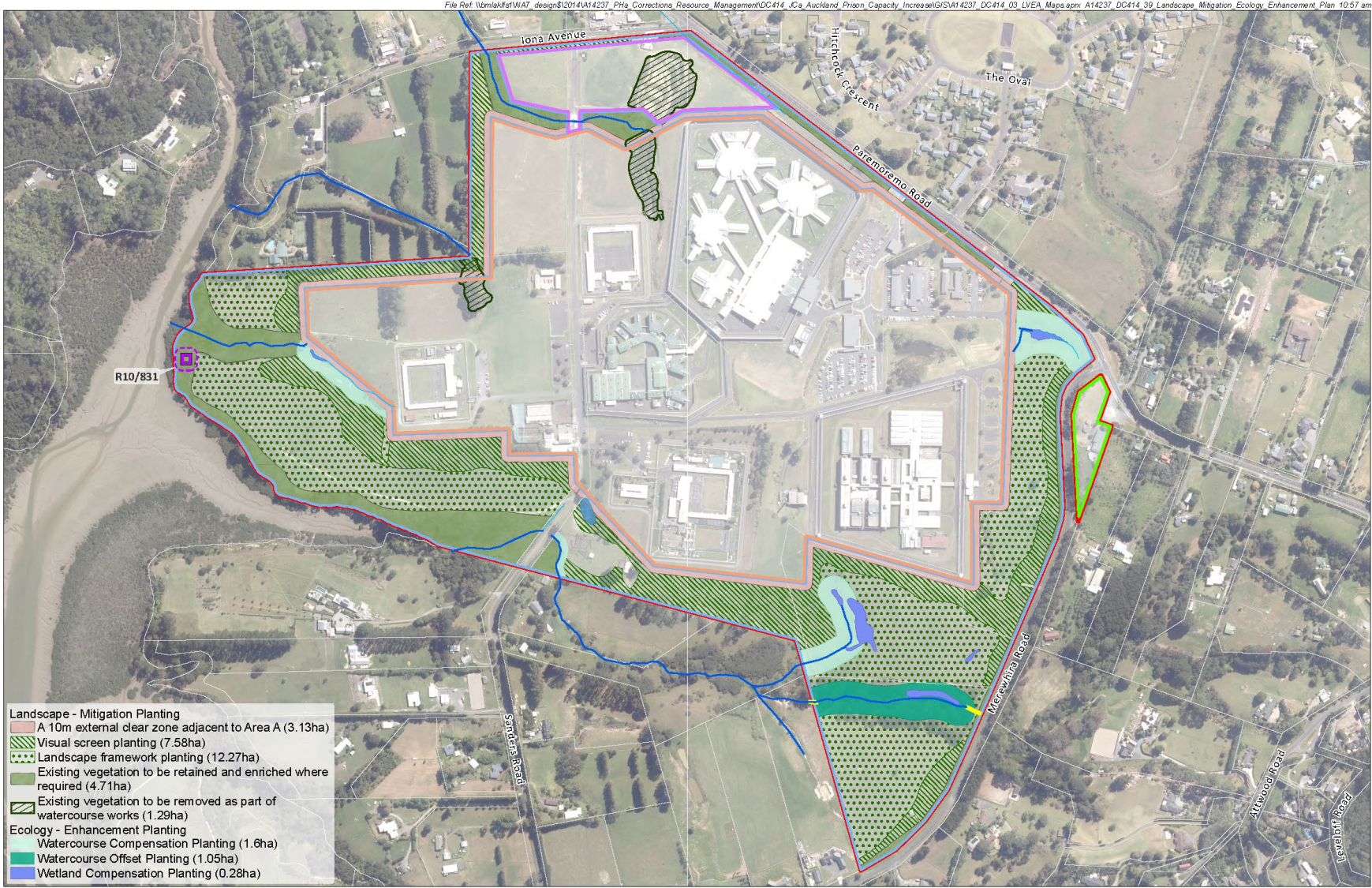
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FIGURE A

Maximum Height Levels



Landscape Mitigation and Ecology Enhancement Plan



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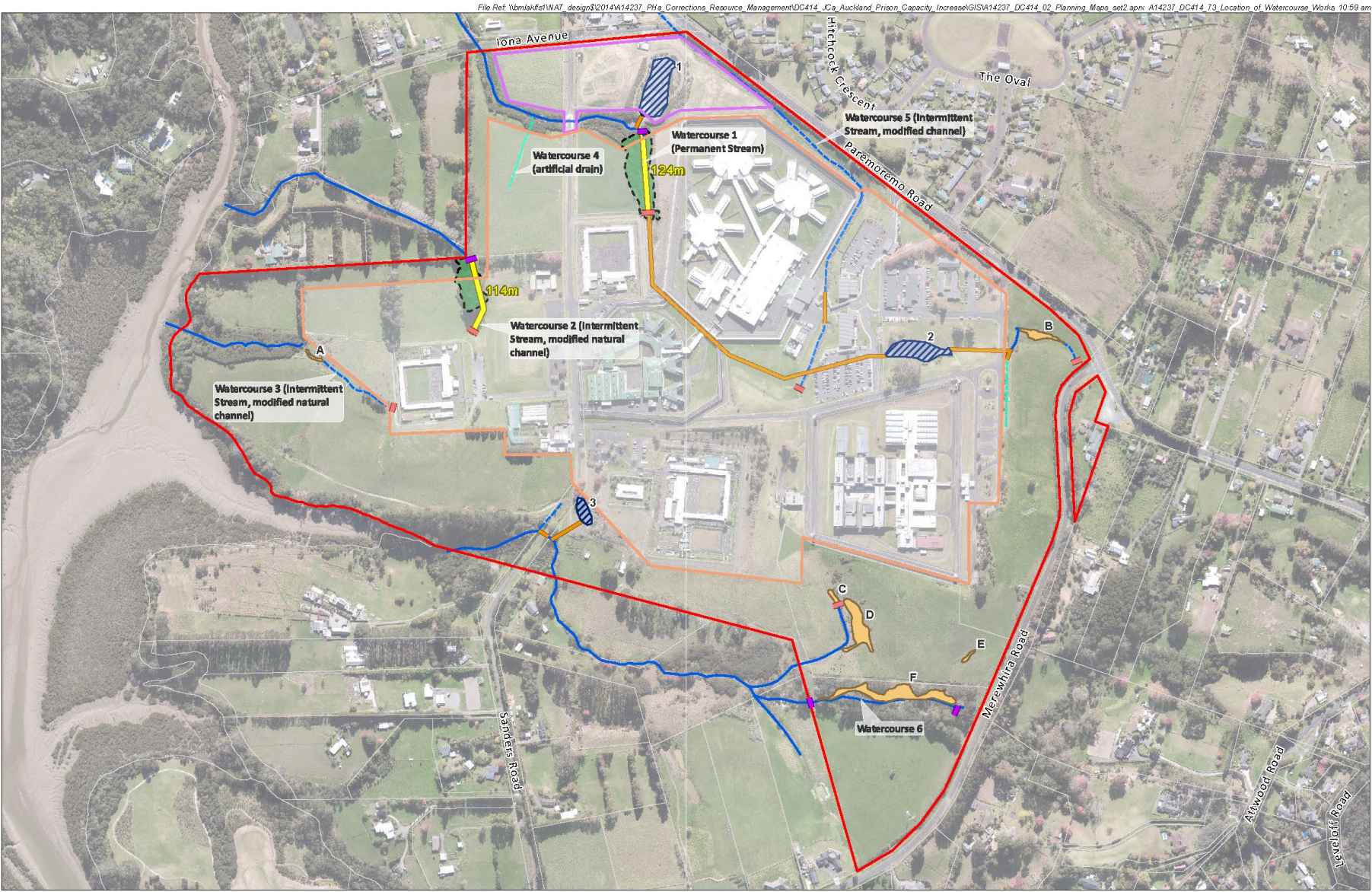
LEGEND

- Amended Designation 3900 Boundary
- Proposed improvements to existing culverts
- Archaeological Feature
- Archaeological Feature (10m buffer)
- Area A
- Area B
- Area C
- Area D
- Land Parcels

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Figure C

Watercourse Works



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LEGEND

Amended Designation

3900 Boundary

Area A

Area B

Watercourses

Permanent

Intermittent

Ephemeral

Artificial drain

Proposed extension of existing pipe over watercourse

Existing Stormwater Pipe

Vegetation to be Removed

Natural Inland Wetland

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Location of Watercourse Works

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Figure 3

Conclusions

- The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the FTAA as it will provide infrastructure with significant regional and national public safety and wellbeing benefits, with economic benefits accruing also.
- All actual and potential effects on the environment have been assessed and no significant adverse effects identified.
- Comprehensive set of conditions, and robust process to develop these, including experienced technical input, engagement with agencies, and consultation.

Questions





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